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Building the Next Generation
of Academic Physicians

OUR MISSION

TO HELP DIVERSE MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS EMBARK UPON AN
ACADEMIC MEDICINE CAREER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrating Heritage, Leadership, and the Future of
Medicine

As we enter the fall season, BNGAP continues to celebrate the diverse communities, leaders, and advocates who are helping shape the future of academic medicine and healthcare. This month, we recognize the rich histories and contributions of Hispanic, Latino, and LHS+ communities during Hispanic Heritage Month, while also highlighting opportunities to strengthen representation, mentorship, leadership, and health equity across medicine.

In this issue, we spotlight the longstanding legacy of Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) and invite our community to explore more than 50 years of Hispanic and Latino student leadership, activism, and advocacy in medicine. We also celebrate the contributions of American Indian and Alaska Native physicians, healthcare professionals, students, and community leaders, whose work continues to advance culturally responsive care and health equity for AI/AN communities.

We are also excited to look ahead to BNGAP's upcoming Men of Color in Medicine Conference on December 5, 2026. This gathering will create space for connection, mentorship, professional development, and conversations around leadership and representation for men of color across the healthcare workforce. More information is coming soon—sign up to stay connected and be among the first to receive conference updates.

Thank you for being part of the BNGAP community and for continuing to advance a more representative, inclusive, and equitable future for academic medicine.

NELSON SANCHEZ, MD
PRESIDENT, BNGAP INC.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**BNGAP Men of
color conference**
Dec 5th, 2026

**BNGAP Women of
color conference**
Spring, 2027



BNGAP CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 through October 15 marks Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate and honor the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of individuals whose roots trace to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. In academic medicine and healthcare, Hispanic, Latino, Latinx, Latina/o/e/x, and LHS+ (Latina/o/e/x, Hispanic, or of Spanish Origin+) physicians, scientists, educators, trainees, and leaders have made meaningful contributions to patient care, research, medical education, advocacy, and health equity. Their leadership and mentorship continue to create pathways for the next generation of physicians, scientists, and healthcare professionals.

Student activism and professional organizations have played an important role in advancing representation and equity in medicine. For decades, the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) has served as a national network empowering trainees, fostering mentorship and community, promoting advocacy, and developing future leaders. The legacy of LMSA and generations of LHS+ student leaders demonstrates how organized student activism can create lasting change—not only within medical schools, but across academic medicine and the broader healthcare system.

We invite our community to explore the open-access book *Latino, Hispanic, or of Spanish Origin+ Identified Student Leaders in Medicine: Recognizing More Than 50 Years of Presence, Activism, and Leadership*, edited by John Paul Sánchez, MD, MPH, and Donald Rodriguez, MD. [Explore the open-access book on Springer](#) This landmark publication documents the voices, experiences, activism, and leadership of LHS+ student leaders while highlighting the enduring impact of LMSA. As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor the trailblazers who helped open doors, celebrate today's changemakers, and reaffirm the importance of representation, mentorship, advocacy, and leadership in building a more equitable future for academic medicine.





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Requirements

- 4th-year med students from U.S. MD or DO programs
- **Funding:** Up to \$1,500
- **Timeline:** 4-week immersion
- Step 1 or COMLEX Level 1 ***must be passed*** before starting the rotation
- Advanced or native in Spanish and English

Includes:

- ***62% of patients served identify as LHS+***
- ***Teaching in Spanish and English***

FIRST SPANISH/ENGLISH 4TH-YEAR CLINICAL ELECTIVES

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Questions?

Email exec.director@lmsa.net



BNGAP COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Register for the LMSA National Conference 2026

Join the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) National Conference, taking place September 17–20, 2026, in Houston, Texas, for an inspiring and engaging gathering of future and current healthcare leaders. This year's theme, "Cultura Cura: Healing Through Heritage," celebrates the ways culture, language, identity, and lived experiences can strengthen the practice of medicine and promote compassionate, culturally responsive care.

The conference offers programming designed for pre-medical students, medical students, residents, fellows, faculty, staff, physicians, and other healthcare professionals. Attendees can participate in hands-on skills sessions, specialty panels, medical Spanish programming, leadership and advocacy workshops, discussions on health inequities, mentorship opportunities, and strategies for navigating medical school and residency. The conference also provides opportunities to connect with trainees, physicians, educators, institutions, and organizations from across the country.

Register today and be part of a national community committed to mentorship, representation, advocacy, and health equity. The 2026 National Conference is an opportunity to build meaningful professional connections, learn from leaders across the healthcare spectrum, explore career pathways, and celebrate the cultural heritage that continues to shape the future of medicine.

