

**The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, 2010 - 2011**

Alpha Omega Alpha – Junior and senior medical students are selected for AOA membership based on scholastic achievement, first and foremost, followed by leadership capabilities, ethical standards, fairness with colleagues, and potential for achievement and record of service to both the University and the community at large. Once selected, members are expected to continue to promote scholarship and service through participation in a wide range of community activities and educational programs.

American Medical Student Association (AMSA) - The UT Southwestern chapter offers its member's opportunities to be involved with health care issues at the local, regional, national and international levels. The objectives of the American Medical Student Association are as follows:

“To be committed to the improvement of health care and health care delivery to all people;
To promote the active improvement of medical education; to involve its members in the social, moral and ethical obligations of the profession of medicine; to assist in the improvement and understanding of world health problems; to contribute to the welfare of medical students, interns,
Residents and post – M.D. /D.O. trainees; to advance the profession of medicine.”

AMSA CONSTITUTION

AMSA is the largest independent medical student organization in the country. A few benefits include a free subscription to *The New Physician*, a loan program, and several discounts, including health, life and car insurance, as well as travel discounts while often allied with other professional medical organizations. AMSA continues to be fiercely independent and expresses views important to students.

American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) - The American Medical Women's Association has served as the vision and voice of women in medicine for the past 90 years. The UT Southwestern chapter sponsors and organizes mentorship and networking opportunities as well as events to raise awareness of important issues, such as domestic violence, breast cancer and teen pregnancy. AMWA membership is open to all students and is dedicated to providing a sense of community for its members.

Argentine Tango Club – The main focus of this club is to organize Argentine tango classes at UT Southwestern in an effort to share our passion for this dance.

Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association – Founded in 2002, the Asian Pacific Medical Students Association is interested in promoting enjoyment of Asian and Pacific-Islander cultural activities and foods, educational awareness of Asian and Pacific-Islander health issues in the United States as well as UT Southwestern and the Dallas communities.

Badminton Club - The club is a student organization dedicated to promoting the sport of badminton, developing members' skills and providing a competitive and fun playing environment. We welcome students, faculty and staff players of all skill levels. The goal of the club is to bring together all badminton players at UT Southwestern by offering a healthy environment for competitive badminton and to clear the misconception of badminton as a typical "American backyard game". Our club meets on Saturday at the Student Center from 4:00-8:00pm.

Bike Club – The club organizes bicycle rides around Dallas area for student, staff, and faculty who are interested in biking. All types of riders are welcome and represented: road biking, mountain biking, and leisure biking. Members will be encouraged to participate in one local ride each semester (e.g. Tour de Dallas). The club promotes biking as means to exercise, to stay active, and even to save money on gas at UT Southwestern and the surrounding community.

Biomedical Engineering Student Society (BMES) – The purpose of this society is to bring students together with a common interest in biomedical engineering in order to provide research and educational activities, find job and internship opportunities and encourage social and extracurricular activities.

Cardiology Interest Group – Founded in fall 2009, with a purpose to increase awareness and education of the field of cardiology to student through the students to the community at large. To enable students with opportunities to network with cardiologists, gain experience with clinical and scientific research, and participate in conferences and symposia. It will also provide faculty with mentorship opportunities of budding cardiologist.

Catholic Society of St. Basil the Great – Founded in 2008, the St. Basil Society sponsors academic discussions, religious events, social gatherings, and volunteer service opportunities. See www.basilsociety.com. Our most popular events are the bi-monthly Tuesday lunch meetings, in which a speaker discusses anything from bioethics to history, theology to literature. Although some events are particularly Catholic-Christian in focus, all students and faculty are invited. Our patron is St. Basil the Great, who established the world's first public hospital.

Chamber Music Society - The general objective of the Chamber Music Society at UT Southwestern is to create a shared network of musicians in the local community and facilitate formation of autonomous chamber ensembles. In addition to traditional string quartets and wind quintets, the society promotes organization of diverse musical arrangements that mix woodwinds, strings, brass, and/or percussions together. If appropriate, pianos and vocals would be added. The genre of music could extend from classic to jazz/pop - whatever we may find that is fun to play! It is the society's intention to host a number of performance recitals or concerts throughout the academic year, and if possible, become involved in school events and volunteer at hospitals to provide small performances for patients and their visitors.

