

The UC Irvine School of Medicine
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Happy New Year, UC Irvine!

Welcome to 2017 Anteaters!

The University of California, Irvine School of Medicine is proud to announce its establishment of the Office for Diversity and Inclusion. Its faculty and staff are eager to better integrate into the UC Irvine Health system and the community of students, faculty and staff on campus. The Office for Diversity and Inclusion will now aid in funding and supporting initiatives for diverse causes and students, curriculum development to improve cultural competency and humility and personal development for identifying key issues in today's medical society. It will also continue the publishing of *MEDICS Today*, a newsletter highlighting the various successes and activities of the Office and its diversity coalition organizations.

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Strength lies in differences, not in similarities.

Stephen R. Covey



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Diversity Coalition Welcomes New Member AMWA

The Diversity Coalition is proud to welcome the UC Irvine American Medical Women's Association (AMWA). AMWA is committed to building a strong network of physicians, residents, and medical students that provide a supportive environment for professional growth. Programming is designed to advance women in medicine and improve women's health by addressing recurring issues in female advancement in the professional setting, and spread awareness of health disparities in the female population. As a national organization, AMWA provides opportunities for leadership, advocacy, education, and mentoring within its members.



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Upcoming Events

- Confidence and Negotiating Salaries Workshop – January 17 5:00pm Colloquium
- Significant Others in Medicine Mixer – Early January
- MS2/MS3 Mentorship Mixer: All About Step 1 – December 12
- Domestic Violence Lecture Presented By Human Options – February 23
- Women In Medicine – May 2017
- SHE Summer Workshop – Summer 2017



Join the AMWA National Organization!

<https://www.amwa-doc.org/students/#>



Membership Benefits

- FREE Kaplan eBook of their choosing through Kaplan. (Plus 15% off Kaplan materials!)
- Scholarships and grants
- Global health opportunities
- National board member positions
- Publishing in AMWA journals
- Bed and breakfast program for traveling during conferences and residency interviews!

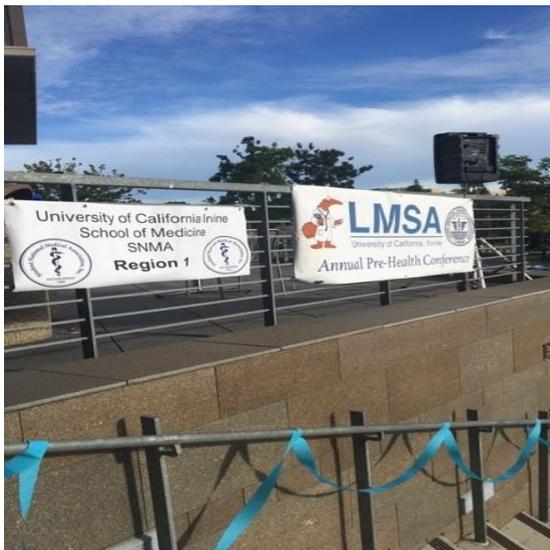
LMSA and SNMA Host Successful 16th Annual Pre-Health Conference



For the 16th year in a row the UC Irvine Chapters of the Latino Medical Student Association and Student National Medical Association partnered to host the Annual Pre-Health Conference. Over 200 students gathered on November 12, 2016 to discuss health professions, the plight of underrepresented and undocumented students in health and nuances of the various application processes. Themed “Your Story, Your Power”, this year’s conference featured Dr. Brandon Sievers, UCI graduate and current family medicine attending, and Oscar

Hernandez, current UCI second year, as keynote speakers. Dr. Sievers harped on the ideas of growth and maturation, comparing his journey through academia to an ever growing and developing mango tree. He left every attendee with a strong message of hope reminding them to ‘never forget where [they] come from’. Oscar echoed his sentiments with a personal and intimate display of family photos and anecdotes. He calmly yet powerfully urged students to respect undocumented peers, students and future patients at the end of this speech, a message the conference took great pride in broadcasting.

The two organizations have also set their sights on expanding mentorship efforts to high school students in the spring of 2017. To be involved in the planning efforts, please contact uciprehealthconference@gmail.com The Annual Pre-Health Conference is an exemplary display of student leadership and collaboration. The Office for Diversity and Inclusion are proud to support their efforts in the future!



