The Mulholland Society Presents

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

2016 - 2017 Student Activities & Clubs
Dear SMD20,

Welcome to the University of Virginia School of Medicine! We are very excited for all of the opportunities you will have over the next four years, both inside and outside the classroom. Today you will have the chance to learn about the many student organizations at the School of Medicine. We encourage you to pursue your passion, whether it is class government, a cappella singing, community service, or a specialty interest group. If you do not see what you are looking for on the following pages, you can start your own club! In addition, there are sometimes older, inactive clubs needing fresh ideas and new leadership: a perfect opportunity to get involved. If you have any questions about starting up a club or any of the organizations listed, do not hesitate to contact the club leaders or us. Enjoy the Student Activities Fair and the rest of Orientation! Congratulations, and we look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks!

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Find the current contact information for club leaders here: https://students.med.virginia.edu/mulholland/student-activities-and-clubs/

**The Mulholland Society**
Since its inception in the summer of 1967, the Mulholland Society has served as the coherent student voice of the UVA School of Medicine. Collectively, the organization’s goals are two-fold. First, the Society looks outward, endeavoring to promote the various interests and concerns of all medical students to the faculty and staff of the health system and the University and Charlottesville community at large. Second, the Society looks inward, seeking to provide an outlet for academic, social, athletic, and personal interests of medical students.

The Mulholland Society is named in honor of the late Dr. Henry Bearden Mulholland, a distinguished figure in American medicine and a member of the faculty from 1917 to 1962.

Meetings are held regularly and are open to all students.

Website: http://students.med.virginia.edu/mulholland/
UVA Medical Alumni Association & Medical School Foundation
The University of Virginia Medical Alumni Association and Medical School Foundation serves students, alumni, current/former housestaff and faculty of the UVA School of Medicine.

With its small, full-time staff of nine employees, the UVA Medical Alumni Association sponsors more than 30 annual events and programs for students, including:
- The White Coat Ceremony
- Family Day
- MedConnect (networking events with alumni and local physicians)
- Money Talks (a financial planning series)
- The Host program (for fourth year students traveling for residency interviews)
- A variety of social events and more.

The UVA Medical School Foundation also provides more than $1 million each year in scholarships and financial assistance to medical students.

Learn more and find out about upcoming events online at UVAMedAlum.org or Facebook.com/uvamedalum.

MAA Ambassador Club
MAA Ambassadors have the unique opportunity to shape the way the MAA serves the student body and the alumni population. They can improve the experience of students and alumni by establishing new initiatives and events, as well as changing existing ones for the better. They are invited to participate in alumni events and will have access to the MAA's leadership boards and alumni for networking opportunities. Students are eligible to become MAA Ambassadors at any point during the course of their medical education. Ambassador responsibilities include attending meetings twice a year, performing various remote tasks and assisting at certain MAA events (if available).

Aid to Medical Students (ATMS)
The Aid to Medical Students Committee is an avenue through which impaired medical students at UVA SOM can receive the confidential help they require without involving the administration or placing their medical education/degree in jeopardy. The specific goals for the ATMS Committee include: enhancing awareness of the irreversible personal and professional harm that untreated substance abuse or mental illness can lead to, promoting effective prevention of medical student impairment by organizing educational materials and programs, and providing compassionate assistance to impaired students early to avoid the need for more drastic disciplinary action later. The ATMS Committee organizes the introductory barbecue for new students at the beginning of orientation, and members are present in each class of the medical school to provide assistance as needed to classmates.

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society (AOA)
AOA is the national medical honor society, founded in 1902. At UVA, members are elected by their classmates after the second year and by a combination of class vote and a faculty committee after the third year. Nomination is based on scholarly achievement, leadership, professionalism, and service to the school and community. The UVA chapter organizes
lectures and discussions open to the entire medical school, hosts a visiting professor, and organizes service projects and social events.

