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TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Welcome to Texas A&M Pre-Medical Society! Dr. Trevino, an emergency medicine doctor here in College Station, will be presenting at our meeting tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In order to officially become a member (and earn points), you **MUST** fill out a membership form and pay dues! Dues are \$45 for the semester or \$60 for the full year. Dues can be paid by cash, check, or through online credit card payment.
- VOLUNTEERING:** You must be a member to volunteer and are required to wear your Pre-Med Society shirt, long pants, and closed toed shoes. Sign up to volunteer on our website!
- Join our intramural GroupMe! QR code is on the last page.
- Apply for our MCAT prep scholarships! Applications open tonight - see Tori for more information.
- RSVP for our social October 29 - see the QR code on the back of the Cad!

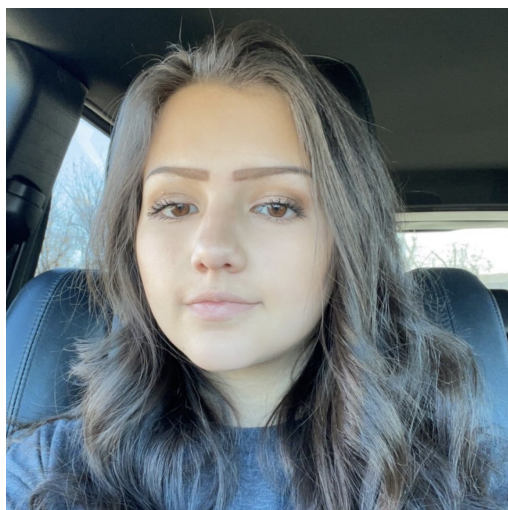
POINT OPPORTUNITIES

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Pre-Med meeting attendance | 3 points |
| ECHO meeting attendance | 2 points |
| Intramural game attendance | 2 points |
| Social event attendance | 3 points |
| One hour of volunteering | 1 point |
| Wearing Pre-Med shirt at any | 1 point |

MEMBERSHIP

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Exemplary | 100 Points |
| Distinguished | 75 Points |
| Honored | 50 Points |
| Member | <50 Points |

The points system is used to determine our members' participation within the society. The various echelons of awarded membership allow one to truly benefit from all the society has to offer and to capitalize on this involvement during the medical school application process.

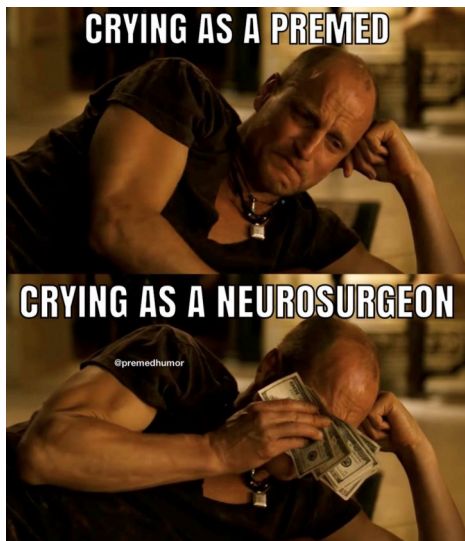


Congratulations to our

Member of the Week

Natalie Barretto

Thank you for being an
active member!!



Practice MCAT Question

While on the phone, a friend says: “A good friend would let me borrow the bike.” This friend is using which impression management strategy?

- A. Managing appearances
- B. Alter-casting
- C. Ingratiation
- D. Self-disclosure

Answer at the bottom of next page

DUES AND MERCHANDISE

\$45 membership dues for one **semester**

\$60 membership dues for the **full year**

Dues include a New T-Shirt

New T-Shirts - **\$15**

Old T-Shirts - **\$5**

Athletic Shirts - **\$12**

Hats - **\$15**

Fleeces - **\$50**

UPCOMING OPSA WORKSHOPS

Portal Workshops

- November 18, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- December 16, 11:30am - 12:30pm

Medical Portal Workshops are required if you plan to attend medical school in Fall 2023!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 <i>Start of October</i> | 2 |
| 3 | 4 BUILD 3-5pm Soccer 7:45pm Volleyball 10:10pm | 5 Profit Share 2-7pm Pre-Med Meeting 7-8pm, PSYC 338 | 6 Basketball 7:45pm | 7 Phoebe's 5-7pm | 8 Crafts 2:30-4:30pm | 9 |
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NOTE: Volunteering opportunities are meant for members to attend as they please.

Check your volunteering requirements! (orientation/application/vaccines)

The Benefits of Rural Medicine

Don't discount rural medicine! This is my advice to all pre-med students out there. Let me explain why I feel this way. I was raised in a rural town in Georgia. However, I was of the same mindset that many small-town teen-agers are. I would frequently think to myself, "as soon as I get the chance to leave, I'm going to a bigger city to make a good living for myself." However, by the time I was ready to apply for medical school, a lot had changed. I had already worked in a factory for three years, had a wife, a child, and was very involved in the community from past service projects. I had now developed a deep love, respect, and appreciation for the small town atmosphere. Being that I was a non-traditional student, I had previous experience out in the school of hard knocks that really drove in the old cliché that "money isn't everything."

I had experienced firsthand how people of rural areas are lacking for access to even basic medical care.

It truly is a vastly different world in the rural area when it comes to accessibility. For this reason, I decided on practicing rural medicine. I was familiar with the people, their lifestyles, and the medical issues to which another physician unfamiliar with the area might not be keen. However, money was always an issue for me in college. Right I was beginning to have doubts about financing medical school because of the massive debt, I found out about a rural scholarship program. In short, I signed an agreement with the Georgia Board for Physician Work-force to work a year in a rural area of Georgia for each year they paid \$20,000 to my medical school. What a great deal for someone interested in rural medicine anyway! Furthermore, about every state has a similar program. In some states, you don't even have to be a resident to qualify for their loan repayment programs.

While I understand the concern for some students that locking themselves into a rural contract may be equivalent to them signing away earning potential, I ask them to look at the bigger picture. Let's take a hypothetical situation where student doctor A and student doctor B are both graduating. Student A signed a rural contract and student B did not. If both students went to the same school and had no outside financial assistance other than loans and the rural scholarship, then student doctor A would have \$80,000 less in loans upon graduation. Furthermore, this means Student A has much less interest to pay as well. Student doctor B would have to make a significant amount more to make up for this gap. So again, please do not discount rural medicine! Not only does a great need exist, but also, it may be the best financial decision you could make as a medical student. Joey Johnson is a second year medical student at Lincoln Memorial University – DCOM. He is Class President, CEO of a company that provides various free services to rural areas, and owner of www.joeyjohnsondo.com. He plans to go into family practice in Georgia as an osteopathic physician, and he is also an avid NFL fan.

Source: <https://www.premedlife.com/the-benefits-of-rural-medicine/>

MCAT Answer: B

PUMPKIN PAINTING SOCIAL

Come out for pumpkins, paint,
snacks, and spooky fun!

October 29, 2021
7:00pm to 8:30pm
Tiffany Park, Bryan TX

RSVP:

[https://forms.gle/diaqb
BRpiZA4MFWC9](https://forms.gle/diaqbBRpiZA4MFWC9)



**RSVP by 10/22/21
to reserve a pumpkin**

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN CONTEST PRIZES!!!

Pre-Med Society IMs 21-22

