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AMSA Resolutions Recognize Naturopathic Medicine; Naturopathic Medical Student Association (NMSA) participates in annual AMSA Conference, Expands ND Student Recognition

Portland, OR—March 10, 2015—On February 28, 2015, two historic resolutions passed in the American Medical student Association (AMSA) House of Delegates in support of naturopathic medical students. NMSA President, Desta Golden, addressed the AMSA House of Delegates, and was instrumental in influencing the adoption of naturopathic students as an added membership category, and the inclusion of supporting naturopathic licensing, standards and recognition into its guiding principles.

“ This accomplishment is largely a culmination of the efforts of students and mentors involved in the AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board,” said Serina Aubrecht, NMSA Integrative Medicine Chair, “ This year's AMSA Convention was most definitely historic for the naturopathic medical community, as now AMSA has an official position on naturopathic medicine.

NMSA delegates attended AMSA's 65th Annual Convention in Washington, DC, representing naturopathic medical students throughout the event and co-hosting AMSA's Integrative Medicine Mixer sponsored by [TAP Integrative](#),



The following individuals either helped to draft the resolution or signed onto it in support:

- Serina Aubrecht, AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board Co-Chair
- Adam Silberman, AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board Co-Chair
- Britani Kessler, AMSA National President
- Tripp Hines, AMSA Vice President for Membership
- Laura Barnes, AMSA MD Student Member
- Tiffany Althaus, AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board Member
- Rosia Parrish, AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board Member
- Desta Golden, AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board Member
- Rachel Neuendorf, AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board Member
- Sarah Tindall, AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board Member
- Calvin Richards, AMSA Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Board Member

About the NMSA:



The NMSA is the association that expands the image and influence of naturopathic medical students through advocacy, leadership, collaboration and systemic change. Through NMSA's eight campuses in North America, we aspire to achieve representation and protection of student interests through expanded participation, diversity of ideas, and unity of voice. The NMSA is comprised of student body leadership from each campus and collectively represents more than 2,400 naturopathic medical students at the 8 naturopathic medical schools in North America:

- Bastyr University (Kenmore, WA, USA)
- Bastyr University California (San Diego, CA, USA)
- National College of Natural Medicine (Portland, OR, USA)
- National University of Health Sciences (Lombard, IL, USA)
- Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences (Tempe, AZ, USA)
- University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine (Bridgeport, CT, USA)
- Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (Vancouver, BC, Canada)
- Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (Toronto, ON, Canada)

Mission:

The NMSA acts as a unified, sustainable, ethical and professional voice for naturopathic physicians-in-training across North America. The main emphasis of the NMSA is to function as an advocate for naturopathic physicians-in-training, and provide educational and community building initiatives that prepare students with the tools, experiences, and connections necessary to become successful physicians.

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