

**Boston University School of Medicine
Student Organizations – 2011/2012**

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The American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG), founded in 1951, has over 46,000 members and is the nation's leading group of professionals providing health care for women. ACOG is dedicated to the advancement of women's health through education, practice, research, and advocacy. The BUSM Student Chapter of ACOG was founded in January 1999. Since its inception, the Chapter has hosted events such as lectures, lunches, movie screenings, and a social hour with residents with the following objectives:

- to provide students exposure to the field of obstetrics and gynecology
- to facilitate interaction between students, residents, and faculty in obstetrics and gynecology
- to advocate for quality health care for women
- to increase awareness of the changing issues facing women's health care

AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY

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The American Geriatrics Society (AGS) is the premier professional organization of health care providers dedicated to improving the health and well being of all older adults. Through, panels, discussions and residency advising the BUSM Student Chapter seeks to educate all medical students about the clinical needs and health care concerns of older patients, to encourage and provide opportunities for medical student clinical and basic science research in geriatric, to interest physicians-in-training in the field of geriatrics, to increase awareness of end-of-life care issues such as palliative care and hospice care and to develop relationships between geriatrics faculty and medical students.

**AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION/MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY
(AMA/MMS)**

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The BU chapter of the American Medical Association/Massachusetts Medical Society aims to involve students in advocacy, community service, mentorship, and policy making, both at a State and National level. Through the American Medical Society and Massachusetts Medical Society, students will organize leadership and community service projects on a school, state, region, and national level. In addition, the BU chapter of the American Medical Association/Massachusetts Medical Society will give students the ability to sit on policy making committees alongside other students and physicians.

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The American Medical Student Association is committed to improving health care and healthcare delivery to all people; promoting active improvement in medical education; involving its members in the social, moral and ethical obligations of the profession of medicine; assisting in the improvement and understanding of world health problems; contributing to the welfare of medical students...*and advancing the profession of medicine.*

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The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is an organization at the local, national, and international level that works to advance women in medicine and improve women's health.

The primary aims of AMWA at BUSM are to support the ambitions of female students and physicians and to educate future health care providers on the specific health concerns of female patients. These goals will be achieved through education and advocacy events as well as specific mentoring and networking opportunities. Please visit www.amwa-doc.org for more information on the national organization.

ANESTHESIOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

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Anesthesiology Interest Group hopes to educate students about Anesthesiology and its subspecialties with lunch talks and provide experience and exposure with airway management sessions.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (APAMSA)

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APAMSA is the Asian Pacific American Medical Association. We are a national organization that aims to address Asian-American issues among medical students, health care professionals, within the community. One part of our mission is to bring together Asians and others interested in the health issues that affect Asians so that we may have a strong, collective, public and political voice. We are interested in both directly promoting 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. Finally, APAMSA provides an important forum for APA medical students to meet, exchange information and experiences, and develop personally and professionally. APAMSA also has a strong stance on many issues. Being an organization based on health care, we have spoken out against smoking and tobacco use targeting the Asian community, for responsible alcohol use, for immunization and for health standards addressing needs of the medically underserved.

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Our mission is to supplement the existing ethics curriculum for medical students at BUSM. We aim to raise awareness and facilitate open dialogue surrounding the myriad ethical issues that will inevitably arise in our professional training and beyond in our careers as well-informed and empathetic physicians.

BOSTON COALITION FOR ADULT IMMUNIZATION

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Boston Coalition for Adult Immunization, **BCAI**, is designed primarily to provide seasonal influenza vaccines to the public at large, as needed, on an annual basis, as well as provide the public with information on vaccinations. **BCAI** is also used as a tool to give medical students in their first year, and beyond, experience in working with medical professionals as well as the general public. **BCAI** also allows medical students the ability to learn skills surrounding patient inoculation and patient contact early in their medical training.

CARDIOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

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The Cardiology Interest Group is a student organization dedicated to the field of cardiology. The goal of the group is to enable BUSM students with an outlet to gain more exposure and a deeper understanding of the field in all its facets. The group hopes to provide students with easier access to faculty and present them with early opportunities to get involved with cardiology.

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We are a network of medical students, dental students, public-health students, residents, nurses, physicians, and researchers who follow Jesus together in Boston's healthcare universities. Our aim is to define ourselves as followers of Jesus, train ourselves to be healers in his name, and enable others to do the same. We meet weekly in small groups to fellowship together, apply our minds to scripture, pray for our City of Boston, discuss clinical ethics, and serve locally and internationally.

CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY (CNS)

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The mission of the Clinical Neuroscience Society (CNS) is to foster and sustain students' interest and involvement in the neurosciences throughout their medical and graduate school tenure, with

an endpoint of preparing students to pursue academic and research careers in the clinical neurosciences.

Community Health Project (CHP)

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And our mission statement is as follows: The Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) Community Health Project (CHP) will serve to network students interested in volunteering their time and services to CHCs and the populations they serve, as well as raise medical student awareness of the care delivered in the CHC setting. The CHP hopes to foster a rich service learning experience through outreach services, in the hope that both students and the CHCs will benefit from this interaction. Students will utilize skills learned in the medical school curriculum to assist the underserved, while also honing their understanding of primary/community care and the role that it plays in improving health outcomes throughout the Boston area. CHCs would benefit from motivated volunteers helping to start new projects or augmenting existing programs. In pursuit of this goal, the CHP will seek to form relationships with as many CHCs in the Boston area as possible, so as to unite students interested in service learning with clinics interested in receiving student volunteers.

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"The medical school community is a haven of tremendous talent, both academic and creative. The Creative Arts Society began in 1995 to recognize, support and develop the healthy creativity that so many demonstrate. We are open to all members of the Boston Medical Center community and count students, faculty, staff, physicians, and administrators among our members. There are no dues, yet we produce some of the largest events at the Medical School on a yearly basis, including: Kick Back Kafe, various open mic nights, and Arts Day, when members of the BMC community can display their artwork for two days in the Hiebert Lounge. We also produce Whorl, a collection of exceptional work that is distributed throughout the medical center free of charge, thanks to the generous financial support of the BUSM Alumni Association and SCOMSA."

DERMATOLOGY INTEREST GROUP (The Big DIG)

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1. To increase knowledge and awareness of the field of dermatology;
2. To provide information regarding programs and careers in dermatology;
3. To promote community service in dermatology; and
4. To promote primary prevention and education about dermatology in the surrounding community.

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The Doctors' Notes is Boston University School of Medicine's one and only a cappella group. We are student-run and directed and we sing a repertoire of mostly pop music sung a cappella (without instruments). We sing biweekly in the hospital wards, and perform at various school and community functions. Our mission is to share our passion for singing with whomever we can, whether it is for our fellow students or patients in the hospital -- anyone whose day could be brightened up by voices in harmony.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP (EMIG)

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The Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG) at Boston University School of Medicine was established to expand student awareness and interest in emergency medicine. At the sight of Boston's first emergency medicine residency program and New England's largest trauma center, EMIG hopes to continue BUSM's strong tradition in the field by providing resources and information to students seeking exposure to emergent care, subspecialties of emergency medicine and academic opportunities in and around the emergency department. EMIG will expand BUSM's commitment to excellence in medicine and research in the context of social justice and equal opportunity for all those in need of care.

FAMILY MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP (FMIG)

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The FMIG was created with the purpose of increasing awareness and interest in Family Medicine, as well as helping anyone interested in pursuing a career in Family Medicine. All of our activities are open to non-member students so that we might educate all medical students about Family Medicine. We offer a variety of events: seminars and conferences, dinners, workshops, and more – throughout the academic year that may interest students considering areas of medicine. Being involved with FMIG provides educational and informational opportunities not provided through the traditional medical school curriculum, to assist students seeking residencies in Family Medicine, helps to assist you with opportunities to attend state and national conventions, provides the opportunity to build relationships and Family Medicine faculty and create a unity between FMIG colleagues.

HAITIAN CULTURE AND HEALTHCARE INTEREST GROUP

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The Haitian Culture and Healthcare Interest Group aims to create an awareness of the Haitian culture and Haitian-Creole language so that students can better understand the unique healthcare challenges faced by Haitian patients. By educating students on Haitian culture, language, and healthcare disparities, we aspire to generate more culturally sensitive healthcare professionals. Additionally, we hope to increase communication and cohesiveness between the BMC and BUMC communities addressing the health of Haitian patients.

