

**Student National Medical Association**  
**National Leadership Institute & Board Development**

June 26 – June 28, 2009  
Galt House ~ Louisville, KY

Greetings Board of Directors, Regional Officers, and Special Guests,

As the 2009-2010 administration is now in full swing, I am proud to announce the details regarding the first National Leadership Institute (NLI) and quarterly SNMA Board of Directors (BOD) meeting! We are very grateful to The Galt House Hotel and the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau for their sponsorship. This NLI was designed primarily with the national and regional leader in mind to (1) communicate directives from the Executive and Corporate Agendas, (2) build camaraderie, and (3) equip leaders with the tools and resources needed to have a productive year as a student, a leader, and officer in the SNMA. As such, meeting objectives include having our national officers understand the inner workings of the National Headquarters, SNMA's signature national programs, and operating procedures, providing a seamless transition for new officers and a new administration.

The Student National Medical Association is dedicated to supporting current and future underrepresented minority students with an overall focus on supporting and advancing our own members' goals to become future physician leaders in their communities. The "M.A.D.E. to Last" agenda's main objective is to ensure that we continue to shape and strengthen the SNMA brand – our membership. This measure can only be accomplished with a prepared and accountable leadership team. The June installment of the National Leadership Institute will concentrate on the leader that will excel not only in their national or regional office, but also on the wards and in other capacities in their professional and personal development.

Chair Brownridge and I anticipate a productive meeting to launch the common vision of the 2009-2010 administration and are excited to have you attend. In addition to the Board of Directors meetings, participants can anticipate a "Wards to Match" presentation by Dr. Tao Le, of USMLERx; roundtable discussions on SNMA programs and initiatives; an innovative team building activity; noted speakers; connection with the local SNMA chapter; and, networking around the town.

If you intend to participate, but have not yet registered for this leadership retreat, please do so immediately, as we are nearing capacity on our sponsored lodging. Please review the schedule before making your travel plans and be sure to let us know at about what time you will arrive in Louisville. We do appreciate your efforts to attend this National Leadership Institute and look forward to seeing you.

Yours in SNMA,

Travelle Franklin-Ford  
National President, 2009-2010

**LOCAL INFORMATION**

<b>Location</b>	Galt House Hotel and Suites Fourth Street at the River Louisville, KY 40202	(800) 843-4258 www.galthouse.com
<b>Hotel parking</b>	is \$18 per day for valet; \$14 for self-park	Call hotel for details.
<b>Airport</b>	Louisville International Airport	www.louintlairport.com
<b>Ground Transportation</b>	1) via TARC (local public transit): Take the #2 bus between the airport and Galt House; the fare is \$1.50 each way	For more info, call: (502) 585-1234 www.ridetarc.org
	2) via Sandollar Limo Service (shuttle) \$15 per person 1-way; \$25 per person RT. Call in advance or reserve on-line.	(502) 589-5200, ext. 4022 www.sandollar.com/AirportShuttle.htm
	3) via Taxi: \$17-\$20 each way, but rides can be shared at the same price for all riders	
<b>Local Information</b>	Louisville Convention & Visitor's Bureau	www.gotolouisville.com

## TENTATIVE NLI SCHEDULE

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b>Friday, June 26, 2009</b>		
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration	Taylor Foyer
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Wilson
6:00 pm	Welcome, from SNMA Leadership	Taylor
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm	<i>Common Vision 2009-2010 and dinner</i>	Taylor
7:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Team Building Activity	Off-site
11:00 pm	Social Event, TBA	Off-site
<b>Saturday, June 27, 2009</b>		
7:30 am – 8:45 am	Registration	Jones Foyer
7:30 am – 8:15 am	Breakfast	Jones
8:15 am – 8:45 am	Presentation: <i>Leadership Etiquette</i>	Jones
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<i>Leader Expectations &amp; Transition</i>	Jones
10:15 am – 11:15 am	- <i>Meet the SNMA Staff</i> - <i>Understanding SNMA Signature Programs</i>	Jones
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<i>Financial Administration</i>	Jones
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Academic Achievement Workshop &amp; Luncheon,</i> presented by Dr. Tao Le	Beckham
2:15 pm – 6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	McCreary
6:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Dinner w/ Residents from Louisville Medical Center	Beckham
8:15 pm – 10:30 pm	Roundtable Discussions & Special Projects: Regional Directors and National Committees	Beckham
10:30 pm	Social Event, TBA	Off-site
<b>Sunday, June 28, 2009</b>		
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Jones
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	BOD Meeting	McCreary
1:00 pm – until	Local sightseeing and lunch	On Your Own

***Attire: Friday evening is casual. Business attire is required on Saturday and Sunday.***

### A FEW FACTS ABOUT LOUISVILLE

- Louisville is in SNMA Region X. The city is the home of the SNMA chapter at the University of Louisville.
- The University of Louisville, founded in 1798, is the oldest city-supported college in the United States.
- Louisville's First Town Charter was signed in 1780 by Thomas Jefferson, who was the Governor of Virginia at the time.
- Since 1875, Churchill Downs has been the home of the Kentucky Derby, the first leg of the Triple Crown of thoroughbred horse racing.
- Built in 1914, the Belle of Louisville is the oldest operating Mississippi-style sternwheeler steamboat in existence today.
- The "Hot Brown" originated at The Brown Hotel in downtown Louisville in the 1900s. The open-faced turkey and bacon sandwich is topped with a rich cheese sauce.
- The Ohio River stretches 981 miles and is one of the major rivers of North America.
- Muhammad Ali, world recognized Louisvillian and Kentucky's Athlete of the Century, was a three-time heavyweight boxing champion. Visit the Muhammad Ali Center while you're in Louisville!

***Visit [www.gotolouisville.com](http://www.gotolouisville.com) to learn more about Louisville.***