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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT AUC

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC) is proud to enroll a diverse student body. With a wide variety of interests and backgrounds, our students foster a vibrant campus community that is both active and inclusive. Our more than 25 clubs and organizations allow students to connect with one another and develop unique learning opportunities while progressing through medical school.

Clubs are organized around a broad array of interests related to health and the practice of medicine, and include organizations focused on religion, ethnicity and culture, professional focus, and

commitment to philanthropy. Many student organizations provide opportunities for service leadership in cooperation with local, national, and international foundations such as the Sint Maarten Ministry of Health, the Positive Foundation, the American Red Cross, #HappyPeriod, as well as shelters, foster homes, and island schools.

Students also play an important role in leadership at AUC by participating in Curriculum Committees, teaching assistant and tutoring positions, and by serving as representatives on the Admissions Committee and Judiciary Board.



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Alpha Omega Phi – Honor & Service Society (AΩΦ)

The Alpha Omega Phi Honor and Service Society is a non-profit organization whose goals are to promote community awareness, support, and education through community service while maintaining a high academic standard. The organization is designed to encourage and recognize academic excellence, character, morality, and conduct befitting the field of medicine. Members, inducted at the beginning of their fifth semester, have earned a cumulative GPA of 85 or higher, have a demonstrated record of school/community service, and exhibit qualities of leadership, excellence, and dedication to the community.

- Key Attributes :
 - Community Awareness
 - Academic Excellence
 - Community Service
 - Leadership
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American Medical Student Association (AMSA)

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is a student-governed and student-run organization dedicated to giving students experiences outside of the standard medical curriculum at AUC. AMSA draws on the diverse background and training of their members to provide these opportunities, through seminars, workshops, and forums. A few examples of events that AUC AMSA has hosted include suturing workshops, EKG clinics, phlebotomy workshops (drawing blood), case studies, diabetes workshops, and much more.

- Key Attributes :
 - Community Volunteering
 - Community Awareness
 - Philanthropy
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American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is an organization of over 10,000 physicians and medical students dedicated to improving women's health and the advancement of women in medicine. AMWA was founded by Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen in 1915, at a time when women physicians were an under-represented minority. Over the past 100+ years, AMWA has taken an active role in addressing problems and issues related to women's health. The AUC chapter of AMWA strives to promote the goal of improving women's health through a variety of activities held throughout the semesters. Regular events include our mentorship program, lecture series, and community outreach programs.

- Key Attributes :
 - Empowering Women
 - Advocacy
 - Women's Health Awareness
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Anatomy Teaching Assistants (TAS)

The Anatomy Teaching Assistants (TAs) are a select group of students who excelled in Anatomy during their first semester at AUC and were individually chosen by department faculty to participate in the program. TAs, though treated as junior faculty, are students who volunteer their time because they enjoy the subject material and want to teach others. It is their hope to be able to pass on to their fellow students a few “pearls” of wisdom that may make the transition as a first year medical student a successful one.

- Key Attributes :
 - Commitment to Peer-to-Peer Learning
 - Dedicated to Continuing Anatomy Education
 - Team Based Environment
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Asian Student Medical Association (ASMA)

The Asian Students Medical Association (ASMA) aims to provide fellowship and community service opportunities for AUC students interested in Asian culture and all students of Asian descent. The organization hopes to promote awareness of Asian culture, while also serving the Sint Maarten community at large. ASMA's fundraisers benefit the local branch of the international Tzu Chi Foundation, a widely recognized charitable organization founded upon Buddhist principles with aims to serve through charity, medicine, education, and humanistic culture. With the support of AUC's diverse student body, ASMA strives to be a successful organization of fellowship, community service, and cultural awareness.

- Key Attributes :
 - Enriching Medicine through Diversity
 - Professional Development
 - Integrative Medicine
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Black Medical Student Association (BMSA)

The primary mission of the Black Medical Student Association (BMSA) is to serve as an academic, social, and professional support network for its members, as well as a service organization for the community. BMSA is committed to addressing the special health needs of the Black community, educating themselves and the greater medical student community on issues of minority health, and eliminating racial/ethnic health care disparities. BMSA is a special and unique community that supports, motivates, inspires, encourages, and uplifts each other while simultaneously working to achieve their goals.