Chinese Student and Scholar Association - The goals of this organization are to provide help and entertainment to Chinese students and scholars, and to enhance connections among them. The majority of its members are Chinese students and scholars from Mainland China. However, the organization and most of the activities are open to all students.

Christian Students – Christian Students, founded in 1992, is a group of believers in Christ from various backgrounds who love the Lord Jesus Christ and find great joy and purpose in pursuing Him. God's word charges us to "pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22b). The members of the Christian Students club hold the faith that is common to all believers (Titus 1:4; Jude 3).

Planned activities: Bible study every Wednesday at noon on campus (email Tomas.Flores@utsouthwestern.edu for location); weekly small-group home gatherings for fellowship/dinner; once a semester (October/March) weekend Bible conference held in Latham Springs, TX; half-day outings.

Clinical Psychology Diversity Club – Founded in spring 2008, this club welcomes the membership of interested faculty, Ph.D., Masters, and Post-doctoral students and staff. The clinical psychology diversity club believes that diversity encompasses all of the features that make individual clients unique, which include, but are not limited to race, ethnicity, religions affiliation, sexual orientation, gender and country of origin/ regional location. We meet monthly to discuss diversity as it relates to the practice of clinical psychology. Discussions are based on relevant literature, clinical experience, and guest speakers from various organizations in the community. In addition, the diversity club aims to provide volunteer opportunities for underserved and underrepresented population in the community and to compile resources for client referrals.

Clinical Research Society (CRS) – The mission of the Clinical Research Society is to increase awareness of opportunities in clinical research case reporting among UT Southwestern medical students and residents during their clinical training. The Society will serve to facilitate communication between medical students and residents, in order to encourage the participation of each group in clinical research. The Society will assist in obtaining funding to facilitate individual students doing clinical research during their clinical years. The focus of meetings will include topics such as, How to write a Case Report, how to get involved in an ongoing research study, how to prepare for an IRB review, How to approach your Attending with a research idea, What are the special ethics of Human Research.

Colleges Against Cancer – Colleges against cancer is a nationwide collaboration of college students, faculty and staff dedicated to eliminating cancer by working to implement the programs and mission of the American Cancer Society. By working to advance the mission of the American Cancer Society, Colleges Against Cancer follows four strategic directions: Advocacy, Cancer Education, Relay for Life, and Survivorship.

Dartos Soccer Club – Dartos is a Soccer Club that plays Division 3 outdoor soccer with NTPSA throughout the year. Commitment is minimal except for the weekly Sunday afternoon games. Between the fall and spring seasons the team plays in an indoor league. The team is composed of fun-loving and competitive students. Tryouts are held the first week of classes.

Dermatology Interest Group – Founded spring 2003, the Dermatology Interest Group's mission is to provide accurate information regarding dermatology residency programs and careers in dermatology with a goal to optimize interactions between medical students and the faculty. Our group works to provide a forum for exchange of ideas and experiences related to education, research and patient service in dermatology.

Édé Jodi - Haiti Service Trip – The Haiti spring break service trip is organized by the student organization Édé Jodi. Meaning “Help Today” in Creole, the group focuses on sending a yearly medical mission trip of up to 15 medical students and two or three physicians to serve the town of Pont Sonde and the surrounding areas. The team will stay in the community for a week and work from a base at a clinic in Pont Sonde, working both in the town and at “mobile Clinic” sites serving people who would otherwise have trouble getting to the clinic. Édé Jodi is partnered with Save Lava (Saving Lives), a Dallas-based non-profit organization which established the Pont Sonde clinic and staffs it with nurses year-round. With Save Lava a constant presence in the community, the Haiti trip's long-term goal is to improve health conditions in the area through providing medical service, community education and other sustainable initiatives. Past trips have been enriched through the opportunity to work alongside and learn from a Haitian physician and student, and in one trip students have been able to see and treat over 600 patients.

