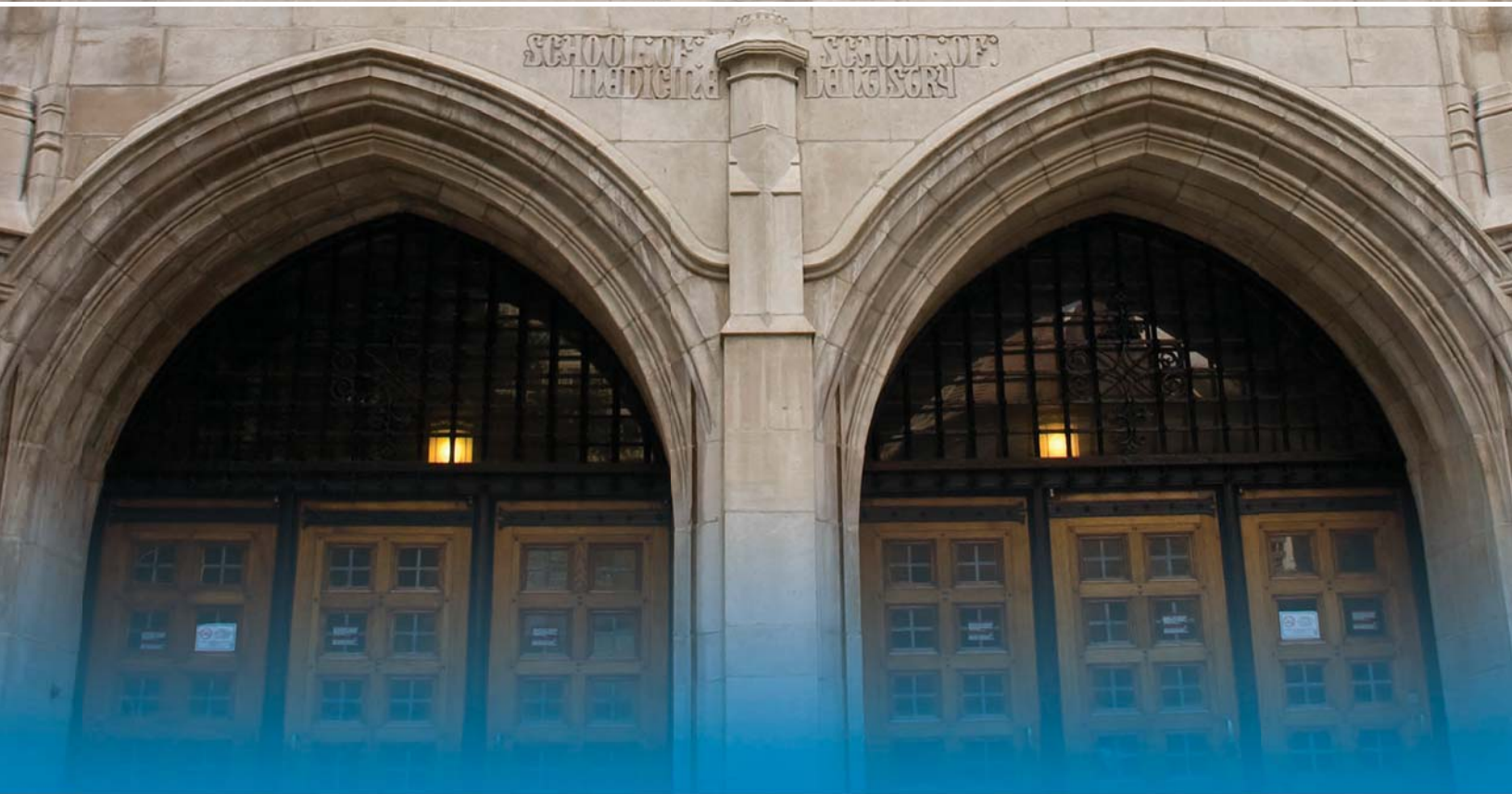




Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Student Involvement at Feinberg



Feinberg has 70 student groups focusing on identity, career goals, community involvement, performing arts, and diversity. From the Student National Medical Association to In Vivo and many medical specialty groups in between, our students' interests and activities are very diverse. A sampling of groups is featured below. For the full list, please visit: <http://www.infoplex.northwestern.edu/studentorgsdirectory>.