American Medical Association (AMA)/Medical Society of Virginia (MSV), UVA Student Chapter
The AMA is the primary and largest professional organization for physicians and medical students. At the national level, the AMA is a huge force for crafting health policy and advocating for physicians', patients', and medical students’ interests. Here at UVA, our chapter lobbies our legislators in Washington and Richmond, attends the national and state AMA meetings, and provides community service opportunities. We also provide many leadership opportunities in the national organization. The aim of our chapter is to enrich UVA SOM students with knowledge of healthcare policy, and to get students involved early in their careers with the biggest physician network in the country. We also try to relay the importance of community service to medical students so that this great habit continues once we are practicing physicians. Some of our events this year include the annual White Coats on Call lobbying event at the state capitol in Richmond, and the national Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. Additionally, we’ll be having community service events and many opportunities to connect with local physicians. We also provide many discounts for books and other medical school necessities, so get involved early on!

American Physician Scientists Association (APSA)
APSA is a national student organization dedicated to addressing the needs of future physician-scientists with a focus on training and career development. APSA resolves to support medical students and dual degree students by increasing awareness of existing sources of funding and research forums, and by providing career guidance, mentorship, and career development workshop opportunities.

Anesthesiology Interest Group (AIG)
The Anesthesiology Interest Group (AIG) serves to introduce UVA medical students to the specialty of Anesthesiology. The goal of the organization is to encourage student-faculty interaction and to educate students about the varying fields and practices that exist within anesthesiology and the caseloads, lifestyles and the working hours of anesthesiologists. The club will also address the role of physiology and pharmacology, the nature of patient-physician relationships and the opportunity to further specialize within the field. Resident physicians and the residency program coordinator will speak about various anesthesiology residency programs, tips on applying to programs, how to get your foot in the door, etiquette while interviewing, and board scores. Regular group activities will include hosting lectures and presentations by UVA staff, providing students with shadowing opportunities, organizing simulations and hands-on learning experiences and exploring research prospects for students. In addition, each year there is an airway workshop in which students can learn about and practice intubation and airway management.

Arrhythmics
The Arrhythmics are the co-ed a cappella group at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. From oldies to new hits, we sing a huge variety of songs for our performances. All
singers are welcome and no previous experience is necessary to audition!

**Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. (AMSUS)**
The Association of Military Surgeons of the US is the society of military and federal health agencies. This chapter will serve as the main forum for camaraderie between military medical students at UVA. Throughout the year we will host several events to help military students through the particulars of military medical education and will hold talks for the entire school on topics related to military medicine. All medical students are welcome to join. Military members will receive a free membership to AMSUS with their membership.

**Bioethics and Health Policy Interest Group**
The Bioethics and Health Policy Interest Group provides a forum for students to meet and discuss ethical issues encountered in medicine. The meetings are informal and involve the discussion of relevant topics/cases, and often evolve according to the interests of the group. Faculty mentors attend the sessions and help to guide the discussion and provide insight when appropriate. Additionally, we will occasionally host lecturers from the Law School and Batten School to add other perspectives.

**Cabell Society**
The Cabell Society is the UVA School of Medicine’s surgical interest group. The society exists to introduce and expose medical students to the various surgical fields through our shadowing program, lunch meetings, and skills clinics. Our mission is to foster interest in surgical careers as well as demonstrate to students the potential impact they can have on their future patients through surgery.

**Christian Medical Association**
The Christian Medical Association at UVA exists to provide fellowship, support spiritual growth, and build authentic relationships both within the Christian community and the larger UVA medical community. Our desire is to serve and encourage both students and faculty, and promote discussion on the intersection of faith and medicine. CMA is largely student led and provides regular weekly meetings, Bible studies, and fellowship times. Other activities include an annual retreat and semi-monthly dinners with local physicians and residents.

**Club Med**
Club Med, also known as the Internal Medicine Interest Group, works to foster an interest in the broad field of internal medicine and to provide opportunities for medical students to meet and develop relationships with housestaff and attendings in the Department of Medicine. The group was founded in 1993 and is sponsored by the UVA Department of Medicine. Students work to provide speakers on a variety of topics, to introduce medical students at all levels to the field of Internal Medicine, and to host social, academic, and volunteering events to promote interactions between faculty and students. Some upcoming events that have garnered widespread interest in the past include case conferences in various fields of internal medicine, panels on topics such as subspecialties and residency in internal medicine, and the annual ACP conference in Virginia.
Compassionate Awareness and Living Mindfully (CALM)
Interdisciplinary club for health sciences students of the nursing and medical schools of UVA. The focus of the club is on promoting mindfulness, resilience, and compassion within the context of the health care setting and personal well being.