Emergency Medicine Student Association (EMSA) - EMSA is open to all medical students, especially those with a possible interest in emergency medicine. The goal of the group is to expose students to the field of emergency medicine early in their education. Meetings are held during lunch, and notices are placed around the lecture halls and sent through email, concerning time and location. Speakers include various influential faculty and staff from Parkland Hospital and surrounding areas to discuss topics concerning emergency medicine. Group sponsored activities include shadowing shifts in the emergency room as well as clinics concerning airway management and suturing techniques.

Families in Training for Health (FIT) - FIT for Health is student-run childhood obesity intervention program that guides at-risk families selected by the Irving ISD through lessons in nutrition and physical activity for eight weeks at the Irving YMCA. Students work closely with the recruited families as they learn about healthy behaviors and make needed lifestyle changes. The program runs in the fall, spring, and summer. Opportunities for involvement include teaching children, teaching parents, and a variety of committee positions. Contact utsw.fitforhealth@gmail.com or any of the student contacts for more information.

Family Medicine Student Interest Group – The Family Medicine Interest Group is a group of students who are interested in learning more about primary care and specifically issues related to Family Medicine. The group has lunch meetings with discussions and lectures relevant to Family Medicine and related topics. In addition, we offer 6-8 workshops each year in areas such as suturing, splinting, casting, EKG reading, sports medicine, and others. We are actively involved in community service projects and sponsor the Tar Wars (anti-tobacco) campaign. Faculty is supportive and involved. We also provide information on state and national organizations related to Family Medicine.

FOCUS - Clinical Psychology Student Organization – Established in fall 2006 to promote student and faculty collaboration and camaraderie through community service, fellowship and alumni outreach.

Fourth Academy – The Fourth Academy was founded in 1990 by students who wanted social interaction with faculty that was not in conjunction with academic endeavors. The program allows faculty to share interests, hobbies and expertise in their favorite areas. Each year, faculty members offer their time to share with students a side of their selves that is not just medically academic. Some offerings in the past include poetry readings, cooking sessions, racecar driving, travel experiences, tropical fish breeding and many more.

Gastroenterology Interest Group – Founded in spring 2010, to acquaint students with the knowledge of career paths and research opportunities related to pediatric and adult care in gastroenterology and hepatology. Our goal is to establish a network and fellowship between medical students, fellows and faculty.

Geriatric Interest Group - G.I.G. is an organization focused on health issues facing the elderly population. Nearly every specialty deals with the elderly on a daily basis and successfully interacting and communicating with these patients is key in giving adequate care. G>I.G. is clinically focused and meets in Parkland once a month. Meetings are led by a knowledgeable geriatrician who guides the group in taking complete clinical histories on actual patients. Later in the year the group interacts with patients who have the ailments discussed in meetings.

Global Health Interest Group (GHIG) – GHIG was founded to foster a community of students, faculty, and staff at UT Southwestern dedicated to raising awareness of global health issues. Our aim is to increase accessibility, mentorship, and resources for those interested in pursuing opportunities abroad (whether in service, research or education).

Graduate Student Organization (GSO) - The Graduate Student Organization is comprised of all students enrolled in The University of Texas Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, including MSTP's during their medical school years. The GSO represents the students by serving as a formal liaison between the graduate students and the administration. The GSO promotes educational and professional achievement by providing competitive travel scholarships and organizing the annual GSO poster Session. The GSO facilitates social interaction among graduate students by sponsoring social activities and organizing volunteer service opportunities. General meetings of the GSO are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm.

Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP) – It was initiated in 1992 with the aim of providing student's access to UT Southwestern as well as health professional role models from multiple cultural backgrounds. Every Saturday for seven weeks, approximately one hundred ninth and tenth grade minority students attend seminars designed to educate them on the academic, financial and social issues they will face in preparing for a health career.

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers: Engineering in Medicine and Biology – The purpose of this society is to bring students together to advance the applications of

engineering science and technology to medicine and biology by disseminating knowledge, setting standards, fostering professional development and recognizing excellence.

Islamic Medical Association (IMA) – Founded in fall 2000, the student chapter is committed to raising the awareness and educating both the public and Muslim students about the intersection of Islam and medicine. In addition, the group provides a sense of Islamic community on campus for students and facilitates interaction between students and local doctors.

