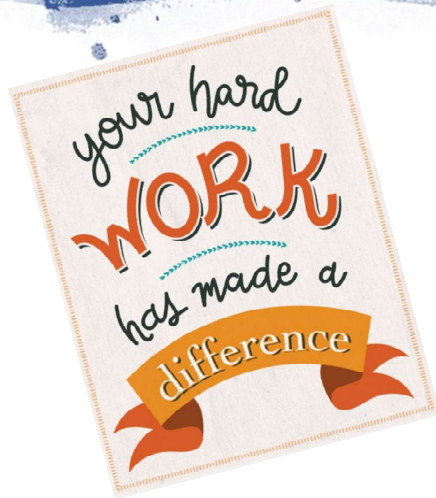




Outgoing GSA Members



*Your care and dedication truly
make the GSA special*





Francie S. Cuffney, PhD

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

- **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

- **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

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

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

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

- **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 - 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

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*

Norma Perez, MD, DrPH

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

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:
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 - 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: 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

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 TOGETHE 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

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

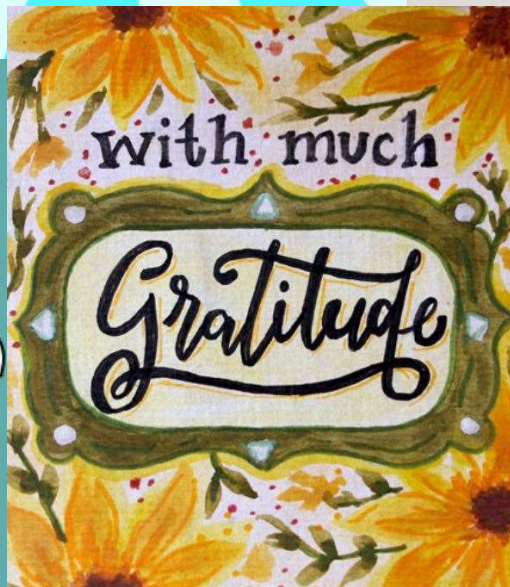
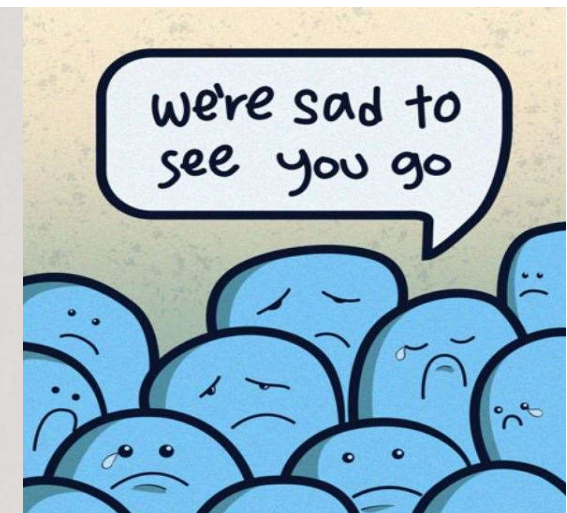
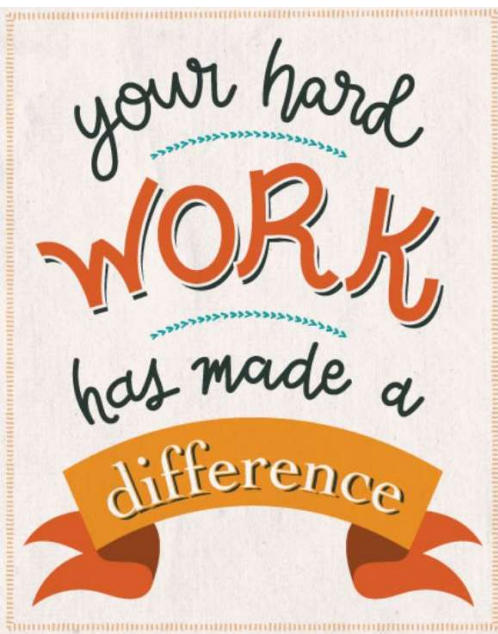


Wendy,
Thank you for your service to COSFA I have loved getting to know you better and watching your passion to improve the path for our students.
Charlie Pohl

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





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 11th**!