Cooking for a Cause
An opportunity for medical students to cook meals for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, a place where the families of patients in the hospital can stay when they can't afford a hotel. Typically three or four students get together to cook dinner and are welcome to stay to eat with the families if they wish. Cooking is done on site. The club leader will send out dates to cook (usually Sundays) via email, and students can sign up for whenever they choose.

Dermatology Interest Group
The Dermatology Interest Group was created to introduce medical students at the University of Virginia to the field of dermatology. The club facilitates interaction with residents and faculty members from the Department of Dermatology at meetings and through shadowing opportunities. Additionally, the group is active in the promotion of sun safety through participation in UVA's Skin Cancer screening as well as educational programs at the Boys and Girls Club, Camp Holiday Trails, and the UVA Student Health Fair. The goal of the group is not only to expose students to dermatology but also to develop community awareness of skin cancer prevention.

Edgerton Society of Plastic Surgery
The Edgerton Society introduces medical students to the field of Plastic Surgery and its various subspecialties. Two meetings per year, one in the fall and one in the spring, feature speakers who educate students on topics ranging from residency applications to international opportunities. The Society also offers many opportunities to shadow physicians and learn basic suturing skills.

Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)
The Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG) at the University of Virginia was organized to introduce UVA medical students to the field of Emergency Medicine. We have several meetings, lectures, and panels throughout the academic year. Our goal is help students prepare for a future career in Emergency Medicine. We have clinical skills workshops led by EM residents and attendings, these events are open to all students to learn and perfect their clinical skills. EMIG website: http://cew2x3.wix.com/uva-emig#!about/c10fk.

Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG)
FMIG is an organization for students interested in learning more about Family Medicine or Primary Care. We work in conjunction with the Family Medicine Department to host activities throughout the year. At the Clinical Skills Workshops, residents provide students with the opportunity to learn about and practice venipuncture, suturing, splinting, and other clinical procedures. Our Family Medicine lunch lectures will include informational
presentations about various Primary Care topics, followed by a chance for students to ask questions.

If you are interested in Family Medicine or Primary Care, if you are completely undecided about what you want to go into, or if you think any of these activities sound fun, we would love to see you at our events!

**Honor Committee**
As Support Officers to the Honor System, students have the opportunity to serve in three roles. Students provide accused students and community members with confidential, emotional support and impartial information pertaining to the process of a case. Additionally, support officers investigate alleged Offenses and help accused students and community members present their views at trials and appeals. Lastly, students keep the community informed about Honor through presentations and other events. This is an excellent opportunity to work in one of UVA’s oldest institutions and interface with other members of the University community.

**International Medicine Club**
The International Medicine Club, founded in the spring of 1995, brings medical students, graduate students, undergraduates, and faculty together to address the need to view medical and public health issues from a global, multicultural perspective. Goals are to highlight opportunities for students to do research or volunteer abroad as well as to help students with planning a career focused around international medicine.

**Interventional Radiology Interest Group**
The Interventional Radiology Interest Group is a newly formed group founded to encourage students to explore the field of interventional radiology. We are planning to host some lecture series as well as panel talks about this expanding field. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, and no matter your specialty choices, interventional radiology will play an important part in your medical career.

**Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)**
The Latino Medical Student Association at UVA is devoted to meeting the unique interests and needs of Latin American medical students. This includes efforts to promote health outreach to Spanish-speaking patients, help students get approved with interpreting services, raise awareness about Latino health issues, and foster community among Latin American medical students and friends. LMSA collaborates with other student associations to promote the recruitment and retention of Latino medical students. Furthermore, students can voice their concerns about issues pertinent to the Latino medical community through LMSA-UVA. Affiliated Website: http://lmsa.net/

**Medical Chinese Club**
Chinese is the third most spoken language in the U.S., meaning we will all have the privilege of serving Chinese-speaking patients. Medical Chinese Club seeks to strengthen our connection with this population by meeting weekly to build language skills and cultural competency. Our enjoyable learning atmosphere welcomes all levels of Mandarin
experience: beginners learn to hold basic conversations, while more advanced speakers work on medical terminology, interviewing, and physical exams. Watch out for our fun outreach events as well, which may or may not include free Chinese food!