Jewish Student Association – The Jewish Student Association works to foster Jewish life at the graduate level by encouraging interaction between students, faculty, and staff at the University. The JSA explores cultural, religious, and social and even the fun and funny aspects of life as health and science students and professionals with connections to Judaism.

John Paul North Society – Serves as the official organization for the Physician Assistant students, promote academic achievement, clinical excellence and to promote PA's as members of the health care team.

Latter-day Saint Student Association (LDSSA) – The LDSSA is an organization consisting primarily of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The group hosts Institute of Religion classes, providing an opportunity for spiritual learning, uplift, and fellowship. It also welcomes those who are not members of the Church of Jesus Christ to join.

Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) – The Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) at UT Southwestern is an organization that strives to unify all Latino/medical students while addressing health issues pertinent to the Hispanic population. By encouraging unity amongst our members, LMSA aims to foster a spirit of "Mi Familia" through volunteer opportunities, social outlets and assistance in the successful completion of a medical education. We also strive to unify ourselves with all student populations on campus, promoting free exchange of ideas, culture and compassion. As part of our mission statement to improve cultural diversity in the field of medicine, LMSA actively recruits Latino applicants to UT Southwestern while encouraging young minorities to pursue higher learning institutions. The Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) at UT Southwestern is an organization that strives to unify all Latino/a medical students while addressing health issues pertinent to the Hispanic population. By encouraging unity amongst our members, LMSA aims to foster a spirit of "Mi Familia" through volunteer opportunities, social outlets and assistance in the successful completion of a medical education. We also strive to unify ourselves with all student populations on campus, promoting free exchange of ideas, culture and compassion. As part of our mission statement to improve cultural diversity in the field of medicine, LMSA actively recruits Latino applicants to UT Southwestern while encouraging young minorities to pursue higher learning institutions.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People in Medicine (LGBTPM) – LGBTPM is a nationally recognized affiliate of AMSA comprised of men and women in the medical field committed to encouraging positive dialogue about issues of sexual orientation in medical training. In addition to providing social and supportive opportunities to members of UTSW, we also organize educational events and seminars specific to issues relevant to the lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities. Although we encourage members to be accessible advocates to their colleagues, we respect individual privacy, and discretion is always honored.

LIFE – Physicians for Life exists to affirm the inherent worth of all human life, to demonstrate the manifold beauty of the principle in a variety of contemporary issues, and to explore its application in personal relationships and relationships with the community.

Lymph Notes – The purpose of the Lymph Notes acappella group is to provide a pleasant musical respite from the day-to-day rigors of medical education. For the group members, it allows the chance to create strong bonds within the student body, in addition to providing an

environment for creative, musical expression. The process of running the group, rehearsing for shows, and performing at shows provides group members unique challenges and opportunities that will ultimately result in more well-rounded and versatile health professionals. Furthermore, the Lymph Notes acappella group will provide the UT Southwestern community with a venue for the humanities, which will serve to enhance appreciation of the common values and beliefs that are shared by our society.

Medical Humanities Interest Group – The Medical Humanities Interest Group (MHIG) was founded in 2000 to promote student enjoyment of the humanities and to stimulate meaningful exploration of the humanities' contribution to medicine. The humanities encompass a broad variety of disciplines, including philosophy, literature, the visual and performing arts, ethics, history, and religion. MHIG is by no means just for experts: it is for all students who, in addition to their interest in becoming competent physicians, enjoy discussing the broader questions of the human condition.

Medical Students for Choice – Medical Students for Choice (MSFC) is dedicated to ensuring that women receive the full range of reproductive healthcare choices. MSFC recognizes that one of the greatest obstacles to safe and legal abortion is the absence of trained providers. We also work to encourage open-minded discussion about women's issues and to encourage activism in government.

Mi Casa, Su Casa – Founded in fall 2010 with the goal of fostering a spirit of service combined with international experience for UT Southwestern students, with a particular emphasis on using the time available to us – namely, Spring Break. Starting with one project, we hope to expand available opportunities in future years.

Monday Clinic – This student organization supports The Monday Clinic, which provides free medical care to the underserved at North Dallas Shared Ministries and is an interactive learning environment for medical students.

