MEDICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

Alpha Omega Alpha
The Delta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society is an organization open to the no more than 1/6th of the graduating class. In accordance with the national constitution, scholastic achievement should be the primary but not sole basis for election of a student. Leadership capabilities, ethical standards, fairness in dealing with colleagues, potential for achievement in medicine, integrity, compassion, professionalism, conscientiousness, and a record of service to the school and community at large should be criteria considered in addition to the academic record. Memberships are also granted each year to a faculty member, an alum of the school, and a member of the housestaff or fellow each year.

American Medical Association - Medical Student Section
Dedicated to representing medical students, improving medical education, developing leadership and promoting activism for the health of America.

American Medical Student Association
The primary goal of AMSA is the initiation of student-organized projects for the benefit of medical students and the community on local, state and national levels. The development of hypertension clinics, presentations about venereal disease to area high schools, AIDS awareness programs and a drug-replacement program represent some of AMSA’s projects in past years.

American Medical Women’s Association
The AMWA promotes an understanding of the individual in medicine. Its membership is open to all interested men and women. AMWA’s programs include speakers on special topics, field trips, social projects and other activities of benefit to all students.

Association of American Medical Colleges - Organization of Student Representatives
The OSR is the student branch of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The OSR is charged with the representation of the undergraduate medical student body of the United States to the academic medical community.

Asian Pacific American Medical Students’ Association
The goals of APAMSA are to educate all medical students about health-care needs specific to the Asian Pacific community and to address issues important to Asian Pacific American medical students.

Christian Medical/Dental Society
This group is open to students of all faiths. The organization fosters greater understanding of spiritual concerns in relationship to health and well-being.

Global Medicine Relief Program
GMRP’s mission is to promote quality health care in under-served communities around the world by working with local doctors and health care professionals and by providing medical supplies and equipment; to provide dental, hygiene and basic health care supplies in areas of natural disaster; to promote human rights in developing regions by improving health infrastructure; to participate in a global community of organizations which are similarly dedicated to providing health care in developing regions; and to organize student groups at all educational levels in these humanitarian efforts. GMRP especially seeks to touch the lives of the most vulnerable people in any population and believes in the importance of assisting both internally and externally displaced refugees.

Gold Humanism Society
The Gold Humanism Society is sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and is closely linked to the Sirridge Office of Medical Humanities.

Medical Student Advisory Council
The MSAC serves as the student government body in the School of Medicine and is comprised of student-elected representatives who focus on promoting student interests, keeping the administration informed of student opinion and organizing social activities. MSAC serves as an umbrella organization for student interest groups in the areas of Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Internal Medicine, International Medicine, Med/Peds, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Psychiatry, Spanish in Medicine, and Surgery.
Sojourner Clinic
The Sojourner Health Clinic is a free clinic developed and managed by UMKC Medical Students to provide outpatient care to the homeless and underprivileged population served by Grand Avenue United Methodist Temple. On Sunday afternoons, the students, with faculty supervision, provide acute and chronic medical care to the Sojourners of downtown Kansas City, many of whom also are served a free hot lunch at Grand Avenue Temple.

Student National Medical Association
The promotion of the interests of minority students is the foundation of the SNMA. Leadership development, social awareness, service to humanity and excellence as physicians are the major objectives of this group.

Student Wellness Council
The Student Wellness Council promotes healthy habits and wellness amongst UMKC School of Medicine students.

Publications
A monthly publication of the school, P.R.N., provides information on school programs, policies and student activities and is distributed online to School of Medicine students, their families and faculty. A quarterly magazine, Panorama, is primarily distributed to alumni, affiliated hospitals and friends of the school and is available throughout the school.