Resolutions, check out this the time you all spent advocating for us. For further information on the 2022 AOA HOD everyone who put together the student rebuttals and spoke during the debate! Thank you for

Committee expressed their belief that AOA Policy H338-A/18 encompassed the spirit of the H- Services to All Patients with End Stage Kidney Disease,” was disapproved. The Resolution Impacts of Decriminalizing Possession of All Illicit Drugs,” was approved as written.

asked that SOMA consider current AOA policy. The first resolution discussed on the HOD floor was H-434 “Recognizing the Disproportionate Prevalence of Cardiovascular Disease in the African American Population as a Public Health Issue.” This amendment was originally recommended for disapproval by the Public Affairs Committee, however, discussion on the floor led to the amendment being edited to read “Recognizing the Disproportionate Mortality from Cardiovascular Disease in the African American Population as a Public Health Issue,” after which the amendment was adopted.

Resolution H-435 “Standardized Screening for Intimate Partner Violence for all Individuals” was referred back to SOMA. In their explanatory statement, the AOA Committee explained that they support the spirit of the resolution but ask that SOMA provide clarification on the development of a screening tool and the feasibility of its implementation. They also asked that SOMA consider current AOA policy.

SOMA had another successful resolution in H-436, “Support for Increased Crisis Intervention Team Training for Law Enforcement,” which was adopted with amendments. In this amendment, a group of lines were removed that the Resolution Committee felt gave a negative perception of law enforcement while not adding value to the resolve statement.

The final Public Affairs resolution, H-437 "Increased Research on the Public Health Impacts of Decriminalizing Possession of All Illicit Drugs," was approved as written.

The Ad Hoc resolution submitted by SOMA, H-626 “Expanding Scheduled Dialysis Services to All Patients with End Stage Kidney Disease,” was disapproved. The Resolution Committee explained their belief that AOA Policy H338-A/18 encompassed the spirit of the H-626.

Overall, SOMA and the COSGP (College of Student Government Presidents) did an amazing job representing the student voice. Special shout out to Monica Ketchum and everyone who put together the student rebuttals and spoke during the debate! Thank you for the time you all spent advocating for us. For further information on the 2022 AOA HOD Resolutions, check out this link!

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Monica currently serves as the Parliamentarian for the SOMA National Board of Trustees. The National Osteopathic Student Caucus (NOSC) was held before the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates (AOA HoD) where the Osteopathic medical student opinion was voted upon. Monica did an excellent job representing the Osteopathic medical student opinion during the AOA HoD with her eloquently delivered remarks. Today, she shares about her journey in advocacy.

1. How did you get into advocacy?
   - I became involved in advocacy during undergrad as a part of my premed club. A few of us went to a national conference in D.C. where they had an optional advocacy day. It seemed interesting and not something I had ever thought about before, so I thought I would try it. Being involved in that day gave me such passion and motivation that I knew it was something I wanted to continue to do.

2. What are some specific advocacy areas that you are most passionate about?
   - Most of the resolutions I have been a part of working on have centered around women's health including sexual assault awareness, abortion access, and intimate partner violence prevention, as well as using non-discriminating language. As an osteopathic physician, I have loved the opportunity to advocate on behalf of my fellow medical students and the issues integral to them.

3. What is one piece of advice you would give to someone who is interested in advocacy?
   - Just get involved! It can be incredibly scary to start something new, especially if you don't feel like you know what you're doing. I think this can be especially true for medical students. The people that I have met that are involved in advocacy are so welcoming, helpful, and just excited for you to be around that they will help you in whatever way you need. There are so many levels to be able to be involved from your local community to statewide and nationally. Reach out to the local professional societies or to me for how to get involved! Your voice matters, and I believe it is our responsibility as future physicians to be able to advocate for our patients.
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