



## **SOMA – Student Osteopathic Medical Association**

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association is the largest national organisation dedicated to transforming motivated osteopathic medical students into dynamic health-care leaders who advance patient-centered health care within the United States and abroad. The organisation was established in 1970 and employs 1 full-time and 1 part-time staff. SOMA represents over 18,000 osteopathic medical students and there are over 11,300 active members nationwide. There are currently no other locations and no foreign or international membership.

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association is a nationally-recognized pioneer in leadership development for future osteopathic physicians working to enhance the quality of patient-centered medical care through a keen promotion of osteopathic philosophy, research initiatives, preventive medicine focused community outreach, directed philanthropic efforts, and avid support for unity within the healthcare continuum.

SOMA provides professional development for all osteopathic medical students through conferences and workshops, prepares osteopathic medical students for participation in representing the osteopathic profession on a national level, provides networking opportunities for osteopathic medical students nationwide, and engages in philanthropic efforts throughout the country.

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