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The primary mission of the AAMC's Group on Institutional Planning (GIP) is to advance the discipline of planning in academic medicine by enhancing the skills and knowledge of professional planners; to promote the value of planning; and to connect people, resources, and ideas.

GIP News and Business

Save the Date!

GRAND/GIP Webinar on Emergency Preparedness in the Research Enterprise at Academic Medical Centers (AMCs)

Friday September 8th, 2:00-3:15 pm ET

The Group on Research Advancement and Development (GRAND) and the Group on Institutional Planning (GIP) recognizes the importance of emergency preparedness, especially for the research enterprise. The focus of this webinar will be to discuss the importance of integrating the research enterprise into the institution's overall emergency preparedness plan. Attendees will hear from three AMCs on to how plan for and deal with major disruptions, such as power outages, and natural disasters. This webinar is sponsored by GRAND and GIP, and open to all AAMC constituents (employees of AAMC member institutions) who are interested in attending. Registration will open in mid-July.

Questions? Contact [Shawn Rosen-Holtzman](#).

GIP Listserv

Do you have a question where insights from your peers would be helpful? The GIP listserv is a resource available to all GIP members. We encourage you to use this as a forum to share ideas, challenges, and resources with your colleagues. [Please click here](#) to learn more about posting to the listserv.

Questions? Contact [Shawn Rosen-Holtzman](#).

Save the Date

GBA / GIP 2024 Joint Spring Meeting

Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA

April 17 - April 19, 2024

**The call for proposals will open in the early Fall*



AAMC News

AAMC deeply disappointed by SCOTUS decision on race-conscious admissions

AAMC President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, and AAMC Chief Legal Officer Frank Trinity, JD, issued a statement expressing deep disappointment in the decision on two cases by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). “Today’s decision demonstrates a lack of understanding of the critical benefits of racial and ethnic diversity in educational settings and a failure to recognize the urgent need to address health inequities in our country.” The AAMC will continue to provide additional [information and resources](#) to support its member institutions and will host a webinar on Monday, July 10, from 2-3 p.m. ET, titled “*The SCOTUS Decision on Race-conscious Admissions and Implications for Academic Medicine*” ([register here](#)).

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Ross McKinney Jr., MD, AAMC chief scientific officer, to retire

On June 20, AAMC President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, announced that Ross McKinney Jr., MD, AAMC chief scientific officer, plans to retire on Nov. 1, 2023. An extraordinary leader and infectious disease expert, he became a sought-after voice throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. McKinney will work with the AAMC Leadership Team and colleagues to ensure a smooth transition for the association’s medical research and science policy priorities. The AAMC will conduct a national search for his successor and will consider a diverse slate of candidates for this important role.

AAMC hosts day of action in Washington

On June 13, the AAMC convened an event on Capitol Hill with member medical schools and teaching hospitals to engage with policymakers and demonstrate how the innovations that start in academic medicine save countless lives. Throughout the same day, that message echoed across the country—including directly to lawmakers—as AAMC member institutions shared on social media platforms their unique innovations and contributions to the health of patients and communities everywhere. A new video captures highlights from the event and further illustrates how medical schools and teaching hospitals make an invaluable contribution to the nation’s health.

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AAMC joins amicus brief opposing Kentucky ban on under 18 gender-affirming care

The AAMC joined the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and others [in an amicus brief](#) filed May 22 focused on ensuring that all adolescents, including those with gender dysphoria, receive the optimal medical and mental health care they need. The brief supports a federal court challenge in *Doe v. Thornbury* to Kentucky S.B. 150, which effectively bans health care providers from providing patients under 18 with gender-affirming care.

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AAMC statement on President Biden’s intent to appoint Mandy Cohen, MD, as CDC director

AAMC President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, and Chief Public Policy Officer Danielle Turnipseed, JD, MHSA, MPP, issued a statement applauding President Biden’s intent to appoint Mandy Cohen, MD, as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). “She is well-positioned to lead the country through challenging times in public health that require precision, experience, diplomacy, and an innovative spirit.”

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AAMC names awardees of Telehealth Equity Catalyst Awards and Pilot Grants

The AAMC has named the recipients of its 2023 Telehealth Equity Catalyst Awards and Pilot Grants. Thirteen programs were selected to receive \$15,000 each to fund existing programs or begin development of new programs. The recipients have demonstrated the ability to address barriers associated with telehealth and health technology in their communities through clinical delivery or medical education programs. [Read More](#)

AAMC statement on key federal funding priorities

AAMC President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, and Chief Public Policy Officer Danielle Turnipseed, JD, MHSA, MPP, issued a statement on the need to complete fiscal year (FY)

2024 appropriations in a timely manner. “The AAMC is relieved that Congress has passed legislation to raise the debt ceiling and avoid an unprecedented default, which would have had catastrophic impacts on people nationwide.”

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Learning Opportunities

Second webinar in new AAMC series on impact of Dobbs decision on reproductive health

Registration has opened for the second webinar in the AAMC’s [new webinar series on reproductive health](#), *The Post-Dobbs Impact on Medical Education – UME, GME, and Beyond*. Taking place on Aug. 21 at 2:45 p.m. ET, this webinar will focus on the impact the Dobbs decision has had on learners’ curricular experience, as well as on medical education leaders and program directors, and discuss how institutions are addressing training requirements in the context of reproductive health restrictions. Speakers will discuss curricular solutions as well as provide a learner perspective of how these changes may potentially impact career choices. The session will allow time for audience engagement.

