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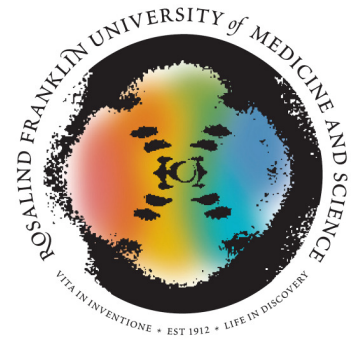
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For Immediate Release:

## **Student National Medical Association to hold Regional Conference for the first time at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science**

NORTH CHICAGO, IL – More than 120 medical student leaders from the Student National Medical Association are expected to meet October 17-19 for its Region II conference at the Chicago Medical School of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

SNMA is the nation's oldest and largest student organization committed to the needs and concerns of medical students of color. Founded in 1964, the mission of the SNMA is to promote medical education and excellence among minority students, to encourage and increase the enrollment and retention of minority students in medical school and to address disparities that presently encumber health care delivery in the underserved and rural communities of America.

SNMA Region II medical and premedical students will visit Rosalind Franklin University from the states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

This is the first time that the Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University will host the regional SNMA conference.

Several Chicago Medical School students are currently regional and national board members in SNMA, including third-year student Andrea Brownridge, Region II Director; fourth-year student Melanie Crutchfield, National Speaker of the House and second-year student Nsisong Ikpa, Regional II Parliamentarian.

There are currently 20 active SNMA members at the Chicago Medical School.

“This regional conference brings together medical students who are committed in providing quality healthcare services to underserved minority communities,” says Nsisong Ikpa, who received a BS in Biology and Philosophy from Boston College.

“We’re also an advocate for the increased enrollment, retention and graduation of students of color in medical school, future doctors who will be community healthcare providers and leaders.”

Conference attendees will be introduced to a set of lectures presented by Chicago Medical School graduates selected as distinguished alumni and valuable workshops, including *Women in Medicine*, *Debt Management* and *Men in Medicine*. SNMA students are also invited to attend *MCAT Preparation*, *Surviving and Excelling at Step One* workshops as well as two panel discussions addressing the dynamics of *Medical School Admissions and Residency Applications and Interviews*.

They will also have the opportunity to donate at the marrow drive, co-sponsored by the National Marrow Donor Program. To participate in the SNMA Region II Conference, please visit: [www.zjmconsulting.com/region2conf](http://www.zjmconsulting.com/region2conf)

SNMA students nationwide have the opportunity to participate in a national leadership institute, leadership development series, annual medical education conference, annual community service project, annual research forum and international medical missions.

There are 130 SNMA chapters at universities and medical schools across the nation.

***About Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science***

*Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, comprising the Chicago Medical School, College of Health Professions, Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.*

*Rosalind Franklin University recently received approval for its new doctoral program in Interprofessional Healthcare Studies – the first in Illinois – and has launched a new master in science program in Psychology Clinical Counseling in fall 2008.*

*There are more than 16,000 RFUMS graduates in the United States and worldwide.*