- Key Attributes :
 - Community Service
 - Student Support
 - Social Awareness
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Canadian Medical Students Association (CMSA)

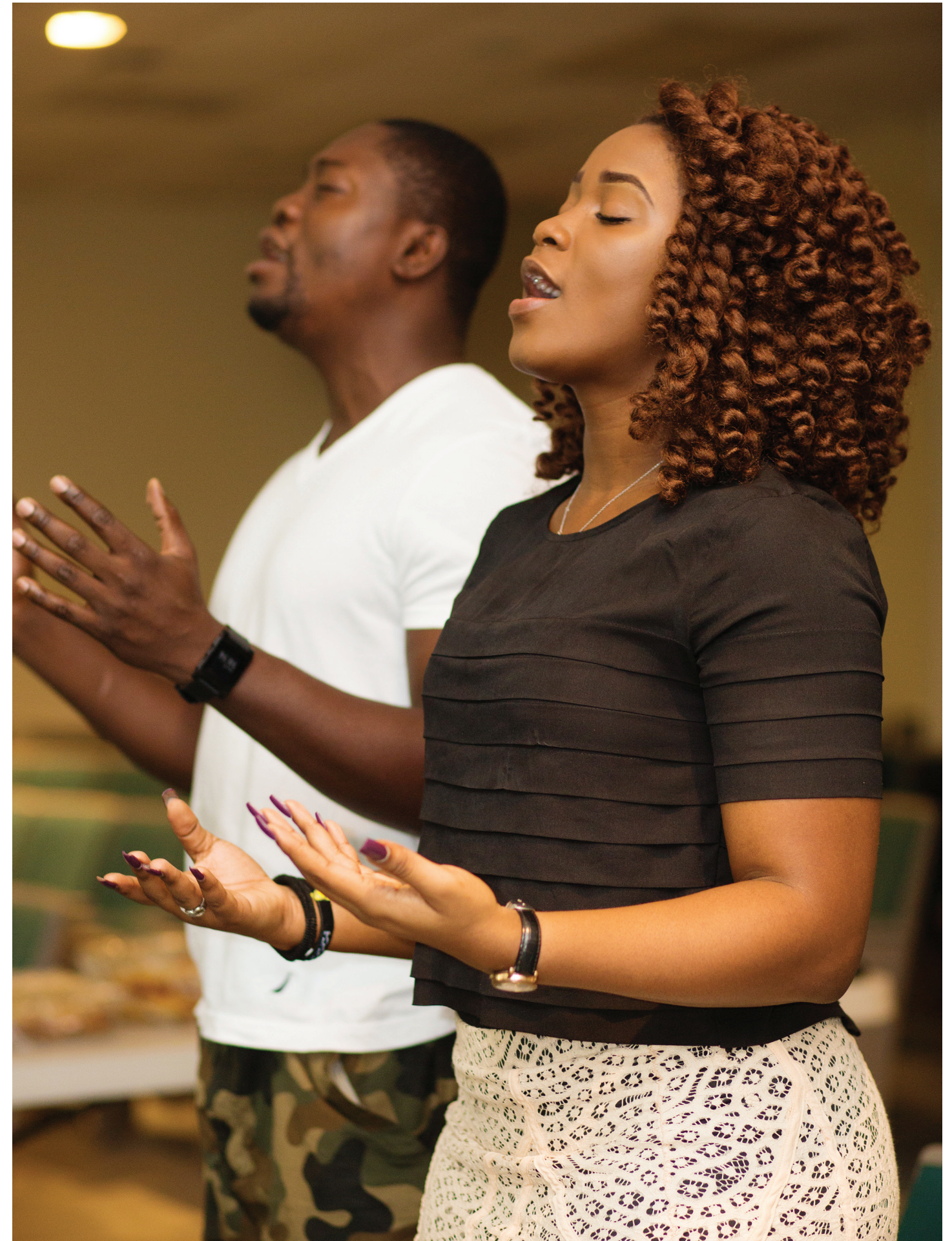
The Canadian Medical Student Association (CMSA) is a student-run organization with three goals: to help and support the Canadian students at AUC in their pursuit of medicine, to share and celebrate Canadian culture with other students, and to respect and give back to the community of Sint Maarten. Canadians at AUC face unique challenges and obstacles in their journey from medical student to practicing doctor; CMSA aims to aid them as much as possible in this respect. CMSA is primarily composed of Canadian students from across Canada but strongly encourages students of other nationalities to join. CMSA has events celebrating Canada Day, Thanksgiving, and other Canadian holidays. CMSA also holds fundraising events such as the road hockey tournament. CMSA strongly encourages all students at AUC to join and experience Canadian culture and all it has to offer.