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Register now for Learn Serve Lead 2023: The AAMC Annual Meeting

Registration is now open for Learn Serve Lead 2023: The AAMC Annual Meeting, taking place in Seattle Nov. 3-7. This annual event draws thousands of attendees from across the academic medicine community to connect with thought leaders, spark conversation on critical issues impacting medical education and patient care, and encourage collaborations that influence the future of health. Register early to save on access to all programming, including plenary sessions, Voices of Medicine and Society Series lectures, and more than 130 breakout sessions. Early bird registration rates end Aug. 29.

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Publications & Resources

Culture Building via Culture in the Building: Leveraging Artistic Talent of Faculty and Staff in an Academic Department

In this AM Last Page, the authors highlight how inviting faculty and staff to bring their art into the workplace can be a means of building community, connection, and culture.

Taylor Lanz and Michael B. Pitt, MD

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Designing a Road Map for Action to Address Bias and Racism Within a Large Academic Medical Center

The authors describe the Road Map for Action to Address Racism, an effort developed to unify and systematize antiracism efforts across the Mount Sinai Health System. They present how the Road Map is being implemented, lessons learned so far, and plans for assessment.

Gary C. Butts, MD, Pamela Abner, MPA, Leona Hess, PhD, Ann-Gel S. Palermo, MPH, DrPH, Ben Cotilletta, Arthur Gianelli, MBA, MPH, and Lynne D. Richardson, MD

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Access Alliance and AAHCI content on AAMC.org

AAMC constituents can now access valuable information about both the Alliance of Academic Health Centers and the Alliance of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI) at www.aamc.org/Alliance-AAHCI. The new webpages include updates and information on all the programs, products, and opportunities that are of value to Alliance members (an [AAMC log in](#) is required to view member-only content). After June 30, aahcdc.org and aahci.org will no longer be accessible.

New AAMC paper examines how past physician workforce projections stack up

The AAMC Research and Action Institute has published a paper that explores why physician workforce projections are still worth doing. Authored by the institute's inaugural fellow in residence, Gaetano Forte, assistant director of the Center for Health Workforce Studies at the University at Albany, SUNY, the paper examines multiple models, with an eye to making them more useful for health policy decisions. The author describes the promise, limitations, and future work needed to improve those projections, including the need to move away from physician-focused modeling to more services-based models that integrate the contributions of health care workers beyond physicians.

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May Policy and Regulatory Roundup

The [Policy and Regulatory Roundup](#) features a brief overview of our latest work from the previous month and includes staff contact information if you have questions or comments. For more policy and regulatory updates [please visit this page](#).

Recommended Reading & Listening

Opinion: How the Supreme Court rules on race-conscious admissions could harm health across America

A new opinion piece co-authored by David A. Acosta, MD, AAMC chief diversity and inclusion officer, and Alison J. Whelan, MD, AAMC chief academic officer, was published in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* prior to the Supreme Court decision on race-conscious admissions. The authors argued that these decisions have substantial implications for the nation's health. "No matter the outcome, we stand ready to support the nation's medical schools in ensuring a pathway for a diverse physician workforce. Our values and commitment to justice will not waver."

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Article explores the importance of expanding LGBTQ+ clinical data

In a new article published by the AAMC Center for Health Justice, Research Analyst Ebonie Megibow, MPH, makes the case for improving the data landscape for LGBTQ+ populations to identify and address health.

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Grover: Rural physician crisis is about to get worse

In a new opinion piece published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Atul Grover, MD, PhD, executive director of the [AAMC Research and Action Institute](#), examines the impact of state abortion bans in deterring future physicians from practicing in those states. "As states consider restrictions on and criminalization of abortion, political

leadership should also consider the potentially harmful effects that these new policies will have on their ability to recruit and retain...health care professionals,” Grover writes.

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AAMCNews: Do Black patients fare better with Black doctors?

Research shows that racial concordance can improve communication, trust, and adherence to medical advice. That has implications for health care providers.

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AAMCNews: How extreme heat from climate change affects health

Already, heat waves send tens of thousands of people to the emergency department each year. Here’s what heat does to the human body — and why EDs are experimenting with novel ways of cooling heat stroke patients fast.

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AAMCNews: Hospitals put climate change on the menu

U.S. hospitals feed millions of patients, staff, and visitors annually, with no small environmental impact. All along the food chain, from trucking to trash, hospitals are stepping up to better protect the planet.

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AAMC chief diversity and inclusion officer on fostering a more inclusive health care workforce

In a recent episode of the Ambulatory Surgical Center Association’s “Advancing Surgical Care Podcast,” AAMC Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer David Acosta, MD, discussed the need for a larger, more representative health care workforce that can meet the health needs of our nation’s aging and increasingly diverse population.

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Podcast examines artificial intelligence, bias, and health care

Tradeoffs, a podcast that examines the complicated, costly, and often counterintuitive world of health care, has released a two-part episode on why hospitals are interested in artificial intelligence, the dangers of perpetuating bias, and the challenges of rooting out that bias. The second episode focuses on how the Biden administration is trying to regulate this space.

[Listen Now: Part 1](#)

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Welcome New Members

(June 2023)

Diana Beck
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