Every October we dedicate time to celebrate the prominent BNGAP leaders within our osteopathic community. Since the creation of the National Center for Pre-Faculty Development and growth of BNGAP chapters, institutions including Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine, and Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine have championed the mission of BNGAP cultivating opportunities for diverse trainees to become future faculty.

As we continue to see an increase in osteopathic medical schools in the United States, there is a need to nurture more diverse future faculty. This month, we highlight some of the many prominent members in the osteopathic community that have been present in the BNGAP network and showcase achievements by student chapter leaders.

We are excited to welcome the second BNGAP chapter at an osteopathic medical school - Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine - led by Chloe Soremekun, OMSIII. In addition, Rowan has joined the National Center for Pre-Faculty Development as a Tier 2 member.

We hope to see you November 4th - 5th, 2022, for the 3rd BNGAP National ‘Pre-Faculty’ Career Development Conference. Registration is free until October 9th at midnight!


Best regards,

BNGAP LEADERSHIP
The BNGAP National ‘Pre-Faculty’ Career Development Conference for Diverse Trainees and Faculty is the first forum to bring together trainees, faculty, and senior leaders to share and discuss activities and best practices in building the next generation of academic health professionals. The conference will have a focus on maximizing the roles of chapter advisors and chapter student leaders, and on optimizing the relationship between chapter advisors and chapter student leaders to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

Tentative Schedule Available on Website:
http://bngap.org/pre-faculty-development-conference/

Registration Link: http://bngap.org/national-conference/
To the greatest extent thus far, it is crucial for osteopathic physicians to increase awareness of osteopathic medicine advancements and how it is utilized to combat some of the most serious medical conditions our nation faces. We hope to be a leader in espousing osteopathic principles to innovate and advance holistic medicine. Our students are practicing hands-on treatments and reporting on their success in outpatient settings. Many of our students are also exploring ways to combat physician burnout and improve medical student academic careers. No matter what our osteopathic medical students do, they operate with holistic medicine in mind.

Many of our students are actively involved in the community. Every year, all our second year students perform a community project emphasizing quality improvement projects in the university and beyond. We hope to implement the mission of BNGAP by offering mentorship for students to both conduct and publish their research through our mentorship. We hope to raise awareness of what our undeserved populations need.

Last year, we hosted an academic medicine Q&A panel for students who are interested in academic medicine. Many students reported better awareness of the diversity of jobs within academic medicine. Our students are always eager to publish. Our students for mentorship opportunities as well. We believe we offer great guidance for them to find opportunities to show case their work.

As a chapter this year, we have several ambitions we hope to achieve. First, we are currently working on a publication of a new platform to publish student peer reviewed articles. Concurrently, we are creating a student-led editorial board to design the platform that will include format, purpose, and marketing. We are also recruiting a team of peer reviewers including faculty and students. Second, we are in the process of applying for several conferences such as AACOM and IBRS, which can be used as sources of networking and advertising for BNGAP. In the long run, we strive to create and streamline an academic medicine track for students to enroll in.

Merett Saad, OMSIII
Nancy Nguyen, OMSIII
As the second Osteopathic medical institution to join BNGAP, we are very excited to continue diversifying the pathway to academic medicine. We hope to see more Osteopathic physicians pursuing careers in academia, and through organizations like BNGAP, we will see our mission through. In addition, we desire to advance the Osteopathic outreach to academic communities that will affect culture and policy, impacting the learning environment for future physicians. A much-anticipated event is our upcoming Academic Medicine Career Development Seminar in January of 2023, open to student doctors and practicing physicians.

By including the voices and experiences of osteopathically trained physicians and student learners, we will ensure holistic care that addresses the intersectionality of our future patients’ minds, bodies, and spirits. Our inaugural leadership includes our president Chloe Soremekun OMS III, who is interested in pursuing the field of Pediatrics; Debbie Meskin OMS IV applying to Family Medicine and Evan Veneziano applying to Pediatrics. Our faculty advisors are Millicent King Channell, DO, MA, FAAO, FNAOME, Associate Dean for Curriculum, Professor of OMM and Family Medicine, and Nicole Streeks-Wooden, MD FAAP, General Pediatrician, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Area of Distinction Director.

Chloe Soremekun, OMSIII
Inaugural Chapter President
I’m a second year medical student at Albany Medical College and serve as the Vice President of Scholarship for the Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians (BNGAP) chapter at our school. Last month, I had the pleasure of representing our chapter at our school’s annual club fair to begin the academic year. I spoke with many medical students from numerous backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences about the merits of academic medicine and our mission to promote representation, empowerment, and resources to all those hopeful on embarking on an academic medicine career. As a latino male from an underserved background pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery, I find the community of BNGAP to be an invaluable resource not just because of its vast resources and opportunities it offers students, but also because BNGAP is a diverse, sociocultural community comprised of motivated individuals who wholeheartedly seek to promote representation in academic medicine.

For the upcoming year, we have many events planned aimed at promoting academic medicine. We hope to engage local youth and develop a mentor-mentee track with our medical students and faculty. We will develop panels comprised of academic physicians from various specialties to speak on why they chose academic medicine. We also will host several student led panels in topics such as developing effective mentor relationships, writing a CV, preparing research manuscripts, and submitting abstracts. All in all, we hope to continue to empower diversity and representation in academic medicine through our continued efforts and outreach and are excited for the future.
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