

AFP Student Representative 2024 Annual Report

American Family Physician Student Representative

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Purpose & Scope of Work

American Family Physician (AFP) is the editorially independent, peer-reviewed, and evidence-based clinical journal of the AAFP. AFP delivers concise, easy-to-read clinical review articles for physicians and other health care professionals and serves as a resource for medical students. AFP's mission is to empower family physicians to improve the health of patients and communities as the leading source of medical information while advancing science and health equity.

As the student representative, I represent the voice of students on the board and disseminate information about the journal and its resources to medical students nationally. My tasks include opportunities to participate in medical editing and writing and contribute to the social media presence of the journal.

Activities& Achievements

- Social Media Outreach via X/Twitter and Instagram for journal promotion
- Participating in meetings with the Editorial Board focusing on social media strategy for the journal
- Planning and Execution of AFP Photo Contest
- Planning and Execution of AFP Quiz at the 2024 FMIG Breakfast (In Progress)
- Writing and publishing Practice Guidelines (In Progress)
- Peer-reviewing articles for publication (In Progress)

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on

The opportunity to serve as the Student Representative of the Editorial Board of the AFP Journal is the achievement, I am most proud of in my time in medical school. Having served on as a leader on my school's FMIG, a goal of mine was to obtain a national position and serve on a wider scale. Through this role, I have learned how to cultivate interest for Family Medicine scholarship amongst medical students nationally. I have contributed my skills in content creation and learned how to curate a social media presence for a professional organization. Through this experience I have learned the innerworkings of what it takes to publish a highly esteemed journal and support its mission. I have also had the opportunity to network with and learn from Family physicians who serve as editors and leaders on the board. I have acquired new skill sets in medical writing and editing that I would not have learned otherwise. As a future physician the importance of practicing evidence-based medicine was impressed

upon me early on in my studies and modeled by the physicians I worked with throughout my clinical rotations experience. It brings me great pleasure to be in capacity to learn how to empower my peers by sharing the AFP resources that they can utilize in all levels of training and in their practice. I am incredibly grateful to the esteemed Board members especially Dr. Sexton, AFP Journal Editor in Chief, for granting me this enriching opportunity. This has been an invaluable experience that will equip me to contribute to more scholarly projects in the future. I highly recommend other medical students to read the AFP journal and apply for the student representative position.

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