Motion: Dance Performance Association – Founded in summer 2004, the group works to organize dance classes (jazz, hip hop, ballet, etc), assist in production of a variety show and educate students about local dance opportunities and performances.

Multicultural Awareness Committee - Founded in 1999, the committee is dedicated to presenting a Multicultural Awareness Week. The program is designed to promote awareness and sensitivity of various cultures in the context of medicine and medicine education. The week is topped off with the "Celebration of Cultures" – a food and dance extravaganza.

Notochords – Southwestern's Rock Band – Music heals – to provide the UT Southwestern student population an escape from the day-to-day stresses of medical school through an opportunity to rock out listen to or play along with their very own band.

Ophthalmology Student Interest Group (Ophtho Sig) – Founded in fall 2010, we seek opportunities to gain clinical experiences, perform meaningful research and give community service in ophthalmology.

Organization of Student Representatives at UT Southwestern (OSR) – Our organization represents UT Southwestern Medical Students in the National OSR. The OSR as a whole gives medical students a voice in academic medicine at the national level allowing students to represent their schools interests. The OSR at UT Southwestern also works to bring ideas from the National AAMC meetings back to UT Southwestern to begin implementing these innovative ideas and affecting change.

Orthopedic Student Interest Group (OSIG) – Formed in spring of 2004 to provide information to students interested in pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery.

Pathology Society - Founded in 2009, the Pathology Interest Group aims to provide information about residency programs and careers in pathology, introduce students to various sub-specialties within pathology, and encourage interaction between medical students and faculty and residents from Parkland Hospital and private practice groups in the Dallas areas.

Pediatric Interest Group (PIG) – A special interest group founded in 1997 for all students interested in pediatric medicine. PIG seeks to promote an interest in pediatrics among medical students with engaging monthly presentations and discussions on relevant pediatric topics by current pediatricians in the area. We continue to promote pediatric research, the summer preceptorship programs in pediatrics, and other opportunities available to students.

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Student Interest Group – PM&R SIG is an official student organization affiliated with the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation dedicated to the following goals: To raise awareness of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation's role in patient care; To educate the medical student population on PM&R topics; To create opportunities for student participation in PM&R activities; and To serve as a resource for students interested in pursuing PM&R.

Physicians for Human Rights – Founded in the fall of 1999, the Physicians for Human Rights' student chapter is designed to educate, motivate, and mobilize students and other health professionals in the protection and promotion of human rights. PHR contends that human rights are essential preconditions for the health and well-being of all people. The student chapter for PHR believes that as medical professionals, physicians have the responsibility to act as a voice for patients who suffer from health related inequalities. With these ideas in mind, our organization is active in supporting a movement for human rights and creating a culture of human rights in the medical and scientific professions.

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group - This group was established in spring 2010 to provide opportunities to explore various fields of specialties within the plastic and reconstructive surgery field to medical students via Plastics Open House, resident panels and monthly lectures.

Postdoctoral Association – The mission of the Postdoctoral Association (PDA) at UT Southwestern Medical Center is to improve the postdoctoral training experience by: developing a sense of community through scientific and social interaction; promoting effective training and career development; representing and addressing issues relevant to postdoctoral scholars; easing the transition for new, particularly international postdoctoral scholars; and recommending standards of practice to the administration regarding the treatment of postdoctoral scholars at UT Southwestern.

Preventive Medicine Interest Group - To inform UT Southwestern students about the specialty of Preventive Medicine and provide residency and career information for those who are already interested in the field.

Psychiatry Student Interest Group (PsychSIG) – The Southwestern Medical School Psychiatry Club was formed in 1981. PSYCHSIG aims to provide information about a career in Psychiatry, introduce students to various sub-specialties within Psychiatry, provide presentations and discussions on relevant topics in Psychiatry, and encourage interaction between medical students, residents and faculty. In addition, PsychSIG offers students the opportunity to conduct mental health screenings for patients at the Monday Clinic.

Public Health Student Association - The goal of this organization is to represent the UT School of Public Health at Dallas.