- Key Attributes :
 - Cultural Awareness
 - Togetherness
 - Community Involvement
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Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA)

The Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), founded more than seventy years ago, functions as a network for information, training, and fellowship in an effort to integrate faith into the practice of medicine. The national organization offers mission opportunities as well as mentor match programs during residency. The AUC chapter of CMDA provides an opportunity for community service events, ethical and current event symposiums, as well as social events.

- Key Attributes :
 - Unity
 - Service
 - Compassion
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Dr. Dale Van Wormer Student Judiciary Committee (SJC)

The Dr. Dale Van Wormer Student Judiciary Committee (SJC) is a student run organization that deals with student-to-student conflicts and infractions of the AUC Honor Code. They rely on the student body to report any unethical or unprofessional behaviors and trust that the committee will handle them appropriately. Depending on the situation, the SJC will decide if peer mediation and/or a hearing are necessary. Confidentiality and fairness are maintained at all times and the SJC strives to resolve any issue at hand. Their goal is to promote an environment at AUC that is not only conducive to learning, but is trustworthy, respectable, and is in accordance with the ethics and values set forth by the medical community. Members consist of students in the second to fifth semesters.

- Key Attributes :
 - Ethics
 - Professionalism
 - Collegiality

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Gender & Sexuality Interest Group

Gender & Sexuality Interest Group (GSIG) is a group of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) medical students and heterosexual allies who have a firm commitment to embracing diversity on AUC's campus. Their mission is to ensure a safe and friendly academic environment for LGBT, Intersex and Questioning students, staff and faculty in the medical community at AUC. GSIG works to foster understanding and tolerance of all sexualities, cultures, and ethnicities among the entire student body. Furthermore, they aim to provide LGBT-related training to fellow students in order to improve the healthcare of LGBT, Intersex, and Questioning patients.

- Key Attributes :
 - Advocacy
 - Education
 - Equality in Healthcare

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Global Health Club

The purpose of the Global Health Club is two-fold: 1) to inform medical students of current global health events in relation to the field of medicine and 2) to inspire and encourage medical students to become well-rounded physicians who are culturally sensitive to their patients.

- Key Attributes :
 - Inform
 - Change
 - Culture

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Jewish Medical Students Association (JMSA)

The Jewish Medical Students Association (JMSA) is a growing, enthusiastic community of students and faculty members who meet regularly to support Jewish life at AUC. JMSA brings Jewish awareness to the campus to unite students of Jewish and other faiths, as well as interacting with the local community in Sint Maarten. JMSA performs community service, holds information sessions, and convenes students for social and holiday gatherings. JMSA looks forward to educating students on the integration between medical and Jewish religious values. They invite anyone who is interested to join!

- Key Attributes :
 - Traditional
 - Community
 - Friendship
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Journal Club

Journal Club provides a forum for students and faculty to discuss and question clinical literature findings. Meetings are led by a student facilitator who provides a program guide including questions and key points of discussion.