The **Student National Medical Association (SNMA)** supports current and future underrepresented minority students, addressing the needs of underserved communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent, and socially conscious physicians. Members participate in Health Disparities Week, the Martin Luther King Com-

memoration, and recruitment programs in the Office of Diversity. Each year the SNMA runs a Health Professions Exploration Program for high school students in the Chicago area along with educational outreach to local schools.

Loyal Davis Surgical Society (LDSS) promotes student interest and education in the field of surgery and provides an introduction to the surgical

specialties. The group hosts guest speakers, lunch talks, and surgical skills workshops, and facilitates access to research and shadowing opportunities. New programs include a "Transplant On-Call Program" and an "O.R. Shadowing Program."

In Vivo is an annual sketch comedy show that raises money for local charities. The writing, directing, and

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acting are done by medical students and highlight the lighter side of medical school. The two-day show contains live performances, video skits, and musical performances to entertain medical students, faculty, and alumni. If you want to laugh so hard your risorius muscle hurts, this is the show for you!

The **American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)** student chapter supports the advancement of women in medicine and strives to improve women's health education. AMWA works to develop leadership within the medical student community and provide networking, advocacy, education, faculty mentoring, and support for political action.

The **Action for Young Athletes in Chicago (AFYAC)** group believes that participating in athletics keeps young students motivated to do well in school and fosters an environment in which they can learn leadership, discipline, and good citizenship, despite socio-economic barriers. To support athletes in Chicago Public Schools, medical students, with the help of volunteer physicians and residents, provide free pre-season physicals, education on sports injury prevention and nutrition, as well as mentoring.

Camp Wildcat provides a group of underprivileged, at-risk Chicago children with the opportunity to participate in positive recreational activities. The three

main events include a Halloween party, a field trip to the medical school, and a weekend camping trip that exposes urban kids to the outdoors – a new experience for most.

Queers & Allies (Q&A) promotes the acceptance of LGBT students, faculty, and staff through education and discussion of LGBT issues and rights. In addition to being an educational and social resource, Q&A promotes a safe space for the Feinberg LGBT community as an alliance of students, faculty, and staff.

The **Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA)** strives to serve the student body in four capacities: cultural, social, educational, and philanthropy. The services are especially focused on Asian American medical students, providing an avenue where issues and concerns may be addressed. Annual activities include organizing an International Film Festival, holiday celebrations, outings, and speakers to discuss Asian American-related medical issues, and a bone marrow drive.

The Jugulars is Feinberg's official juggling club. They meet twice a week to learn new tricks and relieve stress. Members perform in shows at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, the annual medical school comedy show, In Vivo, and local elementary schools. The juggling club is open to anyone – even those who don't know how to juggle!

The **American Medical Student Association (AMSA)** is committed to improving healthcare and its delivery to all people; promoting active improvement in medical education; involving members in the social, moral, and ethi-

cal obligations of the profession; assisting in the improvement and understanding of world health problems; contributing to the welfare of medical students, interns, residents and post-MD/DO trainees; and advancing the medical profession.

The Cabrini Green Youth Program was founded in 1984 by a group of Feinberg students and is now called **Chicago Youth Programs (CYP)**. Today, CYP partners Northwestern law and medical students with more than 125 youths ages 3-18 from Cabrini Green, Washington Park, and the Uptown community, for weekly mentoring activities. Medical students also participate in CYP Clinic every Tuesday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. with volunteer physicians from Children's Memorial Hospital.

The **Dance Interest Group (DIG)** includes medical students with interests in any dance form, including ballet, jazz, hip hop, tap, modern, lyrical and ballroom. DIG is a resource to students with any level of dance experience who would like to perform, choreograph, take classes, and attend performances. DIG is featured in the annual In Vivo show with a number of unique, high-energy routines.

There also are a number of **faith-based groups** that enable students to interact with individuals who share similar beliefs. They include: the Catholic Medical Student Association, the Christian Medical Association, the Islamic Medical Association, and the Jewish Medical Student Organization.