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Fellow Student Colleagues,

On behalf of the National Board of Trustees, I would like to personally welcome you to the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA). Here you will find friends, colleagues and mentors all working together in one amazing organization.

I commend you on your decision to become a member of SOMA. It truly is the professional organization for osteopathic students today, and I hope that you will get as much from SOMA as I have during your medical school career. With the help of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), our mission is to transform motivated osteopathic medical students into dynamic health-care leaders who advance patient-centered health care within the United States and abroad. Many of our members also serve on AOA Bureaus, Councils and Committees

SOMA is committed to representing every member at the local and national level. Each college of osteopathic medicine has an executive board that is charged with running local activities as well as serving as a link to the national officers. Many chapters also have committees that encompass some of the core principles in osteopathic medicine. I encourage you to contact your local leaders to see how you can get involved on your campus with SOMA!

At the national level, we conduct two yearly House of Delegates sessions where student leaders from across the country come to voice the opinions of their members in an open forum. Our third yearly convention is held in the summer in conjunction with the AOA House of Delegates. SOMA also has twenty-five national officers between the Board of Trustees and National Board, each of whom serve in a different capacity.

So again, welcome to SOMA. I encourage you to take a few moments to visit our website at www.studentdo.com for information about our organization and upcoming conventions. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to meeting many of you at our next convention!

Sincerely,

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SOMA National President