Purling at Parkland - This is a group for individuals who are interested in craft projects of all types. Members meet weekly to knit, crochet, embroider, cross-stitch, sew or just enjoys the company. Throughout the year, members are working on personal projects, gifts for family and friends, or gifts for various charities. Currently, the group is making and collecting squares (7"x9") for a patchwork afghan to donate to the local shelter (based on Warm up America). All of the members love to teach new comers and re always recruiting!

Radiation Oncology Student Interest Group (ROSIG) – Established in spring 2010 to expose UT Southwestern medical students to the field of Radiation Oncology. This organization features shadowing opportunities, lunch time talks and dinners by Radiation Oncology faculty and residents.

Radiology Interest Group – Founded in 2005, ROSIG is a student-run organization that introduces the UT Southwestern student community to the field of Radiation Oncology. The aim of this group is to provide students an early exposure to the work of radiation oncologist as well as an opportunity to learn from faculty, residents, and researchers the many aspects working in the field. The group will also work to create a forum through which all members of the radiation oncology community can discuss new developments in research and technology. The group will hold regular talks led by faculty, researchers, and residents in addition to special opportunities for students to shadow and work with a mentor.

Recycling Action Committee – We are committed to developing an environmentally friendly and energy efficient future. We work with the administration to increase recycling efforts to include plastic and aluminum in addition to paper, magazine and cardboard products.

Remedy – REMEDY at UT Southwestern was founded by the Alpha Omega Alpha members of the class of 2010. The organization is dedicated to actively promoting the recovery of unused medical supplies for the purpose of global aid, waste reduction, and cost-effectiveness.

Running Club – Established to create a social organization for UT Southwestern students with a shared interest in running. The Running Club serves to coordinate group runs, training programs and social activities for UT Southwestern runners.

Scope: Medical Humanities Journal– Scope is a new, student-run publication designed to feature the best writing and art created on the UTSW campus. We are convinced that in recognizing the value of the humanities in medicine, we advance *humanism* in medicine – the consideration of the human condition that allows empathy for patients and truly compassionate care. We are especially excited about this idea now, because the new MS3 ethics reflection papers represent a tremendous amount of new content, some of which is excellent and deserves a larger forum than a small group meeting. We want to extend the discussion, provide the incentive of a wider readership to those motivated to go beyond basic requirements, and create a "teaching tool" that could be used by the medical school colleges system to demonstrate to future classes the qualities of really great reflection. However, we also want to feature the work of the students and faculty who create poetry, writing, and photography outside the requirements of the curriculum and would enjoy the opportunity to share their work with a wider audience.

Our core organization is a team of dedicated students. The current division of labors includes an editor-in-chief, submissions and managing editor, layout and copy editor, and a number of submissions reviewers. Our current faculty advisor is Dr. John Sadler, a professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences. We are also working closely with Drs. Wagner and Mihalic in the Student Affairs office and incorporating their suggestions into our overall plan. Currently, we are in the process of inviting faculty and administrative leaders from across campus to act as part of an advisory editorial board.

Seldin Society for Internal Medicine – Internal Affairs is an organization that focuses on prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of the common adult medical problems. The group meets

every 1-2 months. There are also a variety of panel discussions on topics. Students can also participate in paid preceptorships with private physicians in the Dallas/ Fort Worth community

Sierra Leone Education Enrichment Program (SLEEP) - The Sierra Leone Educational Enrichment Project (SLEEP) is a Not-For-Profit Corporation (501(c)3) incorporated in New York and based out of Harvard, Duke, USC, and recently UTSW, which focuses on improving primary, secondary and post-secondary education in Sierra Leone, one of the poorest (GDP per capita) and the most miserable (HDI) country on earth. SLEEP at UTSW is working to build the only library at the only medicine and sciences school in Sierra Leone where currently the most recent document dates to 1987. We are looking for your help in gathering textbooks, journals, CDs, DVDs, and other relevant medical and science materials that you would otherwise throw away or get swindled by selling so that more and better doctors can be trained in Sierra Leone. Look and be a part of our collection programs here on campus! Together, let's help make Sierra Leone's dream of a better tomorrow come true.

