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HMSOM STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# Alumni Newsletter

May 2025

## Hello from the SGA!

Hi everyone! My name is Kelly Yen and I am a member of the HMSOM 2024 Cohort. As the current Chair of Alumni & Philanthropy of the Student Government Association (SGA), I want to say a quick hello and fill you in on what's happening at HMSOM.

First, I'd like to introduce you to the 2024 Cohort SGA Representatives:

- Jansen Engelbrecht, President
- Niki Trivedi, Vice President
- Jonathan Bailey, Secretary
- Ketan Patel, Treasurer
- Elizabeth Vydra, Chair of Events & Traditions
- Francesca Chagas, Chair of Marketing & Social Media
- Naomi Szabo-Wexler, Co-Chair of Wellness
- Neha Yeturu, Co-Chair of Wellness
- Kelly Yen, Chair of Alumni & Philanthropy

We are honored to serve as this year's SGA and are excited to introduce ourselves to the alumni community. As student leaders, we are dedicated to supporting every member of the HMSOM community and recognize the lasting impact alumni have made in shaping our school. Our mission is rooted in the guiding pillars of ACT: to "Advocate" for the student body, to "Connect" students with peers and alumni, and to help students "Thrive" in their medical education and beyond. We welcome your insights, experiences, and involvement as we work to strengthen the connection between past, present, and future HMSOM students.

If you have any questions about updates in this newsletter, alumni-related events, or anything else, please reach out to the SGA. We would love to hear from you!

Best,  
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## Alumni Connect

Let's stay connected! Use this form to update your contact information, even if you think we have it. Please share your personal cell number, email and mailing addresses, and tell us what you have been up to:

### [Alumni Connect Form](#)

The Alumni Department at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine is dedicated to fostering a lifelong connection between our graduates and the institution, promoting educational excellence, and enhancing professional development. Please visit our alumni website periodically for updated information:

<https://www.hmsom.edu/en/about-us/alumni>

If you have any questions, please contact Eve Marsan, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement at [eve.marsan@hmhn.org](mailto:eve.marsan@hmhn.org) or **862-660-5159**.

## Save the Date: 2025 Alumni Dinner

Thursday, June 5, 8 p.m. (following commencement)  
NICO Kitchen & Bar (at NJPAC)  
1 Center Street Newark, NJ 07102

Invitations have been emailed. For more information, contact Eve Marsan, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement at **201-561-5667** or via email at [eve.marsan@hmhn.org](mailto:eve.marsan@hmhn.org).

## Become an Alumni Volunteer Mentor

We invite alumni to participate in our Volunteer Mentor program. Volunteering is an invaluable way to give back to the HMSOM community while empowering current medical students. As a successful graduate of the SOM, your experience and insights are invaluable. The time commitment is flexible and can be tailored to your availability. If you're interested in making a difference in the lives of our students, [please sign up here](#). We'd be honored to have you participate. For more information contact Eve Marsan, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement at **201-561-5667** or via email at [eve.marsan@hmhn.org](mailto:eve.marsan@hmhn.org).

## Connect with Us

Follow HMSOM on Instagram as well to stay up to date on news, opportunities, and events!

Instagram: [@hmhschoolofmed](#)

## Wellness Committee

The HMSOM Wellness Committee held an open meeting in late February with strong attendance to discuss ongoing projects and collect student feedback. In early February, the committee hosted a Self-Love Wellness Fair, where students were able to learn more about the various wellness programs HMSOM offers. In celebration of Valentine's Day, students were also able to make valentines to share with other students.



In late March, the committee hosted a financial wellness workshop where students worked on filing their tax returns side-by-side. Two upcoming financial wellness

workshops are in the works, targeting topics on personal finance and physician contracts. Additionally, the Wellness Committee is planning a Latin Dance Night and wellness hikes in the upcoming months. The committee is also working on creating new relaxing spaces for students and advocating for the inclusion of a psychiatrist in the new on-campus student health services building that is being built on campus.

## Inaugural Gold Humanism Honor Society

On January 22, 2025, the first 50 students at HMSOM were inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. The Honor Society, administered by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, recognized students nominated by their peers who best exemplify humanism in medicine. The HMSOM group includes recent graduates as well as current students—and they join more than 45,000 other professionals who have been inducted over the years. [Read more about it here.](#)



## Match Day

On March 21 we celebrated Match Day with our Class of 2025! Our students matched at 71 residency programs throughout the country in a range of specialties and locations. These students will soon join you as alumni of our institution!

136 Students matched into 22 different specialties:

- 37 students from the 2022 Cohort (Phase 3 Residency program)
- 99 students from the 2021 Cohort

You can find the full 2025 Residency Match list here: <https://www.hmsom.edu/en/admissions/match-data>

## Physician for a Day

In mid-February, HMSOM hosted high school students on campus for a “Physician for a Day” event. Over 100 students joined us from four local high schools to explore diverse health careers, connect with current medical students from the 2024 cohort, and participate in engaging workshops on important topics like environmental health and cardiovascular disease.



## NJBIZ Feature

HMSOM’s tuition-free program for future primary care physicians was featured in NJBIZ. This program began with 5 students selected from the 2024 cohort and has grown to include 10 students from the incoming 2025 cohort.

[Read more about it here.](#)

# Student Formal

The 4th annual HMSOM Student Formal was held on April 25 at the Richfield Regency in Verona, NJ. It was a great night filled with dancing, food, and great music!



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