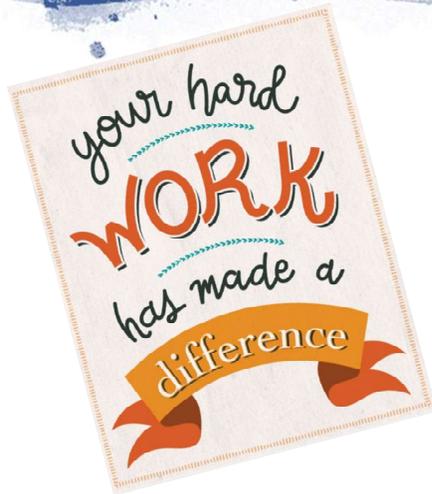




# Outgoing GSA Members



*Your care and dedication truly  
make the GSA special*





# Francie S. Cuffney, PhD

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**NAAHP Liaison /GSA Steering Committee**

Past- President National Association of Advisors for  
the Health Professions, Inc.

Professor of Biology

Meredith College

Francie,  
Thank you for  
your service to  
the GSA! Wishing  
you all the best in  
your career.  
Marcy Verduin



Francie,  
Thank you for you  
mentoring and advising  
future medical students,  
as well as giving them a  
voice on the GSA  
steering committee.  
Charlie Pohl

FRANCIE,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WISE COUNSEL AND  
COLLABORATION OVER THE YEARS. IT WAS A SINCERE  
PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD  
TO OUR PATHS CROSSING AGAIN.  
LINA MEHTA

Francie,  
Thank you so much for  
everything you did while on  
the committee. Best wishes  
in the future.  
Most Sincerely,  
Cynthia Gonzalez

# Natalie Johnson, DHA, MA

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- **COSDA Liaison /COSA**
- Associate Dean for Diversity Affairs
- College of Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)



Dear Natalie,

Thank you for your thoughtful contributions, service and leadership. It has truly been a pleasure working with you!

Charna Kinard

Dear Natalie

Working with you on COSA has been so refreshing, inspiring, and your impact will be really missed. I learned from you - Kind and warm approach to difficult conversations, finding positivity in all things are just a few things I will treasure. Don't be a stranger!!!

Tara Cunningham

Dear Natalie,

Thank you so much for your service and leadership. I look forward to continued opportunities to work together on changing the face of medicine.

Amy Addams

Natalie,

You are the best! I feel like we were just finding our groove. Feel free to call or email if there is anything I can do to make your day better. I appreciate you.

David H. Garcia



# Jeffrey Druck, MD

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- **WGSA Representative/COSA**
- Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
- University of Colorado School of Medicine

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for all of the work during and in between our COSA meetings. It has been a true gift to work alongside you and I wish you the absolute best in your new role on the "other side." Don't be a stranger! Thanks for being a friendly face over some of the most challenging years of our work!

Tara Cunningham

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for your honest perspectives, commitment to the committee (and students) and humor. I learned so much from you and wish you all the best!

Charna Kinard

Jeff,

Thank you so much for your service and commitment to GSA and Med Ed. You are hands down the best host. I appreciate you.

David H. Garcia

**JEFF, THANKS FOR YOUR AMAZING SERVICE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A BUNCH MORE YEARS SERVING TOGETHER IN A DIFFERENT CAPACITY. WE SO APPRECIATE YOU!**

**HILIT MECHABER**

# Ann-Gel S. Palermo, DrPH, MPH

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## **Chair/ COSDA**

Senior Associate Dean for Diversity,  
Equity, and Inclusion

Chief Diversity, Equity, and  
Inclusion Officer in Education and  
Research

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount  
Sinai



Ann-Gel,

We are very grateful for your passion and service to GSA through the years. You always made sure that everyone has a voice and is heard, and we are better for it!

Charlie Pohl

Ann-Gel,

It's been a sincere pleasure to work and to brainstorm with you, and it's so inspiring to witness your vision and drive to make the world a better place. Look forward to working with you again in whatever capacity comes our way!

Lina Mehta

Ann-Gel,

From the start, your leadership, passion, and vision have been inspiring. Your insightful, data-driven call to action for AAMC, COSDA, and the medical continuum, in general, to be a place where all students can thrive shines through everything that you do. You are leaving COSDA and all of us who have had the pleasure to know you at a better and more enlightened place than before having the privilege of your council and wisdom. I am excited to witness the exciting things in store for you in the future. I hope to continue to collaborate with you in the future.

Best wishes, Princess

Ann-Gel!!!!

It has been an absolute pleasure working with you! I have learned so much under guidance and strong leadership. Thanks so much for all you do. I look forward to working with you in some capacity in the near future!