OBJECTIVES for Haitian Culture and Healthcare Interest Group:

- Introduce the BUSM community to the Haitian culture and the Haitian-Creole language.
- Educate the BUSM community to the Haitian culture and the Haitian-Creole language.
- Enable future healthcare professionals to provide quality, culturally sensitive care to Haitian patients at BMC.
- Empower students to advocate for their immigrant patients through exposure to BMC and community based organizations, with an emphasis on Haitian peoples.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP

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The History of Medicine Interest Group aims to expose students to the rich history of Boston University School of Medicine, Boston Medical Center, medicine in Boston, and the medical profession, in general. By exploring how our surroundings have changed, learning how the profession has evolved, and introducing the people and innovations that helped create modern

medicine, the BUSM History of Medicine Interest Group hopes to offer valuable perspective and a source of inspiration that students can carry forth in their careers.

INTERNAL MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP (IMIG)

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- 1) Provide students with information about internal medicine as a medical specialty and as a possible career.
- 2) Expose students to people in the field of internal medicine with interesting and successful careers who can provide students with a sense of what it is like to be an internal medicine specialist or subspecialist; and
- 3) Provide an opportunity for students to learn, network, and relax together

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION (IHO)

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The IHO (International Health Organization) is dedicated to promoting global health awareness on an educational and service level here at BUSM. In addition to regular lunchtime seminars featuring physicians with extensive field experience, a fall global health elective and a spring break service trip will be offered to BUSM students in hopes of launching a longitudinal international health experience.

IRANIAN HEALTH CARE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

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The Iranian Health Care Students Association (IHCSA) is dedicated to bringing together students of the Boston University Medical, Dental, and Public Health campuses with the greater Boston health care professionals, in order to address health care issues in Iran and Iranian communities in Boston and across the United States. Through educational and outreach programs, the association will also provide opportunities for students to learn about and participate in Iranian culture and society. Monthly group gatherings, Farsi lunches, scholarship opportunities, and local Iranian events are among the many avenues by which ICHSA strives to foster student involvement. Importantly, IHCSA aims to provide a safe and supportive forum for students to openly voice their concerns and critically educate one another. To this end, the group is open to and strongly encourages students from all backgrounds and beliefs to participate in ICHSA events and gatherings to allow for a diverse and fun educational environment.

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The Medicine and Business Association is dedicated to fostering physician leadership and innovation to overcome non-clinical challenges facing the profession of medicine. Through educational and leadership development activities, the Association will build awareness of the multi-faceted nature of health care including finance, policy, logistics, and information exchange. Medical students will develop fundamental skills necessary to understand the dynamic nature of health care as well as opportunities to improve physician practice, career satisfaction, and health outcomes.

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The Maimonides Society is a Jewish Student Association of Boston University Medical Campus. The goal of the society is to welcome and support students by providing them with a sense of Jewish community and culture. Monthly lunche events are organized to discuss relevant medical ethical issues from Jewish perspectives. Topics of discussion have included Jewish Medical Ethics, Holocaust education, health care delivery, social issues and The Boston University School of Medicine – The Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School Student-Faculty Exchange Program. The Maimonides Society is open to all, and receives its funding from the Boston University Hillel House and the Boston University School of Medicine Student Committee on Medical School Affairs (SCOMSA).

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Our organization showcases the diversity of the students, faculty, and staff at the medical campus and joins the network of many other LGBT organizations within the Boston University system and the surrounding community. The primary goal of MedGLO is to provide a safe, supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied students, faculty, and staff. We are here to educate future and current health professionals on the social issues and health concerns of the LGBT community in order to break down prejudices and misconceptions that can undermine patient care and personal growth. We

encourage professional and personal development through discussions, conferences, socials, community activism and advocacy.

MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR CHOICE (MSFC)

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Creating tomorrow's abortion providers and pro-choice physicians.

Medical Students for Choice is dedicated to ensuring that women receive the full range of reproductive healthcare choices. MSFC recognizes that one of the greatest obstacles to safe and legal abortion is the absence of trained providers. As medical students and residents, we work to make reproductive health care, including abortion, a part of standard medical education and residency training.

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1. Foster collaboration between Boston University's medical and public health students – providing an interdisciplinary forum for education, partnership and service.
2. Promote awareness of the increasingly integrated and interdependent fields of medicine and public health.
3. Provide support, assistance and resources for individuals interested in pursuing a career involving both disciplines.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY INTEREST GROUP (OSIG)

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"The orthopaedic surgery interest group at Boston University School of Medicine is dedicated to providing interested medical students with further exposure to the field of Orthopaedic Surgery. To this end, we seek to provide medical students with an early exposure to orthopaedics; to provide a stress-free environment through which medical students can share ideas and interests within orthopaedics; to introduce medical students to research in orthopaedic surgery; to provide information regarding residency and fellowship opportunities in orthopaedics."

OTOLARYNGOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

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The mission of the Otolaryngology Interest Group is to expose BUSM students to various aspects of the field of otolaryngology. In addition we hope to provide a valuable resource for students who have an early interest in otolaryngology. Although some exposure to the anatomy of the ear, nose, and throat is provided in the gross anatomy course, our group attempts to expand on this knowledge by scheduling regular talks and demonstrations from professionals in the field. The interest group also seeks to provide a small setting for students to ask and discuss questions about the role of an otolaryngologist, entering a residency program, or any other topic related to the field.

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Our mission is to fulfill the unmet needs of the medically underserved populations in the Greater Boston area, particularly with regard to health care and access to services, while providing an opportunity for students to learn skills in community outreach.

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"The Pediatrics Education and Development Society (PEDS) is dedicated to connecting students with an interest in pediatrics, educating them about the field, and providing mentor and community outreach opportunities. Through monthly lunch talks, students learn about the residency application process, skills and techniques specific to pediatrics, and the variety of specialties that are available to those who match in pediatrics. Other talks explore child advocacy and the issues facing children on global, national, and local levels. PEDS also gives students the opportunity to volunteer at BMC in pediatrics throughout the year and participate in the Child Health and Advocacy Project, a paid summer service-learning experience for BUSM I students interested in pediatrics and urban advocacy."

PEER ADVISING COMMITTEE

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The mission of the Peer Advising (PA) Program is to provide advice and student perspective about life and learning at BUSM in an informal way to all medical students, primarily in 1st and 2nd year. Peer advising is the student complement to the more formal advising provided by the Academies of Advisors. Through the PA Program, medical students will gain informed student perspective on BUSM that is based on their Peer Advisor's personal experience at BUSM. Formal academic advising will continue to be provided by the Deans and Academy Advisors.

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Physicians for Human (PHR) mobilizes health professionals to advance health, dignity and justice, and promotes the right to health for all. Harnessing the specialized skills, rigor, and passion of doctors, nurses, public health specialists and scientists, PHR investigates human rights abuses and works to stop them. PHR's work and research can be found anywhere from conflict zones, to AIDS-ravaged Africa, to US prisons and immigration detention centers. The BUSM Physicians for Human Rights Chapter seeks to highlight such work, as well as those physicians who document and fight human rights abuses on behalf of their patients at BMC.

PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION STUDENT INTEREST GROUP

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The Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Student Interest Group was created with the purpose of increasing awareness of PM&R and helping interested students in pursuing a career in Phsiatry.

Physiatrists tend to the assessment, care and management of a wide array of extremely complicated medical issues (e.g. Trauma Brain Injury, Stroke, Spinal Cord Injury, Orthotics/Prosthetics, Sports Medicine, Pain, Musculoskeletal and Neurologic deficits, Rheumatologic ailments, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and many others) with a mind and plan to maximize functional outcomes, to help reconstitute the best possible *Quality of Life* for patients. We will seek opportunities to enrich the medical school curriculum with exposure to the clinical reasoning, purpose and need for Rehabilitation in the lives of our patients. Interested students can look forward to talks with invited PM&R specialists, residents, patients and disability advocacy groups from around our community and the country. Students contemplating residency training in PM&R will have a resource of ever-increasing information regarding the specialty, the nationally available programs and advice for how to best plan and navigate the application process.

PLASTIC SURGERY INTEREST GROUP

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The Plastic Surgery Interest Group (PSIG) at Boston University School of Medicine has been created to expose medical students to the field of plastic surgery. During the course of medical school, students are not directly exposed to plastic surgery. PSIG will encourage collaboration between the plastic surgeons at Boston Medical Center and the students at BUSM. We hope to generate interest in medical students early on in their education such that they familiarize themselves with the field and as a potential profession. With the support of the Department of Plastic Surgery, students will be able to not only gain exposure and guidance to the field, but also pursue shadowing and research opportunities.