- Key Attributes :
 - Curiosity
 - Self-Motivated
 - Plucky
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Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)

The Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) at AUC is a chapter of the national LMSA organization. The purpose of LMSA is to promote the Latino culture in the field of medicine and in the AUC community, to educate medical students on Latino health issues, and to be a lobbying force for Latino medical students. They assist in the recruitment and retention of Latino medical students, inspire members of the organization to achieve academic excellence, enforce awareness of the need for bilingual medical doctors, and make AUC students, faculty, and staff aware of the Latino culture, concerns, and issues facing the future of medicine. LMSA aims to provide a bridge between the Latino community and other cultures that populate AUC, and to promote outreach to the Latino community in the surrounding area.

- Key Attributes :
 - Compassion
 - Embracing Cultural Diversity
 - Generosity
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Muslim Student Association (MSA)

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) was established to serve the best interests of Islam and of students at AUC, to meet the needs of Muslim and all interested students, to bring Islamic awareness on campus, and to educate AUC students on Islamic customs and values. MSA aims to educate future AUC physicians, in particular, on treating Muslim women patients. MSA performs community-based projects and programs to enrich Islamic understanding, and coordinates and manages the human and material resources of all students. MSA intends to educate the AUC community through movie nights, seminars, pamphlets, and other learning opportunities.

• Key Attributes :

- Unite
- Educate
- Advocate

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Phi Chi (ΦΧ)

Phi Chi is AUC's community service fraternity. It is a national medical fraternity with many chapters throughout the United States.

Phi Chi works every semester with a local soup kitchen, an orphanage, and is currently working with an elementary school in Phillipsburg to provide the supplies that they need. Phi Chi also hosts events and parties throughout the semester at AUC. If you are interested in pledging for this fraternity, please come to the Welcome Back party hosted by Phi Chi at the beginning of the semester (signs are posted in the Rotunda).

• Key Attributes :

- Service
- Community
- Solidarity

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Nutrition in Medicine Interest Group

The Nutrition in Medicine Interest Group seeks to educate and train future physicians on the role that nutrition plays in disease prevention and overall health and wellbeing in modern medical practice with an educational outreach to the Sint Maarten community.

• Key Attributes :

- Service
- Public Health
- Preventative Medicine

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South Asian Medical Student Association (SAMSA)

The South Asian Medical Student Association (SAMSA) is a student-run organization designed to bring together those who are interested in health issues affecting the South Asian community as well as educational and social issues pertaining to South Asians in medicine. SAMSA seeks to provide resources and education for improving Sint Maarten communities at large while fostering participation in both community service and outreach programs.

• Key Attributes :

- Cultural Awareness & Outreach
- Promoting Healthy Lifestyle
- Advancing Education

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Spouses Organization

The Spouses Organization is designed to foster fellowship and community involvement to couples and families associated with AUC through its activities, finance, and education committees. Those accompanying a student to AUC are encouraged to contact the Sponsor Program in advance for personal assistance in transitioning to island life.

- Key Attributes :
 - Supporting Spouses & Families
 - Sharing Information
 - Building Community
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 - aucspousesorg@gmail.com

Student Government Association (SGA)

The Student Government Association (SGA) is a student run organization that works closely with the administration at AUC to address student issues and serve as the interface between the student body and the faculty. SGA offers resources to make students' educational experience a success. The SGA council is made up of an executive council and student representatives for each semester class as well as a representative from each AUC student organization. Becoming a class representative is a great way to be involved and develop leadership skills while at AUC.

The SGA looks forward to welcoming new students to AUC.

- Key Attributes :
 - Student Advocates
 - Diverse
 - Accountable
 - Engaged
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Student Experience Ambassador Program (SEA)

Through this program, a small group of medical sciences students help share the AUC story and experiences with our growing network. Ambassadors organize campus wide events, write and curate content, produce and direct videos that unite and engage the AUC student body.