Sincerely,

Natalie Johnson



# Lior Levy

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**OSR Liaison /GSA SC and COSR**  
MD Candidate  
New York Medical College

Thank you so much for serving and representing students well! Wishing you all the best as you progress in your career.

Marcy Verduin

LIOR,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE GSA – AND FOR ENSURING THAT WE ALWAYS HEARD, ENGAGED, AND LEARNED FROM THE STUDENT VOICES. WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST GOING FORWARD!  
AMY ADDAMS

Lior,  
Thank you for your service and contributions to the Steering Committee. Good luck always with your career!  
Wendy Clark

Lior, thank you being such an important member of the GSA leadership. Your insights and collaborations were so valuable. Best wishes on your next professional chapter!

Lina Mehta

You are appreciated!

# Nicole Stern, MD, MPH, FACP

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**AAIP Liaison /COSDA**

Urgent Care

Sansum Clinic



Dear Nicole,

I've so valued the opportunity to learn from and work with you over the past several years, and look forward to future opportunities to continue. Thank you for your leadership, wisdom, and insight - and for always challenging and encouraging us to do and be better.

Amy

Nicole,

Thank you for being an exemplar leader in this work. Hopefully, we will have the chance to work together again.

Donna Jackson

DEAR NICOLE,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
FIERCE LEADERSHIP,  
PASSIONATE VOICE, AND  
WISDOM TO COSDA. I  
LOOK FORWARD TO  
FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO  
WORK TOGETHER.

ANN-GEL





# Casey Wiley, MEd

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- **SGSA Rep/ COSFA**
- **Manager of Financial Aid and Registration**
- **University of South Carolina College of Medicine**

Casey - Thank you so much for your work on the COSFA and representing S6SA. Your dedication is clear and I learned a lot from your updates! Enjoy that fabulous family of yours!

Christina Grabowski

Casey, Thank you for being available to me when I had questions in your expertise, and thank you for picking up an extreme mentee when we started. Your willingness to help by giving your time is a wonderful gift.

Steve Smith

Casey, your insight has definitely elevated my own knowledge and I'm sure it can be generalized! Thanks for the hard work.

Joshua Hanson

Casey,

*Thank you so much for being an awesome colleague and committee member. I appreciate your passion to advocate for students and colleagues as well. Thank you for all of the work that you've done while on the committee and look forward to seeing all of the amazing things you will do in the future!*

*Most Sincerely,  
Cynthia Gonzalez*

Casey - it has been absolutely wonderful working with and getting to know you. Hopeful I will get the pleasure to do so again. Wishing you and your family all the best!

Lauren Cobbs

# Norma Perez, MD, DrPH

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**HSHPs Liaison / COSDA**

Assistant Dean for Students Affairs and  
Diversity  
University of Texas Medical Branch  
School of Medicine



THANK YOU, NORMA FOR ALWAYS SHARING YOUR PASSION, WISDOM, AND HONESTY ABOUT THE ISSUES WE ADDRESS IN COSDA. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU AGAIN IN THE FUTURE!

ANN-GEL

*I love your spirit and hope we have another opportunity to connect and work together in the future. Best wishes in all you do and continue to do!*

Zuri Obado

Hi Norma, it was so nice to meet you and work with you. I look forward to future collaborations!

Nicole Stern

Norma,

It's a true pleasure to work with and learn from you. Thank you for your leadership, student-centeredness, and wisdom. I look forward to more opportunities to work together.

Amy

# Thank You!



# Richard Ronnestad, MS, CFP

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**WGSA Representative/COSFA**

Director of Financial Education, Scholarship Support  
Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine  
Washington State University

Rich,

Thanks for your many contributions and dedicated service to COSFA. You brought a unique perspective to our work and were instrumental in nudging us to explore new ways to connect with colleagues virtually.

With thanks - Kristen

*Rich - your knowledge and skills are such an asset to any group you engage with. We are all so so lucky to learn from you! And couldn't be more grateful you are part of the WSU team!*

*Leila Harrison*

Rich:

Thank you for your dedication to and leadership as a member of COSFA. The committee did a tremendous amount of work that benefitted not only the financial aid community but also the GSA.

Best wishes,  
Kathleen Kashima

Rich- Thank you so much for all your knowledge and work with the GSA- you have definitely made a huge difference for so many students!

Jeff Druck

Rich: It was a true pleasure working with you on the WGSA. I appreciate your willingness to help all students and those of us who work with them. You will be missed! Best wishes on your retirement!! Thanks for everything! -  
Teresa "TV" Vigil

# Princess Currence, DSW, MSW

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**NMBE Liaison /COSDA**

Curriculum Education Manager  
Rush Medical College



Princess, It was great to reconnect with you through COSDA. Glad to know you are still in the "fight" to help ensure the best outcomes for our students. Will miss your great comments. Take care.