Society of Pain and Anesthesia Medicine (SPAM) – The society of Pain and Anesthesia Medicine will provide students with a better understanding of the field of anesthesiology and pain management through interdisciplinary lectures, activities focusing on the specialty, and coordination of the anesthesiology experience.

South Asian Medical Student Association – This organization was founded in the 1999. SAMSA is a social organization formed to address issues that concern South Asians as physicians, create camaraderie amongst medical students at UT Southwestern and educate fellow colleagues of South Asian culture. Our goals are met through monthly meetings and socials, participation in school events and volunteerism in the community.

Southwestern Christian Fellowship – The Southwestern Christian fellowship (SCF) is an organization co-sponsored by the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) and the Christian Medical/Dental Association (CMDA). Together, they help SCF meet the spiritual needs of Christian students at UT Southwestern. There are several weekly activities, most notably, the Christian Fellowship Luncheon every Monday at noon. At the luncheon food is provided and speakers range from ministers and seminary students to physicians on the faculty. Additionally, the fellowship offers several weekly Bible studies, praise and volunteer opportunities to serve the disadvantaged in the Dallas area. The group's big event is a spring break medical mission trip to Laredo and El Paso, on which medical students as well as PA and PT students, nurses, physicians, and translators go to missionary clinics in an effort to serve these medically needy people and to witness about Christ.

Southwestern Life Support – Southwestern Life Support is a support and service organization for the spouses and significant others of Southwestern medical students and is sponsored by the University President's wife and the Faculty Women's Auxiliary. The club is an organization that sponsors several social and community service activities throughout the year. Their main objective is to provide the support and camaraderie that can be so beneficial during these medical school years.

Southwestern Medical Student Research Society (SMSRS) – Founded in spring 2010, the mission of the Southwestern Medical Student Research Society is to foster the personal and professional development of medical student researchers through an educational and collaborative community.

Southwestern Student Connection – It is the goal of the Southwestern Student Connection to increase interest among undergraduate students in the medical profession serving as a liaison between pre-health programs in the Metroplex and UT Southwestern medical students.

Spanish Interpreter Apprenticeship Program – This organization aims to eliminate language and cultural barriers between physicians and patients by teaching students the proper Spanish

medical jargon and cultural context with which one can better communicate. Students will also learn the art of interpreting.

STD Lectures – The STD lectures organization is a group of first and second year medical students who provide a presentation on STD's in Dallas middle schools. Our goal is to seek to stop the spread of STD's in Dallas schools by giving adolescents the information they need to protect themselves. The STD lectures are a function of TMA.

Student Bible Study Group – Our primary purpose is to discover and apply the teachings from the holy Bible through studies and discussions. Friendship and fellowship are built through interaction among members.

Student Dietetic Association – The mission of the UT Southwestern Student Dietetic Association is to provide student involvement in profession, related endeavors such that it enhances and supplements student education by the University Department of Clinical Nutrition, thereby promoting career development as well as skills development in the realm of health care delivery. In addition the organization seeks to provide nutrition education to other student groups and the community through various activities including volunteer opportunities.

Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN) - Founded at Southwestern in the fall 1999, this group is a sponsored student group from the American Academy of Neurology. The group is designed to provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with the field of neurology early in medical school. The group holds noon meetings where guest faculty and residents will speak about their interests and experiences. In addition, the group facilitates an informal faculty-shadowing program at Aston.

Student National Medical Association (SNMA) – SNMA is an organization that addresses the needs and concerns of minority medical students. SNMA seeks to increase minority representation in health professions, encourages high school and undergraduate students to enter the health professions, and provide support for current minority medical students. SNMA membership is open to all interested students.

Tennis Club - "Topsin - Topspin is a tennis club with players of all levels. Beginners to former collegiate players are welcome. Practice sessions are held twice a week. We also provide a hopper of balls and a ball machine for drills and practice. No membership fees."

Texas Medical Association/American Medical Association (TMA/AMA) – The TMA (state level) and AMA (national) are two of the most important and influential professional organizations of doctors dedicated to addressing issues in all aspects of medicine, ranging from patients' rights to collective bargaining for physicians. Our local chapter is very active, with activities like community service through a Health Fair, and the very real possibility of writing TMA, AMA, or even possibly state and U.S. policy in regards to medicine. Students can and have made a difference in day-to-day life through TMA and AMA. As a member, students have an enormous amount of opportunities for leadership as well as opportunities to meet and work with some of the top physicians in the field of medicine today.