Upcoming Events

Wednesday January 18, 2017
#ProtectOurPatients Rally at UC Irvine
12:00pm MedEd Patio

#ProtectOurPatients is a nationwide grassroots initiative organized by medical students for all healthcare workers to advocate against the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). With healthcare for 30 million Americans about to be repealed, we as health professional students cannot be silent.

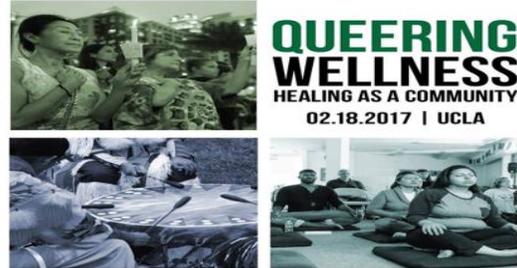
First year students Jordan Cahn, Jamie Temko and Marlene Torres (pictured above) organized a phone banking event on Monday January 9, 2017 in solidarity with the #ProtectOurPatients rally in Washington D.C. UC Irvine School of Medicine is one of at least 26 medical schools holding a solidarity event. UCI's #ProtectOurPatients teams plans to continue raising awareness and garnering support at a #ProtectOurPatients Rally on January 18th! Join us as we discuss the role of students in health in the fight to protect the Affordable Care Act.

Can't make it to the rally? No problem! Call your local ←legislators and urge for their support!



Pictured above: MS1 students organized a phone banking event on January 9th in solidarity with #ProtectOurPatients

Saturday, February 18, 2017
3rd annual SoCal LGBTQIA Health Conference



The **SoCal LGBTQIA Health Conference** is an interdisciplinary collaboration amongst the medical students of David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Keck School of Medicine at USC, Western University School of Health Sciences School of Osteopathic Medicine, UC Irvine School of Medicine, UC San Diego School of Medicine, and UC Riverside School of Medicine.

Our goals are to educate health care professionals of the health issues experienced by individuals who identify among the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) spectrum. We have a variety of topics including but not limited to: Spiritual health within the LGBTQ+ community, Care of sex workers, Community mental health and much more!

With an increasing need for culturally competent care and interdisciplinary health care, we hope to bring together professionals of all health care fields to openly discuss LGBTQ+ health issues!

Register for the conference
here: <http://www.socalgbthealthconference.org/>

Meet the Diversity Coalition

The Diversity Coalition is comprised of several student organizations that protect the interests of diverse causes and underrepresented students in medicine. Many organizations are currently transitioning leadership so, be on the lookout for emails and information!

Latino Medical Student Association

The Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) unites and empowers medical students through service, mentorship and education to advocate for the health of the Latino community
Visit www.lmsa.net for more information



Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association

The Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA) brings together Asians and others interested in the health issues that affect Asians to both directly promote the health and well-being of the Asian community as well as in helping all health care workers who work with these communities understand how to care for the Asian patient in a culturally sensitive manner
Visit www.apamsa.org for more information



eQuality

To enhance and bring awareness concerning the health and wellbeing of the LGBTQI community to UC Irvine faculty and student as well as address LGBTQI health disparities in Orange County through partnership and collaboration. eQuality also hopes to provide a safe space for LGBTQI medical students and support those who have been challenged by discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity
Visit <http://www.lgbtrc.uci.edu/> for more information.



Student National Medical Association

The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical students, addressing the needs of underserved communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians
Visit www.snma.org or email snmauci@gmail.com for more information.



Filipino Americans in Medicine

The Filipino Americans in Medicine (FAIM) is dedicated to providing mentorship, educating ourselves and peers on culturally sensitive healthcare for the Filipino community, and establishing a strong network of physicians, residents, medical students, and undergraduate students that will provide support and guidance
Visit <https://pusoonline.wordpress.com/2016/01/27/3260/> for more information.

Would you like to be featured on MEDICS Today?

While this publication is primarily focused on the organizations comprising the Diversity Coalition, the Office for Diversity and Inclusion welcomes anyone and everyone to contribute to its mission. We pride ourselves on the inclusion of the entire student body. If you would like a major event or opportunity to be featured, just let us know!

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