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Oregon Medical Education Foundation adds two medical and PA students to its Board of Directors

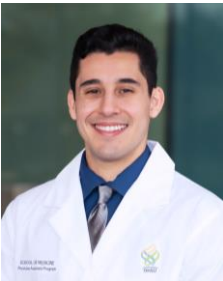
Portland, OR – November 5, 2021 – The Oregon Medical Education Foundation (OMEF) is proud to announce that, for the first time in its 60-year history, two Board positions will be filled by current MD, DO or PA students.

As the leading support organization in Oregon for students pursuing an advanced medical degree, this strategy will not only ensure that OMEF remains responsive to the rapidly changing education landscape, it also creates a new volunteer leadership opportunity for students and helps them expand their professional network. **Please join us in welcoming Armin Takallou and Michael St. Amand to the OMEF Board of Directors.**



Armin is a born-and-raised Oregonian pursuing an MD and MPH at OHSU School of Medicine. He joined the Board of Directors following his interest in health policy and administration and hopes to represent his peers in the planning and decision-making of this statewide medical organization.

He will complete his dual degree program in 2025 and has a special place in his heart for working with underserved older adults.



Michael joined OMEF to promote medical policy that focuses on equity, with hopes of bringing about positive change within the community. As a first-generation college student, it is his goal to provide support and opportunity to current and prospective students displaying an interest in medicine.

He attends OHSU School of Medicine, Physician Assistant Program and will complete his degree in 2022. After graduation his goal is to promote mental health while advocating for underserved populations.

Student Board Members are elected for one-year terms beginning October 1st and have the same privileges and responsibilities as regular Board Members (who serve for three years). Individuals interested in Board service should contact OMEF's Executive Director. For information on our programs, please visit www.theomef.org.

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About the Oregon Medical Education Foundation (OMEF)

OMEF exists to help set Oregon's MD, DO & PA students on a path for success through financial assistance and programs that help offset the rising cost of a medical education, tackle urgent issues such as food insecurity, wellness and burnout, and create opportunities for students to expand their professional network. We proudly partner with organizations that help inspire prospective students to pursue a career in healthcare, and others that help make public health education more widely available. OMEF is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization and was founded by the Oregon Medical Association in 1961. Visit www.theomef.org for more information or to get involved.

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