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What is the SNMA?

- **Established in 1964 by Howard University College of Medicine students and Meharry Medical College students, the Student National Medical Association is the oldest independent student organization representing the interests and concerns of medical students of color and serving the needs of underserved populations.**

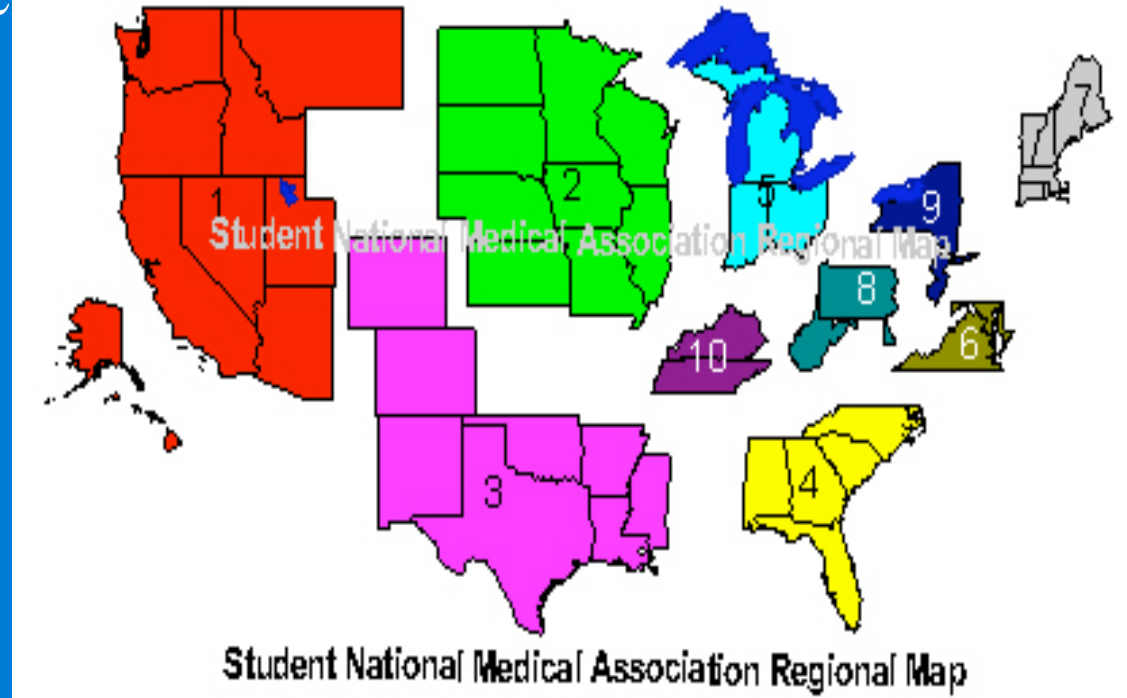
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COMPOSITION

- Over 5,000 medical, pre-medical, physician/patron, corporate, and institutional members
- Over 160 medical chapters and 120 pre-medical chapters nationwide, with new chapters being established internationally
- 10 regions nationwide spanning the U.S. and Caribbean

SNMA TODAY

- National Headquarters
- (Washington DC)
- 10 Regions
- 243 Chapters
 - Medical Schools
 - Allopathic – 3994
 - Osteopathic 446
 - Undergraduate Institutions
 - Premedical - 897



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Board of Directors

- **National Chairperson**
- **National President**
- **National Vice President**
- **National President-Elect**
- **National Secretary**
- **National Treasurer**
- **National Pre-medical Board Member**
- **Professional Board Members (4)**
- **Parliamentarian**
- **Speaker of the House**
- **Regional Directors (10)**

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SNMA Protocols

- Smoking cessation
- TODER – Tissue and Organ Donor education and recruitment program
- Violence Prevention Program
- Sexual Health Awareness
- PMED Protocol - Pre-medical Minority Enrichment and Development
- Healthy People 2010: Health Fairs
- HPREP – Health Professions and Exposure Programs
- YSEP – Youth Science Enrichment Programs
- Mental Health: Treatment, Awareness, and Prevention

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What is MAPS?

