

**A**s immediate past Chair of the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP), I want to congratulate you on your past achievements and wish you success and encouragement on your endeavors ahead. The mission of the COSGP is to serve as the national representative and voting voice of all osteopathic medical students.

The field of osteopathic medicine is a rewarding career that promotes wellness, quality health care, and optimal functionality. As osteopathic medical students, just beginning your careers, it will be important for you to see medicine from more than just the classroom perspective. The COSGP provides an avenue for students from every school to discuss issues that face them as osteopathic medical students, and that face the osteopathic profession as a whole.

The COSGP hopes to support all students who are pursuing their dream of being an osteopathic physician. I want to personally offer the support of the COSGP to help you achieve your goals, and hope to assist you in becoming an osteopathic physician. Every college of osteopathic medicine has a Student Government Association (SGA) President as a member of the COSGP, and we would be more than delighted to help answer any questions you may have. Please visit our website at <http://cosgp.aacom.org> to contact us, and we will make sure your questions get routed to the appropriate Student Government President.

You will discover that success is not something granted, but something achieved. The course you have chosen will have its rough patches and will take patience and perseverance. Passion is essential in this long road ahead of you. Dedication and focus will carry you through the end and transform your goals as you move forward successfully in your medical career.

On behalf of the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents, the entire osteopathic student body, and your future colleagues in medicine, I want to again congratulate you on all your accomplishments and welcome you on the path to becoming an osteopathic physician.



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