Trauma Surgery Students Society (TS3) – Founded in fall 2010 to encourage students interested in Trauma Surgery and related disciplines by exposing them to the continuum of care for the acutely injured patient. We work to advance member interest through facilitating participating in research, shadowing, and volunteer activities within the Trauma Surgery and related disciplines.

Turkish Scientists and Physicians Association (TUSPA) – The mission of this organization is to foster academic and social networking among Turkish scientists and physicians. TUSPA aims to help new coming Turkish students and fellows at UT Southwestern settle in the Dallas area; to

celebrate and promote the cultural diversity of Turkey and it facilitate contact between similar student organizations in other academic institutions in the USA.

Turkish Student Association – Founded in fall 2003, the main objective of the TSA is to bring together individuals with interest in the Turkish culture at Southwestern and also provide cultural exchange and aims to organize social and cultural activities for a better understanding of the Turkish culture. TSA shall cooperate with other campus organizations to contribute to intellectual understanding and the diversity initiative. TSA seeks to assist incoming students for adaptation to lifestyle and culture in the United States.

Urology Student Interest Group – The Urology Student Interest Group, founded in spring 2011, is open to all students with an interest in the field of Urology. The society functions to provide students interested in this unique and dynamic field with opportunities for extracurricular exposure to Urology. During the year, the group will aim to organize presentations from the school's distinguished faculty, plan resident panels, and provide members with clinical and surgical shadowing opportunities with faculty and residents. In addition, the group will help to facilitate interaction between faculty and students through mentoring programs to coordinate research opportunities between faculty and medical students.

Video Streaming – To serve as a tool to enhance the learning environment of the MS1 & MS2 year by providing video streamed lectures for students to view online.

The Wilson Society – Surgical Society for Students – The Wilson Society, named after an early chairman of the Department of Surgery, was founded in 1994. The society functions to provide students interested in general surgery and the surgical subspecialties with more insight and information regarding the field of surgery. Activities organized by the Wilson Society include meetings, practical skills training, and mentoring programs. The Wilson Society is open to all those interested in general surgery and the surgical subspecialties or those individuals who would simply like to receive more information about the field of surgery and learn some basic surgical skills.

Wilderness Medicine Society – This group was established in fall 2000 at UT Southwestern. Our purpose is to expose new people to the wilderness, provide educational opportunities to students, discuss medicine in the wilderness content and provide an opportunity for students to interact outside the school environment. We are devoted to camping, hiking and all things outdoors. We are open to all members of the UT Southwestern community regardless of academic program or career plans.

Women in Surgery (WIS) - Established in spring 2006, this organization focuses on giving female medical students with an interest surgery exposure to female faculty in various surgical subspecialties and offering students opportunities to network with the faculty for the purpose of helping them explore research interests, expand clinical experiences, and address topics unique to aspiring female surgeons.

Women's Health Interest Group – Established in 1997, this organization allows students to obtain a better understanding of the OB/GYN profession. Their mission is to provide a means for students to learn more about women's health, to increase awareness of career opportunities in the field, and to provide opportunities for involvement in women's health related community projects. This group also organizes quarterly lunch/lectures with topics meant to explore the OB/GYN specialty.

Women Need Women (WNW) – Established in 2011, the primary purpose of Women Need Women is to provide women and families in refugee camp and neighborhood settings with the tools unnecessary to empower themselves in an otherwise unrepresented society. Through educational initiatives, we aim to create sustainable women's networks and arm women with the capacity to educate their own communities on critical issues, such as female and child health,

women's rights, micro-finance business creation, farming and other applicable skills that can be developed and re-taught to their own immediate peers and passed down to their children. Ultimately, we hope to leave a community with the educational capacity to maintain a healthy and independently-driven lifestyle, with local women steering the initiative. This type of empowerment will lead to increased safety for women and help introduce more positive societies with refugee camps.