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Hello Student Advocate Members,

First check our Facebook page at: [National SAA Facebook Page](#). We will do our best to update you on Facebook as well as email. J

We have many things coming up for SAA. Your SAA National Committee will be reaching out to your SAA, we want to find ways to work with each of your groups and connect all of us nationally.

**D.O. on the Hill, coming up in March.** D.O Day on the hill is an excellent opportunity for student, intern/resident, and physician advocates to come to Washington, DC and meet with members of Congress and their staff face-to-face. **Please read below for details.** (You will receive a brochure from me soon)

Start thinking about **National Osteopathic week**. National Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week will be **April 19-25, 2015**. NOM Week brings the osteopathic medical profession together to focus on one common goal - increasing awareness of osteopathic medicine and DOs in communities across the country. We would love for all SAA groups to do something to support our students in their local community that week. For example, MSUCOM SAA will have Final Exam Survival Kits during this week. Other simple suggestions include passing out snacks to the medical students or sponsoring a blood drive. We know each SAA community is unique, so choose anything that fits your circumstances. J To read more: <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/events/Pages/national-osteopathic-medicine-week.aspx>

Lastly, we recently received a request from another SAA, Charise McMullin from PNWU. The survey is for medical school wives. Here is the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CM7YRHL>. Charise said it will only take 2-3 minutes to complete.

As always I will do my best to stay in touch with you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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2014-2015 SAA Liaison

**Don't forget to like our National SAA Page**

[National SAA Facebook Page](#)

**Registration for D.O. Day on the Hill ends February 5, 2015**

**To Register:** <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/events/Pages/do-day-on-capitol-hill.aspx>

**Osteopathic Advocates on Capitol Hill - March 5, 2015**

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SAA Committee and Medical Student

Osteopathic Advocates on Capitol Hill is an excellent opportunity for student, intern/resident, and physician advocates to come to Washington, DC and meet with members of Congress and their staff face-to-face. Prior to the event, attendees will receive briefing materials with information on the key discussion topics. Once in Washington, Osteopathic Advocates will participate in an informational legislative briefing, attend scheduled meetings with members of Congress and their staff, and discuss your meetings in a post-event debriefing. Physician, Intern/Resident, and Student Advocates will also experience an agenda specific to our efforts supporting osteopathic medicine.

### **Get Involved**

Participation in this event is essential for members of the osteopathic community. The time and effort we take as osteopathic advocates demonstrates not only our commitment to osteopathic medicine, but also serves to reinforce the impact that this legislation has on our lives and our significant others' studies, abilities to provide treatment, and careers.

"It's so important for members of the osteopathic community to be here for our DO Day on Capitol Hill..." said Geroge Thomas, DO, Chairman of the AOA's Bureau of Federal Health Programs. "The more people we can get to participate in this event, the more Capitol Hill will understand osteopathic medicine and welcome our positions on important health policy issues."

### **Important Information:**

Many DO Day on Capitol Hill events will take place at or near the **Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC**. The hotel is conveniently located just steps away from the Smithsonian National Zoo and the Woodley Park Metro Station (convenient access to the National monuments, Smithsonian Museums, and of course, Capitol Hill). DO Day on Capitol Hill events will take place on **Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 7:00am until 6:00pm**. The AOA has reserved a block of rooms at the Omni Shoreham (single/double \$259; triple \$279; quad \$299), requires registration before **February 10, or until the block is sold**. DO Day registration is open until **February 5**.

### **Can't Make It?**

DO Day to Go is the AOA's new, grassroots osteopathic advocacy event for those Advocates whose personal obligations and constraints prevent them from attending DO Day on Capitol Hill in person. In addition, it enables supporters of osteopathic medicine to engage in year-round advocacy, taking into account local events and differing school and personal schedules. As DO Day on Capitol Hill approaches, more information about DO Day to Go and how you can work with your Osteopathic Medical School to establish a year round advocacy program will become available.