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WR NAMME BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

We are pleased to announce that the election to fill the Western Region (WR) NAMME Executive Board was a success. Thank you to all who cast their votes. The Executive Board provides leadership, implements initiatives, and supports the general membership of the WR NAMME. Positions are held for a minimum of 3 years and board members convene for online meetings and annual regional or national conferences throughout the year. Thank you for your contributions and service to the students in our region!

If you are looking for a way to serve future healthcare students and work with a great group of like-minded and motivated individuals, please consider joining our board.

The following positions are currently vacant:

1) Budget & Finance 2) Director-Elect 3) Elections/Nominations & 4) Treasurer.

Please contact Dr. Winona Lee at winonal@hawaii.edu if you would like more information regarding these positions.

*Thank you to the following board members for your service! We wish you the best in your future endeavors:
Dr. Malia Lee, Dr. Kenneth Durgans, & Dr. Peter Corridon*

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

The Western Region is proud to announce the official launch of our Student Ambassador Program. The Student Ambassadors are college students from the western region serving on our Executive Board. They will work closely with the Western Region Board to develop student lead activities advocating on behalf of their peers in health professions training programs throughout the Western Region. They will also educate the Western Region NAMME on current cultural and educational trends that are deemed useful in enhancing students' learning environments, and receive one-on-one mentoring and advising from WR Board members.

The WR has sponsored their NAMME student membership and will provide funding for future regional meetings. We look forward to the dialogue and initiatives created to strengthen the newest generation of NAMME!

Please join us in welcoming our first cohort:

- Hanifa Ha: Pharmacy, Pacific University, in Portland, OR
- Erina Horikawa: Medicine, Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine in Spokane, WA
- Jassica Kailey: pre-medicine, University of Nevada at Reno, NV
- Wajeha Mahmoud: Pre-Dentistry, Western University in Pomona, CA
- Piueti Maka: Medicine, John A. Burns School of Medicine in Honolulu, HI



*Top Row Left to Right: Hanifa Ha, Erina Horikawa, Jassica Kailey
Bottom Row: Wajeha Mahmoud, and Piueti Maka*

GAME CHANGERS FOR DIVERSITY 2020



*From Left to Right, Top Row: ASL Translators Carie Sarver, & Jenny Blake & Dr. Reena Thomas
Bottom Row: Dr. Kaiwipuni Lipe, Dean Camille Nelson, & Dr. Winona Lee*

Together with the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), the WR NAMME hosted a Diversity Matters workshop on September 18, 2020, titled **Game Changers for Diversity followed by the annual WR NAMME general meeting**. The speakers, Kaiwipuni Lipe, PhD, Native Hawaiian Affairs Office and Director of Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation at the University of Hawaii, Camille Nelson, LLB, LLM, Dean of the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law, and Reena Thomas, MD, PhD, Associate Dean, Office of Diversity in Medical Education, Stanford School of Medicine shared their work in regards to Diversity within their schools.

Thank you to those that were able to attend. If you would like to watch this talk visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kxejTROnjo&feature=youtu.be>

BLACK MEN IN WHITE COATS

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VIRTUAL
PREMIERE**

FEBRUARY 26 TO
FEBRUARY 28

CLAIM YOUR TICKET HERE

This documentary dissects the systemic barriers preventing black men from becoming medical doctors and the consequences on society.



BLACK MEN WHITE COATS 2021

In partnership with the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence, the Western Region (WR) offered a free virtual screening of Black Men in White Coats. The online screening was made available to WR members from February 26-28, 2021. This powerful documentary explored how health care, the national economy, and the lives of all citizens benefit when our medical workforce better reflects the diversity of our population. All 300 available tickets were utilized by WR NAMME, JABSOM, and community partners.

A trailer of the movie can be seen at <https://trailer.bmwcmovie.com/trailer1602557931782>

ASK NAMME 2021






An exciting new virtual series was launched in January 2021 that is open to all NAMME members - ASK NAMME. The Western Region had the privilege of hosting the ASK NAMME session held on March 23, 2021, entitled *Steps to Increasing Diversity of the Physician Assistant Workforce - Promising Pathways*. The pre-recorded presentation was followed by a live Q and A session by western region members and colleagues from The Primary Care Physician Assistant Program and the Keck School of Medicine USC who shared their promising pathway programs and key strategies to increasing workforce diversity.

To view a list of future NAMME events go to:
<https://namme.wildapricot.org/events>

ASK NAMME PRESENTS

STEPS TO INCREASING DIVERSITY OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WORKFORCE - PROMISING PATHWAYS

Join us for a pre-recorded webinar followed by a Live Q and A by our esteemed panelists from The Primary Care Physician Assistant Program at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California

 Kevin Lohenry, PhD, PA-C Director of Physician Assistant Program, Associate Dean for Graduate Student Affairs Clinical Professor of Family Medicine (Clinician Educator)	 Maria Maldonado, MPH, MPAP, PA-C Director of Pipeline Recruitment Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine (Clinician Educator)	 Janice Tramel, MS-HPE, PA-C Emeritus Instructor of Clinical Family Medicine
 Lillie Hudson MSPA, MPH, PA-C Clinical Instructor of Family Medicine (Clinician Educator)	 Alberto Valloje, PhD Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine (Clinician Educator)	 Darryl Mayo, MPAS, PA Clinical Instructor of Family Medicine (Clinician Educator)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (EST)
ZOOM
Register Below:
<https://namme.wildapricot.org/event-4171840>

save the date

2021

- **May 25** - Ask NAMME: Professional Development (Telling Our Story: Writing Workshop for Diversity and Inclusion Scholars)
- **June 22** - Ask NAMME: Advisors Summit-co-sponsorship with NAAHP
- **July 27** - Ask NAMME: Black Males in Healthcare Roundtable- Strategies and Interventions-Co-sponsorship with AAMC Commission on Black Males in Medicine and Divine Nine Fraternities
- **August 24** - Professional Development
- **September 24** - WR NAMME Virtual Regional Meeting. This 1/2 day program will include a regional business meeting and professional development activities for faculty, staff, and students.

2022

- **September 15-18** - NAMME Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA

Have a program, story, or accomplishment you would like to share in the next annual WR NAMME Newsletter? Email Kim at kimy@hawaii.edu