- Minority Association of Pre-medical Students
- Network of pre-med and pre-health students and chapters nationwide
- MAPS members can become associate members of SNMA by paying national dues
- Associate members are privy to Associate Membership Benefits

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What is the purpose of MAPS

- To provide underrepresented pre-med students with knowledge, skills, and experience that are both prerequisite and concomitant to professional participation in health care fields
- To improve minority matriculation into all professional health related programs, with an emphasis on medicine

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The Logistics of MAPS

- A MAPS chapter is a self-governing body in which the chapter at the university can elect its officers and have different committees.
- A host chapter will be present to encourage students to establish a leadership structure within their chapter. A MAPS chapter should develop a constitution with duties and bylaws. The SNMA chapter is responsible for collecting officer information from each MAPS chapter and keeping them informed on issues concerning the SNMA on a national scale.
- The host SNMA chapter encourages each chapter to hold regular meetings and establish a calendar of events that they would like to accomplish during the year.

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Why have a MAPS Chapter at Your School?

Enhance your application to professional school

- Leadership opportunities
- Exposure to graduate school and all its demands
- Exposure to the health professions through mentoring and shadowing opportunities
- Test preparation skills (MCAT)
- Membership Benefits (if Associate Member dues are paid)
- Notification of numerous conferences
- Interaction with SNMA Medical School Chapter in the area

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Step One: Get Organized

- Find a core group of colleagues interested in the health professions.
 - A group like this may already exist!
 - This makes the process of registering as a MAPS Chapter even easier!
- Find a motivated and helpful faculty member at your school to become your advisor
- Establish contact with a medical school near you and see if they have a SNMA Chapter. If so, make that chapter your host SNMA Chapter. If there is not a medical school near you with a SNMA Chapter, make contact with the Pre-medical Board Member or Regional Pre-medical Liaison.

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Step Two: Spread the word

- Plan an interest meeting at your school.
- Post flyers around your school
- Advertise in the school newspaper
- Make an announcement in your classes
 - Tell students about the purpose of the SNMA
 - Good info is found on the website www.snma.org

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Step Three: Have a meeting

- Do what you can to get people to attend. Offer them a snack, do a door prize.
- Be creative
- Explain the need for an organization like MAPS
- Invite a medical student in the area who is a member of the SNMA (if possible)
 - Allow them to talk about their experience with MAPS or with SNMA in general

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Step Four: Get recognized

- Each college or university has different rules to become a recognized chapter on campus. Please abide by your school's rules.
 - To get recognized by the SNMA, contact us.
 - Requirements:
 - Two members of the chapter must be Associate members of the SNMA
 - Find the SNMA chapter nearest you.
 - Ask for the contact info for their President, VP and MAPS Liaison
 - Register on the national level by filling out a form found on the website.*
- * Must be done every year

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Step Five: Get active

- MAPS is an organization for students, run by students. The purpose of MAPS is to make everyone involved a better candidate for medical school. What activities will help you get to where you want to be?
- Participate in the SNMA Community Service protocols.

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What if my school already has a pre-health organization?

- That's great!
- Ask the organization if they would like to become a part of the SNMA
- All you have to do is get registered and get active.
- You get all the benefits of a new MAPS chapter.
- Your chapter members will receive more benefits if they become associate members of the SNMA!

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If you were an Associate member of
the SNMA today.....

- You could call the nearest Princeton Review testing center and pick up a copy of a free practice MCAT Exam!!

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Benefits of Being an SNMA Member

- SNMA Scholarships
- Research Forums
- “So you want to be a doctor” booklet
- Journal of the SNMA
- Practice MCAT material
- Hotel discounts
- SNMA National and Regional Conferences
- Partnerships with numerous corporations
- Kaplan Discounts
- International Health Opportunities



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Overall Goal



To increase the amount of minorities
in medical school and increase
medical access to the underserved and
underprivileged population of the
world



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Resources

National Pre-Medical Board Member:

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