Donna Jackson

*Princess,  
Thank you for sharing your wisdom, leadership, and insight to COSDA and the IHSA model. I've valued learning from and working with you and eagerly await more opportunities to do so. We need more coffee chats in our future :)*

*Amy*

PRINCESS,  
SUCH A PLEASURE TO MEET AND WORK WITH YOU! I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE!

SHELVEY CAMPBELL

**I AM GLAD THIS COMMITTEE CONNECTED US AND HOPE TO STAY CONNECTED IN THE FUTURE! ALL THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE WORK.**

**ZURI OBADO**



THANK  
YOU!



# Wendy Clark

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**COSFA Liaison/COSR**

Financial Aid Administrator

University of Utah School of Medicine

Thank you for your service, Wendy! Our community (and students) are better off because of you!  
Stephanie Zia  
Keck SOM at USC



Wendy,  
Thank you for your service to COSFA I have loved getting to know you better and watching your passion to improve the path for our students.  
Charlie Pohl

wendy, It has been such a pleasure working with and learning from you. I will miss your insightfulness. You really have your students at heart and it shows!  
Donna Jackson

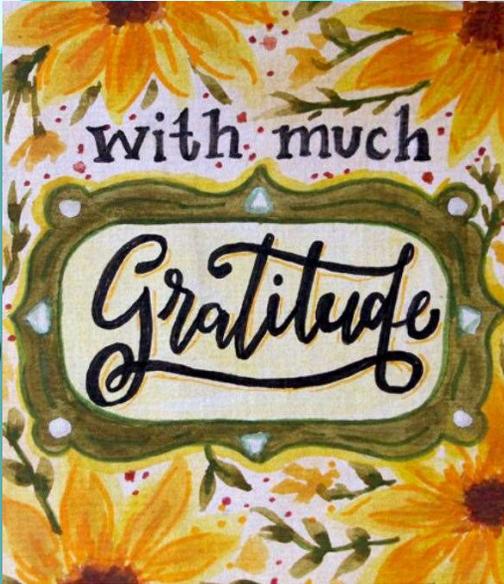
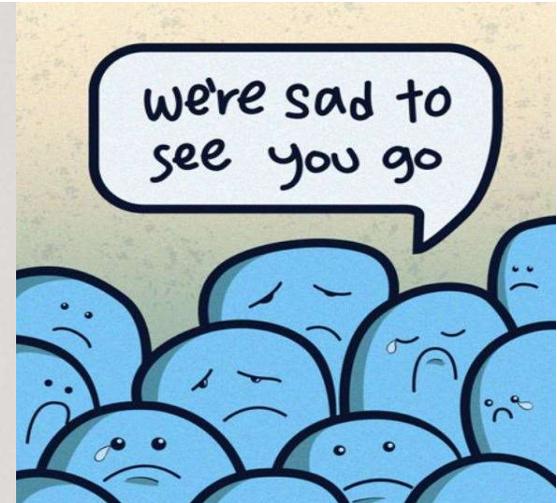
Wendy,  
Many thanks for your dedicated service to COSFA across multiple roles. I have always appreciated your engagement and thoughtful leadership. Your contributions to the Committee have been vast!  
With thanks - Kristen

**Wendy, your dedication and genuine concern for our work and the students we serve is such an example! Best wishes in all you do!**  
**John Stiles**

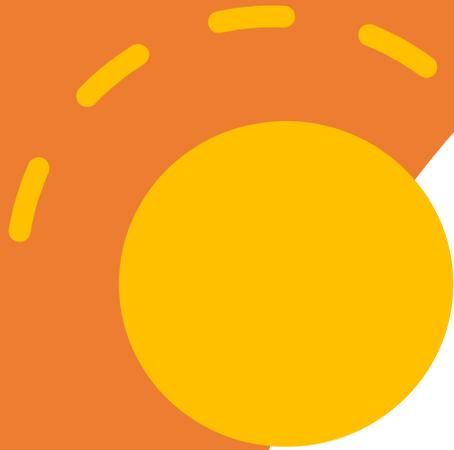
your hard  
**WORK**  
has made a  
difference



**THANK  
YOU  
SO  
MUCH**



**FOR ALL  
You do.  
FOR ALL  
You are.  
ALL OUR  
Thanks.**



Beloved GSA Committee Members:  
There is still time to contribute  
words of gratitude!

Please use the links emailed to you to sign the e-cards  
before they are sent out **November 11<sup>th</sup>**!