**Medical Device and Innovation Think Tank**
The Medical Device and Innovation Think Tank (MDITT) is a student led group that aims to empower medical students to initiate and pursue medical innovation. Through meetings, workshops, and various other events, students will have opportunities to interact with esteemed faculty and outside speakers who have pursued the development of devices or innovative platforms within their respective fields. In addition, MDITT seeks to encourage student innovation by facilitating collaboration with like-minded peers and providing access to resources (3D printers, BME undergraduate students, design software, etc.), funding, and mentorship. Beyond purely student-fueled innovation, students will also have opportunities to collaborate and partner with UVA physicians and scientists who are exploring innovative avenues of their own.

**Medical Football League (MFL)**
Unleash the pent-up angst of medical school on the Gridiron! Flag football league dedicated to the medical school with games played on weekends during the fall. Volunteer captains from all classes participate in a draft to build the team that will carry them and their classmates to victory. Join and compete for a coveted MFL Champion Jersey!

**Medical Students for Choice**
The purpose of Reproductive Health Interest Group is to provide a forum for medical students to discuss reproductive health, contraception, access to contraception, and current policies regarding reproductive rights.

**Neurosurgery Interest Group**
The mission of the Neurosurgery Interest Group is to promote exposure to the dynamic field of neurosurgery by providing opportunities for students to interact with members of the neurosurgical community. We will host several lectures and panels throughout the year to introduce students to the many difficult subspecialties of the field and foster conversations about topics ranging from residency admissions to lifestyle and research. We hope to facilitate early exposure to the culture and career of neurosurgery while providing a valuable outlet to explore shadowing and research opportunities.

**Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group**
The Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group's goals are to promote various women's health issues and to encourage interest in the areas of Obstetrics and Gynecology, including the subspecialties Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Gynecologic Oncology, Urogynecology, and Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Some of the programs we plan to sponsor include a lunch lecture series, a simulation at the Sim Center, and a tour of a reproductive endocrinology and infertility center or other clinics.
**Oncology Interest Group**
The treatment of cancer has quickly become a team endeavor, requiring concerted efforts from medical, radiation, and surgical oncologists. This group serves as a resource for students that are interested in oncology and will feature a variety of lunch talks, shadowing opportunities, and research opportunities.

**Ophthalmology Interest Group**
The Ophthalmology Interest Group, initiated in 2005, serves to introduce University of Virginia medical students to the surgical specialty of Ophthalmology and the visual sciences. The purpose of the organization is to allow students to gain exposure to various topics in the specialty and to initiate interaction between faculty and students. Faculty from several of these disciplines will give presentations about their clinical practice as well as their research interests. Our goal is to introduce students to faculty for shadowing and research opportunities. Please see our website for more information: http://www.uvaophthalmology.20m.com/index.html

**Orthopedics Club**
The Orthopedics Club is an interest group with the goal of offering students a chance to learn more about the field of orthopedics and its various sub-specialties through presentations and direct interaction with faculty. It is also intended for students seeking to learn more about the workings of the musculoskeletal system, often underemphasized in medical school. Meetings are held once or twice a semester with faculty who are invited to share relevant cases, research, and insight from their practices. A panel of rising interns and residents is assembled in the spring to answer questions and to help guide interested students. Our shadowing program allows students to follow an orthopedic surgeon and staff through the clinics and OR and is designed to facilitate interaction between the attending physician and student. Through these activities, the Orthopedics Club strives to demystify what is often considered one of the most competitive medical specialties.

**Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (ENT) Interest Group**
Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery - employs a wide variety of both medical and surgical treatments to cover a broad range of conditions of the head and neck. From drilling through the skull base to access the pituitary gland, to removing nasal polyps, to facial plastics - both cosmetic and reconstructive, to something as common as tonsil removal, you’ve only begun to scratch the surface of this rapidly expanding surgical subspecialty. The purpose of the ENT interest group is not only to hold meetings exposing students to this exciting field, but also to foster shadowing, mentoring, and research opportunities between faculty and students here at the UVA SOM.

