

As I entered the application process for medical school, I had only one concern – getting in. For me, that meant applying to both MD and DO schools, although I had minimal exposure to the world of osteopathic medicine prior. Since beginning at Campbell, I have become confident that becoming an osteopathic physician was the most fitting path – as the osteopathic philosophies resonate with the kind of doctor I want to become. This has also been supported by the incredible osteopathic physicians I have been able to work with since starting at Campbell. When I was in Guatemala this past fall, I was able to see the examples of Dr. Joe and Dr. Kessler (among others). Although busy physicians in their own regard, I saw them relate to the patients we served as unique individuals with stories of their own. I hope to represent our profession well, as I strive to consider each patient through their mind, body and spirit. My interest in SOMA began after hearing pediatric orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Sees', lecture to our class this fall. Her passion for the osteopathic profession was evident. I was encouraged to see how her career has consistently supported DOs through her participation within local, national, and federal communities. Just as I saw Dr. Sees advocate for us as future DOs, I hope to do the same for my fellow classmates here at CUSOM. Honestly, I have never been around a group of more intelligent, unique, and caring individuals in my academic journey. I hope that through participation at the national level, we will stay connected to other osteopathic medical schools and students to better the community within osteopathic medicine. We have much to learn from others and wisdom to share as we, as SOMA chapters, support each other along our respective paths. As president of SOMA, I would hope to listen to our student body as we represent our SOMA chapter at local, national, and federal levels.