WE MAKE EACH OTHER STRONGER

Programs and resources that support our commitment to diversity, inclusion and community outreach.
ENRICHING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Our commitment to diversity and inclusion has always been at the forefront of our mission: to create an educational environment rich in perspectives and experiences. Our culture of mutual respect and understanding is supported by a multitude of opportunities, resources and initiatives that are designed to enhance the education of all PCOM students.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDS

SCHOLARSHIPS
- Available for students who identify as first-generation medical students, minority women and/or people of color (African American, Hispanic, Mexican American, Native American, Puerto Rican Mainlander)
- Awards to students who are interested in serving underserved communities and the LGBTQIA community
- Matthew Schure, PhD Endowed Scholarship: This scholarship was made possible by contributions the PCOM Alumni Association and the PCOM College Board of Trustees in honor of PCOM’s seventh president, Matthew Schure, PhD. Awarded to one or more incoming students enrolled in a Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) program

GLOBAL MISSION FUND
Supports students who travel internationally to:
- Present research at conferences
- Participate in medical-mission trips

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- Supports a culture of open inquiry, pluralism and mutual respect among students, faculty and staff
- Partners with all campus units
- Encourages an environment of shared responsibility and ownership for the diversity and inclusion philosophy across the Philadelphia, Greater Atlanta and Southern Georgia locations
- Promotes programs and initiatives that improve the quality of life in underserved communities
- Provides the vision and strategic leadership to advance PCOM’s diversity and inclusion goals

MENTORING
- Smooths the transition to medical school
- Group sessions start during orientation and continue through year one
- Pairs first-year students with second-years and clinical mentors
- Over 100 resident and attending physicians serve as mentors
- “Mentor families” include a resident, an attending physician and two students from each class
- Alumni forums offer insight into common issues like selecting a specialty, dealing with stress, school-life balance and more

ACADEMIC TUTORING
- Academic Enrichment Programs: Available to help students adapt their study skills to the rigors of professional school
- Peer Tutoring Program: Allows students to work with peers and provides academic assistance beyond the help of faculty and teaching fellows

PCOM SAFE SPACE INITIATIVE
- Promotes acceptance and awareness of the diversity of gender identity and sexual orientation on PCOM campuses
- Provides visibility for the support of LGBTQIA people and their allies within the PCOM community
- Helps to grow a community of allies for LGBTQIA community members

GROUPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (APAMSA)
- Organizes and connects both medical students and pre-medical students
- Addressess the unique health challenges of Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) communities

LGBTQIA COUNCIL
- Provides a safe, supportive network for faculty, staff and students
- Shares successful best practices, research and personal stories
- Encourages open and inclusive campus climates for LGBTQIA individuals

LATINO MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (LMSA)
- Unites and empowers medical students through service, mentorship and education to advocate for the health of the Latino community

AWARDS & RANKINGS
- Recipient of the 2017 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award (3rd year in a row)
Source: INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine
- Named a top 100 doctoral degree producer for minority students
Source: 2018 Diverse Issues in Higher Education

PRESIDENT’S DIVERSITY COUNCIL
- Develops, recommends and advocates policies, procedures and programs that advance PCOM’s diversity and inclusiveness mission
- Cultivates an environment of inquiry, inclusiveness and respect
- Promotes discovery and celebration of our differences
- Fosters an appreciation of the rich social fabric that unites the campus community
- Student Leaders serve as active members of the Diversity Council and contribute to the college’s diversity and inclusion mission

STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SNMA)
- Supports current and future medical students of color
- Addresses the needs of underserved communities
- Increases the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians

PCOM is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse community.
To learn more about our diversity resources and initiatives, please visit: pcom.edu/diversity
PCOM founded

PCOM's first female physicians graduate

Meta L. Christy is PCOM's first African American and female graduate, and the first African American DO in the nation

Morton Terry, DO '45, and his wife, Geraldine Rafferty, RN '45, open the first hospital in southern Florida open to minorities

Opened the Sullivan County Medical Center in rural PA and several healthcare centers in urban Philadelphia neighborhoods to provide care to medically underserved populations

Opened the Center for Chronic Disorders of Aging to improve the quality of life for people suffering from age-related chronic diseases and disorders

Founded the Georgia Campus (GA-PCOM), with a focus on helping to fill the need for more healthcare professionals in the South

Received initial approval to establish an additional location in Moultrie, Georgia (PCOM South Georgia) to improve access to care in South Georgia

Ranked by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine as one of eight Diversity Champion colleges and universities in the nation

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