Dear members of the class of ’19:

We’re looking to find a member of your class to serve as a representative to the AAMC. UVM COM AAMC class representatives are members of the AAMC Organization of Student Representatives (OSR). The body provides space for students to play an active role in advancing the AAMC mission of improving the nation’s health and aims to give students a voice in academic medicine at the national level. As a representative, you are encouraged to actively participate in directing your medical education, preserving your rights, and delineating your professional responsibilities. You also have the opportunity to attend national AAMC meetings. In addition to being an incredible honor, serving in the role really is a ton of fun.

At meetings, reps are expected to present research (typically posters) on academic innovations from their institution or otherwise significant inquiry into the field of medical education. Representatives are also expected to work to bring what they learn at conferences back to COM. For the last few meetings, we’ve done this via blogging. The meetings are held in conjunction with other sections of the AAMC – such as the Group on Student Affairs (GSA, mostly deans) and the Group on Diversity and Inclusion (DCI) -- making them great opportunities to make connections to other institutions.

Above all, the events are a terrific way to meet really passionate and engaging peers from other schools, and to learn about some of the most important things going on in broader academic medicine. The next meeting will be the weekend of Nov 6-9 in Baltimore, MD – here are some of the sessions that will be held at that meeting.

As we review applications, we hope you’ll tell us about:

1) Background that makes you a strong candidate to represent COM.

2) Ideas for scholarship. Attending conferences is an excellent opportunity to present research. Examples of posters presented at past conferences are available here. We’re interested in your ideas for what we should research and present to advance the field of medical education.

3) Interest in pursuing leadership roles within AAMC. Poke around the site and get a sense of what the organization does and think about if there are places you’re interested to get involved in the organization’s broader structure.

Feel free to reach out to any of the reps if you’d like to learn more. If interested to apply, you can send paragraphs of intent to Kate Anderson by November 9th. We’re also glad to meet up with anyone that’s interested who’d like to learn more.

Best,

Kate Anderson ’18, Brian Till ’17, and Priyanka Chilakamarri ’16