**Pathology Club**
“Our goal for an interest group in pathology is to provide students at the University of Virginia School of Medicine opportunities to explore this exciting career path. By bringing interesting lunch-time lectures, shadowing opportunities, interaction with residents and incorporating board-style review, we hope to attract students both interested in pathology and other medical specialties which often share a foundation based in pathology. We are a new
group and welcome feedback to grow and better cater to various students’ interests as time progresses."

**Pediatrics Club**
The Pediatrics Club was founded in 1994. The Club works closely with the UVA Department of Pediatrics to sponsor lunch talks and other events so as to expose students to clinical issues in pediatrics and prepare them for pediatric residencies. We provide interested students with hands-on learning experiences and various community service opportunities related to pediatrics. This year, we look forward to volunteering with Camp Holiday Trails and The Boys and Girls Clubs. We also plan to host workshops where students can practice their pediatric physical exam skills. We are excited to partner with residents in administering a fitness and nutrition education program at local elementary schools. Interested students can best contact us using our shared email address: uvapediatricsclub@gmail.com.

**Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Club**
The field of Physical Medicine and Rehab (a.k.a. physiatry) focuses on musculoskeletal disease as well as rehabilitation from traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, burn injury and stroke. Within the field of PM&R, doctors can specialize in any of these areas as well as Sports Medicine, Pediatric Rehab, and Pain Management. The Club hosts several lectures by PM&R attendings per year on various aspects of Physical Medicine, and also provides volunteer opportunities on the medical teams for local races and sporting events.

**Pre-Med Mentoring**
The Pre-Med Mentoring Program is an opportunity for undergraduate UVA students interested in medicine to be paired up with students at the School of Medicine to talk about medical school and becoming a physician. We hope to dissolve the myths associated with preparing for and applying to medical school and answer any other questions they may have along the way. More information will be sent out regarding signing up for this program soon after the academic year begins.

**Prospective Student Hosting**
The UVA School of Medicine student hosting program is designed to give prospective students a better idea of what life at UVA is really like by giving them the opportunity to spend the night before their interview day with current medical students. The program is run entirely by the first year class on a volunteer basis. We hope that by spending additional time with current students, prospective students will be able to better decide if UVA is a good fit for them. Information will be sent out regarding signing up soon after the academic year begins.

**Psychiatry Interest Group**
The Psychiatry Interest Group was created to introduce medical students to the exciting field of psychiatry. Our club hosts lunch talks on a variety of topics, including a resident panel and interviews with patients during National Mental Illness Awareness Week. With psychiatry residents, we hold Psychiatry In Cinema, in which students watch and discuss popular films with psychiatric themes. We encourage interaction between students, residents, and faculty through a yearly mixer. We also host a Psychiatry Journal Club, run by fourth year students.
with the help of psychiatry residents. Our club welcomes all students, from those already committed to psychiatry to those who simply wish to learn more about mental illness.

**Punjabi MD**
Punjabi MD, is a dance group formed in 2010 that performs a traditional dance from the Northern Indian state of Punjab, called Bhangra. Punjab is known as the ‘bread basket’ of India because it has a history of being so rich in farmland. Bhangra evolved from this region based on old farming techniques. It is an exquisitely colorful dance that traditionally brings people together to celebrate the harvest season, weddings, birthdays, and a multitude of other celebrations. Our group integrates modern and customary beats together to provide all audiences with entertainment. We perform not only for medical school events, but also University-wide events as well as at local schools and charity events.

Our team is open to all VMED students, no dance experience is necessary, all you have to have is a passion to learn and have fun. We meet once a weekend for an hour, and 2-3 times a week directly prior to an upcoming performance. We perform about 3-4 times a semester. Based on who is available we rotate performers.

**qMD**
qMD is a club that serves as a resource for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues in medicine and for queer students and their allies. qMD is dedicated to raising awareness of topics concerning LGBT patients and medical professionals for the benefit of the community and medical education. qMD can be contacted at qmd@virginia.edu.

**Radiology Interest Group**
The Radiology Interest Group has been formed to promote and support students that may have an interest in pursuing radiology. We usually host one or two meetings a semester concerning various topics in radiology, including interventional radiology and just introducing students to radiology in general. Myths will be debunked; expectations will be raised. Speakers, food, and radiology shadowing opportunities will be offered at each meeting. All are welcome.

