



**Student National Medical Association**  
Hofstra North Shore – LIJ School of Medicine Chapter  
in collaboration with  
Minority Association of Pre-medical Students & AHEC  
500 Hofstra University Hempstead, NY 11549



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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Sharde Chambers and I am a Region IX Officer for the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and a third year medical student at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. It is truly a pleasure to write to you on behalf of the Hofstra North Shore – LIJ School of Medicine Chapter of the SNMA and Hofstra University Minority Association of Pre-medical Students (MAPS). The SNMA is the nation's oldest and largest student organization focused on the needs of minority medical and premedical students. With a rich history of community service and educational opportunities, the SNMA continues to advocate for improved health care services and education to meet the needs of minority and underserved populations.

The Hofstra University SNMA and MAPS chapters of Region IX cordially invite you and your students to join us at our upcoming Regional Conference (RMEC), entitled ***“Black Lives Matter – Social, Cultural, and Health Equity and Competency.”*** The purpose of this conference is to provide you, our attendees, with the opportunity to network with other high schools, undergraduate students, medical students, residents, and physicians. This conference will be held on ***Saturday, November 14th, 2015 from 7:45 am - 6:00 pm at Hofstra North Shore – LIJ School of Medicine in Hempstead, NY.***

One of the goals of our conference is to provide our members with exposure to top-ranking programs committed to excellence and diversity in medicine. As such, one of the main events planned is the College, Medical School and Residency Program Fair. This portion of our program will feature many undergraduate and graduate institutions that are dedicated to answering your questions about how to best prepare for the road to medicine. This conference will be filled with numerous opportunities to network, gain great insight into the field of medicine through workshops, and even participate in clinical simulations. **Physicians, medical students, and medical school officials will teach many workshops with topics such as: how to be a competitive medical school applicant, the new MCAT, osteopathic medicine, skill based activities, clinical research in minority communities, race based trauma and self-care, and thriving as a minority in medicine, to name a few.**

If you are interested in attending this conference, please register via the Eventbrite link: [Regional Medical Education Conference](#) and complete the permission slip provided. For students in need of financial assistance to attend and/or travel to RMEC, please contact us as soon as possible.

Warmest Regards,

***Region IX Regional Conference Planning Committee***

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