

Dear students, faculty, and staff of the Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine, This letter is to publicly submit my candidacy for the position of the SOMA National Liaison. During my time here at CUSOM, I have recognized the interconnectedness of medical education and the importance of working with other medical professionals on a local, state, and national level. I have come to truly understand the importance that SOMA plays in setting up osteopathic medical students for a strong and successful future. The mission and goals of SOMA resonate strongly with me as I believe that open communication, transparency, collaboration, and advocacy are incredibly important for us as students and as future physicians. It is only through working together that we can truly make the future for each osteopathic medical student better. For these reasons and more, I want to serve as an advocate for not only our class and our school but also all future DOs and osteopathic medical students by serving as the SOMA National Liaison. I will bring experience to this position as I have held several previous positions that would help me to execute this role. First, I have a strong background in public speaking that would help me to successfully and respectfully engage in large group discussions. In addition, I served as the Vice President of Operations for my sorority in which one of my main roles was to discuss ideas at a national or regional level and then disseminate that information to my chapter leaders, chapter members, or members of my university. This role helped me to develop strong organizational and communication skills that help me to eloquently speak on complex matters and ensure that my communication from a national to a local chapter level is correctly understood. In addition, I have previously served on many boards including the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Board, Round Lake Area Scholarship Pageant Board, and the Alpha Delta Pi Executive Board. Through these experiences, I understand the etiquette and expectations of serving as a voting member. I would apply my previous experience to ensure that I am showcasing CUSOM in the best possible light. In addition, I would be sure to be thorough and thoughtful in my voting, including speaking to other leaders of SOMA, students, and faculty in order to make sure that I am acting as a true representative of CUSOM. Lastly, I am a very compassionate and amicable individual which would allow me to properly represent CUSOM on a national level as well as a local level. I am passionate about osteopathic medicine and would embrace this position as an opportunity to increase awareness of SOMA's mission and strategic plan within our school and community. I would ensure that this position and the responsibilities associated with it are upheld and executed with the utmost professionalism and integrity in order to not only represent CUSOM but also all of my peers.

Respectfully, Megan Basco OMS-I