**Significant Others Support Group**
The Significant Others Support Group is a social organization that provides emotional and social support and promotes friendship and interaction among the significant others of students at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. In addition to our activities for the significant others, we also create opportunities for all med school couples to get together. We have a Facebook page, VMED Significant Others Support Group, where we post our upcoming events. Email: VMEDSigOts@gmail.com.

**Sloane Society (Humanities in Medicine)**
Founded in 1999, the Sloane Society infuses literary, historical, anthropological, and artistic perspectives into our understanding of medicine, through partnership with the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Humanities (CHEB) and Historical Collections. Through a series of lectures and workshops, we explore the social and humanistic dimensions of medical care in
order to develop a multifaceted understanding of illness. We firmly believe that a broad appreciation for the medical humanities provides practitioners with nuanced insight into both individual doctor-patient relationships as well as the macroscopic challenges facing health care today.

**Sobremesa (Spanish Interest Group)**
Sobremesa is a group of students interested in improving their medical Spanish. A group of intermediate to advanced students meets weekly to role play and learn vocabulary relevant to common medical scenarios. This year we will start providing opportunities to interview standardized patients in Spanish. We also connect students with opportunities to volunteer with the Hispanic community in Charlottesville.

**St. Luke's Catholic Medical Society**
Named after the patron saint of physicians, the St. Luke's Medical Society is a community for Catholic medical students to grow together in fellowship and strengthen our calling to be a Catholic physician.

As a society, we aim to (1) attend Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and other church events together, (2) enjoy social outings, (3) gather to learn more deeply about our faith and the challenges we will face as physicians, and (4) connect with Catholic physicians willing to serve as role models and guest speakers.

**Student Advocacy Committee**
The Student Advocacy Committee is responsible for hearing, evaluating, and acting on reports of abuse of medical students. Reports include sexism, racism, sexual and racial harassment, racial discrimination, verbal abuse, or other types of unprofessional or offensive behavior directed at students. The Committee has two goals: To investigate complaints and negotiate solutions and to improve the professional climate for learning.

**Students for Community Health**
Hello! We are the Students for Community Health, a group of students with a shared interest in public outreach, geared in particular towards improving the health of the Charlottesville community. Our projects are geared towards patients of all ages, and present a unique opportunity for students to learn about basic medicine. Most recently, we have hosted a number of events geared towards both adults and children, with a focus on health education and general screening. We are also very excited about this year’s upcoming projects, which include a partnership with the Charlottesville School Board to work with students after school, as well as with the International Rescue Committee, working with refugees. We look forward to meeting you!

**Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN)**
The goal of SIGN is to encourage medical student participation in clinical, research, and service activities in neurology. This group organizes lunch talks covering residency and exciting topics in neurology in addition to providing shadowing opportunities. These experiences allow students to observe a neurological exam and assessment, which reinforces topics learned in basic science courses. We present various neurological perspectives from
the fields of child neurology, stroke, memory disorders, movement disorders, and epilepsy. Benefits of SIGN membership include free student membership to the American Academy of Neurology as well as the opportunity to apply for a $3,000 research scholarship.

**Student Medical Education Committee (SMEC)**
SMEC is the arm of the Mulholland Society that addresses all curricular issues that arise from within the School of Medicine. Student representatives serve to gather direct feedback from their peers and, when necessary, make specific recommendations to faculty, the Curriculum and Clerkship/Post-Clerkship Committees, and the deans of education. First-year students can get involved by joining the Friday Feedback Forums, and two students will have the opportunity in the coming weeks to be elected the class SMEC representatives. For now, just know that contacting your SMEC representative is the easiest way for you to have any of your curricular questions or concerns addressed in a timely fashion.

**Student National Medical Association (SNMA)**
Founded in 1964 at Meharry Medical College in Nashville TN, and Howard University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is the oldest and largest medical student organization addressing national minority/underserved health concerns. SNMA has grown to over 6,000 members at academic centers and universities across the country.

Our mission is to address the needs of medically underserved communities and communities of color. Additionally, SNMA supports underrepresented minority medical students and encourages culturally sensitive medical education and services.

The SNMA enlists the ingenuity and altruism of medical students across all cultural and ethnic categories in order to enrich those communities that have historically been underserved and marginalized.