[Register for LMSA National Conference 2026](#)

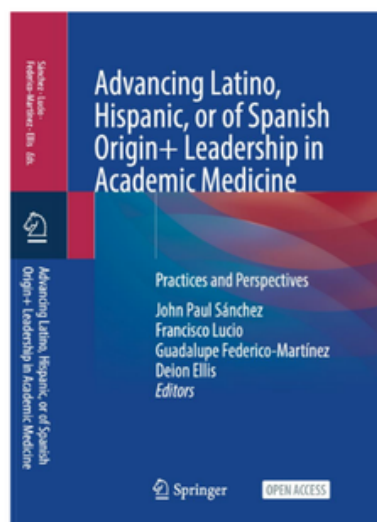
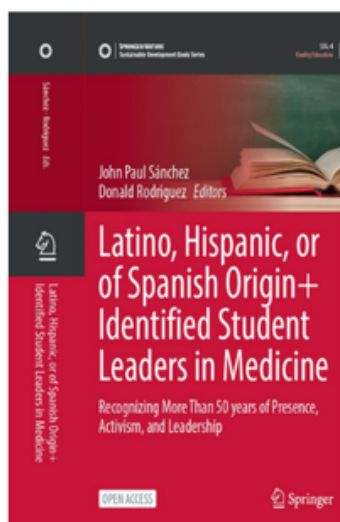
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NEW BNGAP PUBLICATION

Dr. Nicole Reynoso

MedEdPORTAL
THE AAMC JOURNAL OF TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES

We are proud to celebrate Dr. Reynoso-Vasquez and co-authors on the publication of “Bridging the Gap: Improving Health Outcomes for Adults With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities” in MedEdPORTAL (2026;22:11630). This important work highlights the need to address health disparities and improve the quality of care for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We commend Dr. Reynoso for her continued commitment to advancing inclusive, equitable, and patient-centered medical education and health care. Congratulations, Dr. Reynoso, on this meaningful contribution to the field!



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BNGAP NEW BOOK EDITIONS

New Editions of BNGAP's Academic Medicine Books Coming Spring 2027! BNGAP is excited to announce that new editions of two essential resources for aspiring and current academic health professionals will be released in Spring 2027.

Health Professions and Academia: How to Begin Your Career provides practical guidance for students, trainees, and early-career professionals navigating the path toward a career in academic medicine and the health professions. **Succeeding in Academic Medicine: A Roadmap for Diverse Medical Students and Residents** offers valuable insights and strategies to help faculty and academic health professionals build successful, meaningful careers.

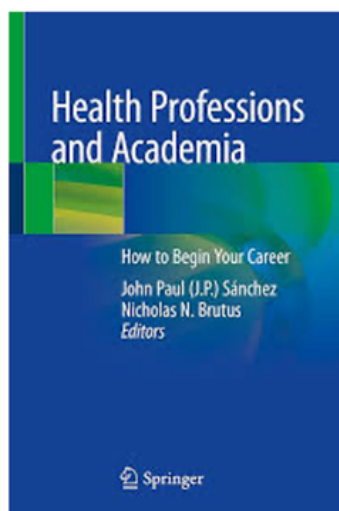
These books have served as important resources for members of the BNGAP community, and the upcoming editions will provide updated perspectives, guidance, and resources for the next generation of academic health professionals. Stay tuned for more information and release details in Spring 2027!

BNGAP Books (Time for 2nd Editions)

Provides the reader with basic information, tools, and a competitive edge

Features inspirational narratives from graduate students and faculty, self-assessments, and case-based discussions

Includes a diverse authorship from across the health professions



Offers comprehensive and practical advice to students and residents interested in academic medicine

Demystifies the academic appointment and promotion process

Provides anecdotal stories paired with helpful data to diverse students and residents

BNGAP COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

AAIP's 54th Annual Meeting and Health Conference

This year's conference promises to be a powerful and inspiring gathering of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) physicians, healthcare professionals, students, trainees, educators, and community leaders from across the country. The conference provides a unique opportunity to come together in recognition of the rich cultures, histories, traditions, and experiences that shape AI/AN communities and their approach to health and wellness. Through shared knowledge, mentorship, collaboration, and cultural connection, attendees will have the opportunity to learn from one another and explore innovative approaches to improving healthcare and advancing health equity for AI/AN communities.

Whether you are a longtime attendee reconnecting with colleagues and friends or joining the conference for the first time, there will be opportunities to build meaningful professional relationships, engage in thoughtful dialogue, develop leadership skills, and gain valuable insights from leaders across healthcare and academia. The conference also offers an important space to celebrate the accomplishments of AI/AN healthcare professionals and trainees while highlighting the ongoing work needed to address disparities, strengthen the healthcare workforce, and improve access to culturally responsive care.

We encourage you to register early and make plans to attend this important gathering. Be sure to secure your hotel accommodations in advance and take advantage of the full conference experience, including educational programming, networking opportunities, mentorship, and cultural events. We look forward to coming together to celebrate culture, strengthen community, and advance a healthier future for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

See more (Abstract submissions, reservations, and more) at:

<https://www.aaip.org/events/aaips-53rd-annual-meeting-and-health-conference>

EVENT

AAIP's 54th Annual Meeting and Health Conference

 September 17th – Sep 20th, 2026



BNGAP MEN OF COLOR IN MEDICINE CONFERENCE

December 5, 2026

Mark your calendar for December 5, 2026, and join BNGAP for the Men of Color in Medicine Conference. This upcoming gathering will provide an opportunity to connect with physicians, trainees, educators, and healthcare professionals who are committed to building community, advancing leadership, and strengthening representation in medicine.

Sign up to receive updates and be among the first to learn more about the conference, including upcoming programming, speakers, registration information, and opportunities for networking and professional development. Whether you are a student, resident, fellow, faculty member, or practicing healthcare professional, we invite you to be part of this important conversation.

More information is coming soon. Save the date and stay connected with BNGAP as we prepare to bring the community together on December 5, 2026!

Join our community today!

Register at www.BNGAP.org/registration

