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## **LOCAL STUDENT CONTINUES LEADERSHIP ON THE STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SNMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



The 2020 Virtual SNMA Annual Medical Education Conference (AMEC) was from April 16th – April 19th. At this convention, **Mr. Jerome Arceneux** was appointed to the position of **National Community Service Committee Co-Chairperson**. At the 2020 AMEC, medical students and professionals attended a wide range of educational and networking events. It is consistently the largest gathering of underrepresented minority medical students at any time of the year in any place in the nation.

Jerome Arceneux is from Houston, TX, by way of Hayden, AL. He graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a BS in Biochemistry with Departmental Honors. He is currently an MD/PhD candidate and His PhD will be in Biomedical Sciences with a concentration in Neuroscience. Jerome's dissertation lab is under Dr. Brad Grueter at Vanderbilt University's Vanderbilt Brain Institute (VBI), and his dissertation project is titled "Sex-Specific Differences in Reward Processing and Maladaptive Behavior".

Currently, Jerome is the Treasurer of the Graduate Student Association at Meharry Medical College School of Graduate Studies and Research and the Social Co-Chair of the Neuroscience Student Organization at Vanderbilt University.



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This past year, Jerome had the privilege to serve as the National Parliamentarian of the Student National Medical Association and the Executive Vice President of the Graduate Student Association at Meharry Medical College School of Graduate Studies and Research.

Outside of school organizations, Jerome is an active TA and tutors all of the subjects the medical and graduate schools offer at Meharry Medical College. When he is not conducting experiments or studying, Jerome enjoys spending time with his friends, eating out, watching TV, reading, and riding his bike.

Jerome is very interested in pursuing a residency in Neurosurgery. He has yet to decide if he wants his own lab, but he does intend to engage in research throughout his career. For as long as Jerome can remember, he has been interested in pursuing medicine, and he feels completely honored and privileged to be a part of the Meharry Family, which has very intimate ties with the SNMA as a founding chapter and has given him the opportunity to find his SNMA family.

More Than 1,500 medical and pre-medical students, physicians, exhibitors, administrators, government officials, and observers attended the 2020 AMEC. It is truly a distinct honor for Mr. Arceneaux to be appointed to his position.

The theme of the 2020 AMEC was: **The 20/20 Vision: Dynamic Leaders for a Health Revolution**. The SNMA follows its mission by creating programming initiatives to support current and future underrepresented minority medical students. Members simultaneously address the needs of underserved communities. The SNMA also works to increase the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent, and socially conscious physicians. For more information, please visit [www.snma.org](http://www.snma.org)



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## About the SNMA

Founded in 1964 by medical students from Howard University College of Medicine and Meharry Medical College, the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is the nation's oldest and largest, independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. Organized with chapters across the nation, the SNMA membership includes over 7,000 medical students, pre-medical students and physicians. SNMA is dedicated to increasing the number of African-American, Latino, and other students of color entering and completing medical school and to assisting in the eradication of racial and ethnic health disparities. SNMA community service and mentoring programs provide science appreciation, health care education, mentoring, and academic enrichment to elementary, junior high school, high school and college students interested in pursuing health-related careers