

National and Chapter News

AΩA adds two new Chapters

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society recently added two new LCME-accredited medical schools to its list of Chapters. The City University of New York (CUNY) AΩA Xi Chapter, and University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix AΩA Beta Chapter. This brings the total number of AΩA Chapters to 138.



City University of New York School of Medicine

Located in the heart of Harlem, the CUNY School of Medicine recruits and trains students from diverse backgrounds for careers as physicians. CUNY Medicine is committed to increasing diversity in medical professions, meeting the needs of underserved communities, and changing the way the nation approaches medical education and delivers health care. The CUNY mission is to produce broadly-educated, highly skilled and diverse medical practitioners to provide quality health services to communities historically underserved by primary care practitioners.

Dean Carmen Green, MD (AΩA, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 1989, Resident), said, "Joining Alpha Omega Alpha is not just a recognition of our academic excellence, it is also a reflection of our commitment to inclusive excellence and producing compassionate, empathetic physicians who are as diverse and multilingual as New York City itself. They will make a difference in the lives of their patients and communities."

Nearly 40 percent of CUNY Medicine's current students are Black and 22 percent are Latinx. Despite its small class size, CUNY Medicine produces one out of every three Black medical school graduates in New York City and one out of every eight in the state. Historically about half of CUNY Medicine students practice in primary care, and 75 percent stay in New York City. Moreover, nearly 40 percent practice in health professional shortage areas, more than double the 15 percent of medical school graduates statewide.

For more information on CUNY, visit <https://medicine.cuny.edu>.



University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix

The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix opened its four-year medical education program in 2007.

In 2013, the College of Medicine – Phoenix became fully accredited separately from the College of Medicine in Tucson and matriculated its inaugural class that year. It received full LCME accreditation in 2017 and was recently reaccredited in 2022, for eight years.

The College is committed to elevating the quality of health for Arizonans while contributing to the knowledge base through innovative research and medical training. Dean Fredric Edward Wondisford, MD, MS, MBA (AΩA, Northeast Ohio Medical University, 1983), has set forth a vision for the College to become one of the top medical schools in the United States, and, in collaboration with Banner Health, one of Arizona's best academic medical centers. This vision aligns with the College's mission to improve the health of communities through distinction in personalized medical education, traditional research and patient care within a culture of inclusive excellence.

Class size began with 24 students and steadily increased from an initial class of 48 to 120 students today. The College now has a total of 469 students, 343 residents, 1,200 full-time faculty, and more than 1,500 part-time and community faculty.

The Phoenix Biomedical Campus, located in downtown Phoenix, now includes the Arizona Biomedical Collaborative, a joint research facility with Arizona State University, and expansions to the UA colleges of management, pharmacy, and public health.

For more information on U of A – Phoenix, visit <https://phoenixmed.arizona.edu>.

Upcoming Submission Deadlines

October 8, 2024	AΩA Award for Excellence in Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in Medical Education and Patient Care
October 15, 2024	AΩA Professionalism Award
October 22, 2024	Robert H. Moser Essay Award
November 5, 2024	<i>The Pharos Poetry Award</i>
December 3, 2024	Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Award
Ongoing	Administrative Recognition Award
Ongoing	Chapter Support Award
Ongoing	Visiting Professorship
Ongoing	Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award