PREVENTIVE AND INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE (PIMA)

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The Preventative and Integrative Medicine Association (PIMA) seeks to promote the exploration of integrative medicine therapies, as well as to emphasize their potential utility in modern medicine. We aim to further the dialogue between science and health by bringing together those interested in the clinical practice of body-mind medicine, as well as to underscore its role in the pursuit of healing of the individual. Also, we work to educate our medical campus about preventative medicine, to develop a holistic and integrative perspective of medical treatment.

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Project TRUST is a part of the Center for HIV/Aids Care and Research at Boston Medical Center and offers free and confidential rapid HIV and Hepatitis C testing and counseling services. The staff speaks multiple languages and is experienced in providing counseling and risk reduction services. The project also conducts educational presentations at treatment centers, halfway houses, rehab centers, schools, and shelters. Testing is available Monday through Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Project TRUST offers 3 different HIV tests (Rapid Test, Serum Test, OMT), testing for Hepatitis B & C, and STD testing for diseases such as Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis. The project is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Our primary goals are to identify all new cases of HIV and link them to care and ultimately to reduce the number of new HIV infections.

PSYCHIATRY SOCIETY

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Since its inception in 2004, the Psychiatry Student Interest Group has served as a bridge between medical students and a career in psychiatry providing knowledge and guidance in order to fuel enthusiasm for psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM). We are committed to providing informative presentations by decorated psychiatrists and assisting and advising students on an individual basis. The Psychiatry Student Interest Group strives to serve the students of BUSM and to find new and innovative ways to contribute to the community.

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The Boston University School of Medicine Radiology Interest Group's primary goals are to enhance medical student's knowledge of the field of radiology, to introduce clinical activities in the various areas of radiology, and to provide students with direct contact with radiology faculty.

We are passionate about educating a diverse group of students with information and resources about research opportunities in radiology, as well as exposing them to what a career in radiology may hold. We aim to support and guide medical students considering applying to radiology residency programs by creating opportunities for mentor-student relationships between radiology faculty. We aim to expose medical students to the residency program application process and expectations of residency by hosting sessions with residency directors as well as current residents and attendings in the radiology department. By providing such opportunities we hope to enable medical students to make informed decisions regarding a future career in the field of radiology, and to help them become well-rounded and competitive applicants as they prepare for residency.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROJECT (SAVAP)

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Sexual Assault and violence Awareness Project aims to raise awareness, provide education, and help prepare medical students and residents to work with survivors of sexual, domestic, and community violence in a variety of health care settings.

Our goals are to:

1. Provide students with an overview of the unique physical and mental health concerns facing

- survivors of various forms of violence.
2. Introduce students to forensic evidence collection and legal processes
 3. Teach students the basic counseling skills required to work with trauma survivors, and
 4. Prepare students for the significant emotional aspects of working with survivors of sexual trauma, domestic abuse, and other forms of community violence.

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- 1) To act as the representative body for pre-doctoral medical students in Boston University School of Medicine. To maintain a body of funds and values obtained by collection of an annual fee from its student constituents, and by other means and to disburse these and all other monies of values in this body of funds in the interests of the student body.
- 2) To hear and solicit students' opinions concerning issues which may be of interest or importance to them and to keep the student body informed on all such matters. A liaison position will be held open for a representative of the graduate student body.
- 3) To facilitate the participation of students in the decision-making and policy-implementing processes at BUMC.
- 4) To promote reciprocal and constructive communications between faculty and students.

STUDENT INTEREST GROUP IN MEDICAL EDUCATION (SIGME)

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The Student Interest Group in Medical Education (SIGME) believes that all physicians, by the nature of their training paths and chosen careers, will also be educators for the rest of their lives. Specifically, physicians will be responsible for teaching and inspiring medical students, interns, residents, fellow physicians, and most importantly, their patients. To this end, SIGME aims to inspire medical students to hone their teaching skills at an early stage of their training. We will do so by:

- Inviting physicians to discuss the myriad of career opportunities available in academic medicine
- Holding interactive student workshops to demonstrate and practice relevant teaching skills
- Exploring various pedagogical models and styles

By learning to appreciate life on the other side of the lecture hall, students will gain perspective on their own futures as physicians. Members will begin their lifelong development as professional medical educators, guided by the academic community.

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1. Make medical students aware of opportunities available in the field of neurology.
2. Further neurologic knowledge of medical students.
3. Provide opportunities for medical students to participate in activities related to the field of neurology including: discussions by neurologists, patient presentations, seminars, journal clubs, learning materials, and arranged shadowing of neurologists in the work place.

STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SNMA)

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The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is the nation's oldest and largest student organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical student of color. Membership includes more than 8,000 medical students, pre-medical students, residents and physicians. Established in 1964 by medical students from Howard University and Meharry Medical Schools, the SNMA boasts over 40 years of service to underserved communities and medical students. SNMA programs are designed to serve the health needs of underserved communities and communities of color. In addition, SNMA is dedicated both to ensuring that medical education and services are culturally sensitive to the needs of diverse populations and to increasing the number of African-American, Latino, and other students of color entering and completing medical school.

STUDENT NUTRITION AWARENESS AND ACTION COUNCIL (SNAAC)

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The mission of SNAAC is to improve medical student understanding of nutrition and obesity medicine by helping the medical school sustain vertical integration of nutrition in the curriculum and providing extracurricular opportunities for SNAAC members. SNAAC will provide up-to-date information in the rapidly evolving field of nutrition, host expert speakers in related fields, and create student workshops on nutrition counseling techniques. SNAAC will also provide diverse opportunities --community outreach, clinical practice, advocacy, and research— for medical students more actively involved in the group. Through the work of SNAAC, medical students will graduate with greater confidence in assessing and counseling patients at nutritional risk. Due to the pervasive effects of poor nutrition and obesity-related illness, these improved interviewing and counseling skills will be applicable to the practices of all future physicians.

STUDENT ONCOLOGY SOCIETY

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"We aim to introduce medical students to the world of oncology, the various fields within oncology, types of treatments, collaboration between physicians in different specialties, and how to deal with potentially fatal conditions on a regular basis."

SURGICAL SOCIETY

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The Surgical Society was established to foster interest in general surgery and the surgical sub-specialties among medical students at Boston University. Our goal is to introduce students to the field of surgery and to prepare them for third-year surgical clerkships, regardless of their future specialty choice. We host a series of morning seminars given by faculty members representing different surgical specialties at Boston Medical Center. Topics covered include residency placement, research interests, and case presentations. Each semester we organize suture workshops where first and second year students can learn the fundamentals of wound closure and basic suturing techniques. We also host a lunchtime panel with residents from general surgery and other surgical specialties. All students are welcome to attend the breakfast seminars and workshops.

UNITE FOR SIGHT

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Unite for Sight's chapter volunteers are trained to reduce barriers to care by serving as advocates

for community members. Chapter volunteers train teachers to identify visual issues among their students, and they also inform teachers about how to coordinate free eye care for any uninsured students. The chapter volunteers similarly train the staff at community centers (i.e. soup kitchens, homeless shelters, free clinics, etc.) about the resources available for their clients to receive free eye care through professional organizations such as the American Academy of Ophthalmology (EyeCare America) and American Optometric Association (VisionUSA). Each chapter eliminates blindness in their community by enabling thousands each year to be connected with free eye care by eye care professionals. Unite for Sight supports eye clinics worldwide by investing human and financial resources in their social ventures to eliminate patient barriers to eye care. Unite for Sight applies best practices in eye care, public health, volunteerism, and social entrepreneurship to achieve our goal of high quality eye care for all. The programs are locally led and managed by ophthalmologists at Unite for Sight's partner eye clinics. Unite for Sight's international eye care services with partner local eye clinics are comprehensive, including examinations by local eye doctors, diagnosis and care for all treatable conditions, education, and prevention. This full range of services is delivered to the population year-round. Outreach services are brought to the people in their villages, in some cases including villages seven or more hours from the clinic. These patients are provided with follow up care by our outreach teams regularly throughout the year. To date, we have provided eye care services to more than 1,000,000 people worldwide, including more than 34,123 sight-restoring surgeries.

UNIVERSITIES ALLIED FOR ESSENTIAL MEDICINES (UAEM)

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As a global student organization, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines aims to:

- promote access to medicines for people in developing countries by changing norms and practices around university patenting and licensing
- ensure that university medical research meets the needs of the majority of the world's population
- empower students to respond to the access and innovation crisis.

The BU chapter seeks to raise awareness amongst students, faculty, researchers, clinicians, and administrators of the global disparities that exist in access to essential medicines and the solutions that are being used to address this problem. More specifically, we seek to effect positive, tangible change at our university and others by advocating for the adoption of socially responsible technology management policies.

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