**The 1920 Society**
"The 1920 Society is dedicated to educating male and female members of the University of Virginia community on issues relevant to female health professionals and their patients. We believe in strengthening a sense of community and support for female healthcare students and professionals within the University of Virginia community, and advancing the idea that there are no “women’s issues,” but rather human issues that affect the entire community. We have three arms: social engagement and community outreach, programming with lunch talks and panels, and a mentoring program designed to connect female medical students with female mentors in the hospital faculty and the School of Medicine itself."

**Transplantation Interest Group**
The Transplantation Interest Group exists to introduce and expose medical students to various aspects of the multifaceted field of transplantation including medical, social, political, and ethical, issues surrounding organ donation and transplantation. Our goal is to provide clinical exposure to living and deceased organ donation and transplantation, inform medical students about the ethical and legal issues surrounding the field, hold events to
increase student and community awareness about organ donation, and to provide opportunities for mentorship and research.

**Urology Club**
The Urology Club, revitalized this past year, serves to introduce University of Virginia medical students to the surgical specialty of Urology and GU surgery. The purpose of the organization is to allow students to gain exposure to various topics in the specialty and to initiate interaction between faculty and students. Faculty will give presentations about their clinical practice as well as ways of getting involved in research in the department. Our hope is to introduce students the field of Urology and give those who are interested tools to succeed as they move toward residency application.

**University of Virginia Center for Global Health**
Established in 2001, the University of Virginia’s Center for Global Health works to promote health in resource-limited settings by fostering the commitment of students, faculty, and partners from many disciplines to address the diseases of poverty. CGH has 3 components:

1) Scholarships for UVA students who develop faculty-mentored service/learning projects related to health with collaborators in resource-limited settings.

2) Fellowships for international researchers from collaborating institutions in developing regions to train and conduct research at UVA in order to return home, train others, and lead efforts to address local health priorities.

3) Curricula at UVA relating to global health to prepare and inspire students for involvement in global health.

*Scholar Programs Center for Global Health – University Scholar Awards:* Available to undergraduate, graduate, or professional students who engage faculty mentors in multidisciplinary approaches to global health in an international setting.

*The Dean’s/Center for Global Health Award in Medicine:* Available to 4th year medical students pursuing international clinical/research rotations during their final year of school.


**UVA Running Club**
UVA Running Club is an organization dedicated to providing a network of support and communication for runners of all levels. The group is comprised of students and faculty from the Medical School, Law School and Darden School of Business. We have a weekly email providing information about group runs at all the schools, upcoming races, and other training tips. We also operate an online calendar to facilitate more race specific training schedules. We have running groups for all distances and paces, so everyone is welcome!

**Veritas**
Veritas, Latin for “truth,” is the literary arts magazine for the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Supported by the Center for Humanities in Medicine, this publication serves as an outlet for medical students to showcase their creative and artistic talent. An art show in
the fall as well as a spring magazine publication makes Veritas a great opportunity for students with an interest in writing, visual arts or editorial work.

**Virginia Wellness Initiative**
The Virginia Wellness Initiative (VWI) is a fully student-run organization committed to conducting evidence-based, student-organized community health screening and education events in Charlottesville. Since its inception in 2011, VWI has held free screenings at locations including the Haven at First and Market, the annual African American Cultural Arts Festival, and the Charlottesville/Albemarle Cinco de Mayo celebration. These events are designed to help empower the people of Charlottesville with knowledge that will help them make informed decisions to safeguard their own health. In addition, these screenings give UVA medical students the opportunity for clinical experience early in their medical education and promote opportunities for engagement with faculty mentors outside the classroom.

**Wilderness Medical Society**
The purpose of the Wilderness Medicine Society is to provide an environment to help students learn about providing basic medical care to themselves and others in a wilderness setting while also creating a way for students to explore the amazing and diverse outdoors of Virginia. Speakers and clinics are designed to introduce students to the field of wilderness medicine and expose them to the great outdoors. Trips will alternate in their purpose between those designed purely to relieve stress, build camaraderie, and appreciate the great outdoors and those designed to do the same and teach specific medical tasks. There is also a Wilderness Medicine elective for 4th year students taught by Dr. Nathan Charlton and Dr. Chris Holstege.