- Key Attributes :
 - Sharing Information
 - Cultural Awareness & Outreach
 - Documenting the Student Experience
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Student Volunteer Committee(SVC)

The Student Volunteer Committee (SVC) leads key community service and philanthropic events at AUC. The organization helps to coordinate Community Action Day, a semesterly event at AUC that mobilizes hundreds of students to volunteer service projects around Sint Maarten. SVC regularly holds fundraising drives to outfit youth with critically needed school supplies. SVC also provides leadership for the Breakfast Club which supports breakfast for children at three Sint Maarten schools through an ongoing fundraising program.

- Key Attributes :
 - Community Service
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - Unifying Student Body & Sint Maarten Community
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SPECIALTY INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

One of the biggest decisions a medical student will have to make is what kind of physician they want to be. Our specialty interest groups or “SIGs” help students explore various medical specialties and career paths early in their education and training.

Driven by students and with mentorship from an AUC faculty advisor, SIGs meet regularly to discuss topics and issues related to a particular medical specialty—everything from the training required for that specialty to current and trending issues, clinically relevant topics, lifestyle and practice opportunities, and how to succeed in the residency match. Students can also participate in a host of events and workshops with clinical students, clinical faculty, alumni, and other physician leaders who have established careers in a specialty of interest.

SIGs, like many of the student organizations at AUC, seek out opportunities to engage and support the community in Sint Maarten. Groups often work with local youth and community partners to develop educational programs, host health fairs, and create safety initiatives.

Special Interest Groups:

- EMSIG: Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group
- FMIG: Family Medicine Interest Group
- PIG: Pediatric Interest Group
- RIG: Radiology Interest Group
- SIG: Surgery Interest Group
- SIGN: Special Interest Group in Neurology

Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group (EMSIG)

The purpose of the Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group (EMSIG) is to expand understanding of emergency medicine and develop skills to prepare students for clinical rotations. Group meetings focus on skills and concepts geared toward emergency medicine that are also transferable to all areas of medicine. This contributes to the development of well-rounded, compassionate and highly competent physicians.

- Key Attributes :
 - Honor
 - Service
 - Confidence
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Pediatric Interest Group (PIG)

The Pediatric Interest Group (PIG) consists of both students who are interested in pediatric medicine as well as those eager for pediatric exposure in general. They provide AUC's student body with support and information about this field of medicine through pediatric-focused community service and clinically applicable learning activities. Some of these activities include health screenings and play dates with children from local orphanages in Sint Maarten.

- Key Attributes :
 - Community Service
 - Health Awareness
 - Clinical Applications
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 - pediatrics@students.aucmed.edu

Surgery Interest Group (SIG)

AUC's Surgery Interest Group (SIG) is an organization devoted to those interested in practicing surgery. SIG strives to provide a network of current and future physicians, as well as present information to gain insight within the specialty. This organization serves as a platform for building a family of professionals who are all devoted to the betterment of its colleagues and future patients.

- Key Attributes :
 - Service
 - Professionalism
 - Integrity
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 - sig@students.aucmed.edu

Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG)

The Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG), affiliated with the American Academy of Family Physicians, seeks to create a network of current and future practitioners of family medicine within the AUC community. FMIG strives to cultivate interest in family medicine, support professional development through seminars and workshops, provide opportunities for serving community, and promote social activities for its members.

- Key Attributes :
 - Family Medicine Awareness
 - Community-Oriented
 - Supportive
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Radiology Interest Group (RIG)

The Radiology Interest Group at AUC serves as a forum in which its members can receive information about the field, gain practical experience and mentoring, and meet to discuss a common interest in the field. For students considering a career in radiology, we aim to provide information to help them. The organization encourages and facilitates the academic growth of student members by hosting speakers who specialize in various fields of radiology.

- Key Attributes :
 - Service
 - Professionalism
 - Integrative Medicine
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Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN)

The AUC Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN) convenes students, alumni, faculty, and affiliated partners who are interested in the fields of adult or child neurology. The group was formed to educate, network, and provide a space for members to share experiences within the vast field of neurology. On campus, SIGN hosts wellness and mental health initiatives and provides students with an opportunity to participate in brain anatomy workshops.

- Key Attributes :
 - Service
 - Professionalism
 - Neurology Awareness
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