



## California Council of Student Members

The American College of Physicians California Council of Student Members is the liaison between the internal medicine interest groups (IMIGs) and the state chapters of the American College of Physicians. Founded in 2016, it serves as a robust resource for medical students interested in internal medicine, as well as a valuable student voice for the ACP state and national organizations.

### The goals of our organization are:

- To build an inter-school network of students interested in internal medicine
- To create continuity of ACP involvement throughout medical school
- To create a resource that IMIGs can refer to for membership advice, event ideas and information about ACP events
- To represent the interests and needs of California medical students
- To encourage scholarly work
- To network with residents and provide residency advice to medical students

The council remains active throughout the year with various initiatives to promote these goals throughout California. Current council projects include coordinating networking events for students at regional and national meetings, launching projects that promote physician wellness, and developing a curriculum to help students advocate health policy at the state and national level.

For more information about, or being involved with CCSM, please email us at [acpccsm@gmail.com](mailto:acpccsm@gmail.com).

## CCSM Initiatives

Wellness	Advocacy	Women in Medicine
The Wellness subcommittee is working to better understand the current wellness resources available to California medical students. We also intend to survey medical students to understand what is working and what can be improved in the wellness space. We are committed to breaking down stigma and creating a space where students can speak candidly about physical, mental, and emotional well-being.	The Advocacy subgroup is composed of medical students from across the state working together to improve and empower peers in advocacy. Offerings are geared to prepare students for engagement in such events as the annual Leadership Days in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Current projects include a chalk talk-style video series on health policy basics (ex. Public and private insurance, payment models, etc.) to increase student literacy in the underpinnings of our health care system and a one-pager “quick start” guide to advocating for patients (both pre-clinically and while on the wards), with much more planned!	This newly formed subcommittee seeks to address the topic of how gender dynamics in the medical workplace affects the daily lives of physicians, patient care, and the medical system more broadly. The initial goal of the Women in Medicine group is to connect medical students in small in-person group settings with faculty who have experience and interest in this topic.

## Council Leadership

2020-2021

### President

Edison Xu  
Keck School of Medicine of USC



Edison is a third-year medical student at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Public Health at UC Berkeley, where he cultivated an enthusiasm for community health and patient advocacy. Passionate about community service, Edison helped start the community service student group at Keck, and he now runs the organization as co-president. Edison is interested in internal medicine, and his research interests lie in the optimization of combining different cancer treatment modalities. Edison has been involved with CCSM and the advocacy subcommittee since his first year of medical school, and he is excited to continue working to advance CCSM's initiatives.

### Vice President

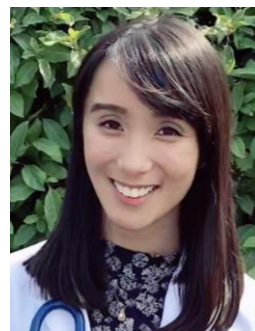
Annica Stull-Lane  
UC Davis School of Medicine



Annica is a rising fourth-year graduate student in Integrative Pathobiology conducting her studies in the Medical Microbiology and Immunology department at UC Davis. As an MD/PhD student, she is interested in translating her research to improve human health outcomes. Her research interests host-microbe interaction and global health, working to elucidate molecular mechanisms and investigate better treatments for multidrug-resistant microbes. With interests in internal medicine, Annica joined ACP in 2015 as a student representative and has worked to facilitate mentoring opportunities for trainees in medicine at regional conferences. Driven to improve health for underserved populations, Annica has enjoyed participating in advocacy efforts through ACP. She is excited to continue to work with ACP through the CCSM to continue efforts on advocacy, wellness initiatives and mentoring.

### Secretary

Cindy Ma  
California Northstate University College of Medicine



Cindy is a third-year medical student interested in general internal medicine. She is passionate about wellness in the community and among healthcare providers, especially mental wellbeing. Her community outreach experiences at Sacramento clinics, including WellSpace Health as a UC Davis undergrad, and Clínica Tepati as a CNU medical student co-director, drive her to understand the overall picture of each of her patients' health, and to advocate for underserved and undocumented patients. Cindy has also been involved in research projects that seek to understand barriers to healthcare access in the transgender community at CSU East Bay, and the effect of wellness elective courses on medical student burnout at California Northstate University. As council secretary, she wishes to continue building a warm, inclusive community of internal medicine-oriented students together through CCSM!

### Resident Advisors

Pooja Jaeel, MD  
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### Faculty Advisor

Tammy Lin, MD FACP MPH

## **Council Student Members**

*2020 - 2021*

### **California Northstate University**

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