

# National and Chapter news

## **ΑΩ Award for Excellence in Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in Medical Education and Patient Care**

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society is proud to announce the recipients of its Award for Excellence in Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in Medical Education and Patient Care. The 2022 awards go to:



The Ohio State University College of Medicine (OSUCOM) where a diversity of cultures and life experiences strengthens their mission to provide evidence-based health care and academics. OSUCOM has many youth outreach and pipeline programs including MD Camp, which is a student run, immersive, three-week camp geared toward underrepresented minority students to expose them to the various facets of health care careers. The Medical Careers Pathway Post Baccalaureate Program (MEDPATH) is a one-year program to help students develop the academic skills and knowledge necessary for matriculation into medical school. In addition, OSUCOM has implemented an anti-racism curriculum with students participating in lectures, courses, and assessments. OSUCOM also has several student-run free clinics that are for underserved and underinsured populations including the Noor Community Clinic (Middle Eastern and African populations), the Asian Free Clinic, La Clinica Latina, and the Columbus Free Clinic which includes the Rainbow Clinic specializing in the LGBTQIA+ population.



Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania endeavors to improve access for underrepresented individuals to pursue their dreams of becoming physicians. Pipeline initiatives include the Educational Pipeline Program that recruits high school students from West Philadelphia and provides year-round programming with school-day classes, and a summer component. The Johnson Scholars Program focuses on students identifying as First-Generation Low Income and provides mentorship, academic support, community engagement, research opportunities, and access

to leadership training. Penn Access Summer Scholars Program (PASS) is highly selective and is focused on URM undergraduates at several institutions, providing mentorship, shadowing experiences, career narratives and an intensive two summers of research along with linkage admission into Perelman School of Medicine.

## **ΑΩ Professionalism Award**

Recognizing best practices in medical professionalism education, the 2022 Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Professionalism Award has been awarded to NYU Grossman School of Medicine for its Professional Identity Formation curriculum.



NYU Grossman School of Medicine is being recognized for its Professional Identity Formation Curriculum that takes multiple approaches over the three to four years of undergraduate medical education to instill professional values in medical students and provoke their evolving reflections on what professionalism within a medical career means. The curriculum includes lectures, workshops, a series of professional identity essays written throughout the students education journey, and personal coaching and feedback. The curriculum is designed to ensure students enter the modern world of medicine with the tools needed to navigate its increasingly complex challenges with professionalism.