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LOCAL STUDENT CONTINUES LEADERSHIP ON THE STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SNMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The 2022 SNMA Annual Medical Education Conference (AMEC) was from April 13th – April 17th. At this convention, **Jerome S. Arceneaux** was elected to the position of **Region X Director**. At the 2022 AMEC, medical students and professionals attended a wide range of educational and networking events. It is consistently the largest gathering of underrepresented minority medical students at any time of the year in any place in the nation.

Jerome is from Houston, TX, by way of Hayden, AL. Jerome graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a BS in Biochemistry with Departmental Honors. Currently, Jerome is a rising eighth-year MD/PhD candidate at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. His PhD will be in Biomedical Sciences with a concentration in Neuroscience. His dissertation research is under Dr. Rebecca Ihrie at Vanderbilt University's Vanderbilt Brain Institute (VBI), where he is elucidating the unique collection of markers seen on the diagnostic cells of focal cortical dysplasia (FCD). Not only is he a student, but Jerome is also the Region X Regional Director of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), the SNMA Liaison to the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), and the Executive Vice President of the Pre-Alumni Association at Meharry Medical College. This past year, Jerome had the privilege to serve as the National Vice President of the SNMA, the Executive Vice President of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at Meharry Medical College School of Graduate Studies and Research, and the Meharry Co-President of the Meharry-Vanderbilt Student Alliance (MVSA).



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Outside of school organizations, Jerome is an active teaching assistant (TA), and he tutors all subjects the medical and graduate schools offer at Meharry Medical College. Jerome is very interested in pursuing a residency in Neurosurgery, specializing in Neurosurgical Oncology, and his research focus as a physician-scientist will be to understand the cellular, molecular, and synaptic adaptations underlying solid-brain tumors. When he is not conducting experiments, scouring the literature, or teaching eager students, Jerome enjoys spending time with his friends, eating out (According to Jerome, a great Happy Hour and Brunching are KEY!), watching TV, reading, and riding his bike. For as long as Jerome can remember, he has been interested in pursuing medicine, and he feels completely honored and privileged to be a part of the Meharry Family—a family which has afforded him the opportunity to discover his passion for advocacy of marginalized groups, a family which has ignited his desire to educate the next generation, a family which has provided him the gift of acceptance, but, most importantly, a family which has shown him his SNMA family—a family that has very intimate ties with the SNMA as a founding chapter.

More Than 1,500 medical and pre-medical students, physicians, exhibitors, administrators, government officials, and observers attended the 2022 AMEC. It is truly a distinct honor for Jerome to be elected to his position.

The theme of the 2022 AMEC was: **The Emergence: Achieving Purpose In An Era Of Health Advocacy, Equity and Reform.** The SNMA follows its mission by creating programming initiatives to support current and future underrepresented minority medical students. Members simultaneously address the needs of underserved communities. The SNMA also works to increase the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent, and socially conscious physicians. For more information, please visit www.snma.org.

About the SNMA

Founded in 1964 by medical students from Howard University College of Medicine and Meharry Medical College, the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is the nation's oldest and largest, independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. Organized with chapters across the nation, the SNMA membership includes over 7,000 medical students, pre-medical students and physicians. SNMA is dedicated to increasing the number of African-American, Latino, and other students of color entering and completing medical school and to assisting in the eradication of racial and ethnic health disparities. SNMA community service and mentoring programs provide science appreciation, health care education, mentoring, and academic enrichment to elementary, junior high school, high school and college students interested in pursuing health-related careers.