

The Alliance of Minority Physicians



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In The Know

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Update from the Exec Board



Hello AMP Members!!

We are excited to start a new academic year!! We have a number of new executive board members, committee chairs, and a talented advisory board that will be helping lead the charge this year for the Alliance of Minority Physicians.

This year kicked off with our 3rd Annual New Housestaff Welcome event! More than 70 individuals were present as we welcomed new interns and fellows to the AMP family. Be on the lookout for the 37 interns and 24 fellows scattered throughout our UPHS and CHOP hospitals!

This year will also bring more engaging Professional Development workshops, opportunities to help with the recruitment of talented URM housestaff and faculty, chances to connect with your Mentoring Families, and times to relax and mix and mingle with other members of the AMP family. We invite you to get involved, send us your ideas, and keep connected to AMP this year!

Getting to Know...Marisa Rogers, MD, MPH



Dr. Marisa Rogers completed her undergraduate and medical education at Emory University and her internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is currently an Associate Professor in Clinical Medicine at HUP.

What made you interested in your current field of medicine?

I always knew I wanted to be a primary care physician. I really enjoy forming relationships with patients and providing care over a longitudinal period of time. The many factors that influence health such as economic status, education, and access to medical care are of interest to me. I am interested in the physician's role in addressing these barriers. I found General Internal Medicine a good fit for these reasons.

What do you enjoy about working in the UPHS-CHOP system?

I like academic medicine because of the flexibility and variety of work that is possible. I am able to see patients, teach medical students and residents, work towards increasing diversity and building community in the Internal Medicine residency program and work on projects to improve ambulatory care. Specifically at Penn I like and respect my colleagues very much. It is great to have a network of intelligent forward-thinking colleagues to ask questions and bounce ideas off of.

What are some of your favorite things to do in Philly?

I enjoy spending time with my family. I'm married and have two young children who definitely keep me busy. My parents and brother live close by, so I am fortunate that I get to spend time with them frequently. I enjoy reading and am an active member of my neighborhood book club.

First Annual Graduation Gala

AMP culminated our first full year of programming with the Graduation Gala, held on May 29th at the Penn Museum. Nearly 100 people gathered to honor our resident and fellow



graduates. Dean Larry Jameson and Dr. Eve Higginbotham, Vice Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, gave brief remarks and Dr. Anita Allen, Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy, delivered a riveting keynote address. Graduates included members of our leadership team including Executive Board

Members Kiona Allen (graduated from CHOP cardiology fellowship and headed to Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, IL to complete a PICU fellowship) and Jessica Fowler (graduated from CHOP pediatrics residency and staying on to be CHOP chief resident), as well as recruitment chair Nyia Noel (graduated from HUP OBGYN and headed to Newtown-Wellesley Hospital for a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery). A wonderful time was had by all, and we can't wait to celebrate together again next year.



Third Annual Housestaff Welcome Event



The third annual AMP Housestaff Welcome event was once again a success! Held at the Biomedical Research Building and attended by over 70 medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty (including several program directors), the new academic year got off to a great start! The evening commenced with a social hour, where old friendships were rekindled and new friendships were made, as attendees of different training levels across the varied UPHS and CHOP departments networked. Among the evening's special attendees were Dean Larry Jameson, Dean of the Perelman School of Medicine and Executive Vice President for UPHS; Dr. Joseph St. Geme, Children's

Hospital of Philadelphia Physician-in-Chief; Dr. Stephen Ludwig, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Designated Institutional Official; and Dr. Eve Higginbotham, Vice Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, who all gave opening remarks on the history and growth of AMP. The new AMP executive board members: Paris Butler, George Dalember, and Barbara Robles were introduced as they shared their vision for the upcoming year. The evening was completed by a housestaff Q&A panel geared toward new housestaff with Drs. George Dalember (CHOP Pediatrics), Danielle Spragan (HUP General Surgery), Jonathan Nunez (HUP Infectious Diseases), Latoya Luces (PAH OB/GYN), Laura Rubinos (CHOP neonatology), and Briana Buckner (HUP Internal Medicine). The AMP veterans shared their experiences and words of wisdom that have helped them excel while at UPHS and CHOP. We hope to see you at future AMP medical student, housestaff, and faculty events!

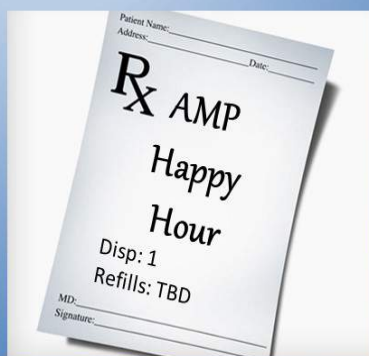


Featured Events

August Mix 'n' Mingle

Come out and join other housestaff and faculty at our first Social & Networking Event of the year!!

Wednesday, August 20th
5-7pm
City Tap House
(3925 Walnut)



Want to Join a Mentoring Family?

Mentoring families are composed of 10-12 faculty, housestaff, and medical student AMP members. Each family will meet a couple of times throughout the year to enjoy a good meal and great company. Mentoring families are a great way to get to know AMP members in other fields of medicine and find mentorship opportunities. Your mentoring family could become your home away from home!



If you are interested in joining a Mentoring Family, please email Barbara Robles at Barbara_robles@uphs.upenn.edu.

For those already in Mentoring Families, you will have the opportunity to let us know that you want to continue to be involved- be on the lookout for emails soon.