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New Zealand Medical Students' Association

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## ENGAGEMENT

**NZMSA CONFERENCE** Applications went live on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Posts with details for the Conference were shared in the week prior, and the application form and political speakers were then shared across cohort pages – largely by Cam and Sujean, but also by the wider NZMSA community. There were good application numbers overall but some under-application from Christchurch and Hamilton, thus applications were briefly reopened for two days to allow applicants from those sites a chance to apply.

**MEDICAL LEADERSHIP FORUM** On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, the application details for the Medical Leadership Forum were sent to Te Oranga and Pacific student groups, followed by general admissions, and were subsequently posted on Facebook class pages. Interest was strong within the first week and we anticipate a surge in interest for those who do not get an offered place at the NZMSA Conference.

**ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS** Due to low availability and the workload of promoting the NZMSA Conference, the Engagement Working Group did not have a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. Instead, we opted to each give written updates and feedback on progress. We later had a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, in which we discussed our plans for the Medical Leadership Forum and its promotion, and planning subsequent local engagement events. We also confirmed contingency plans for the Medical Leadership Forum's volunteering events and workshops.

## WORKFORCE

**GUIDE TO GRADUATION** The first instalment of Guide to Graduation: Guide to Employment I has been released and our regional NZMSA representatives have been tasked with distributing this guide to their local Facebook groups. Planning for the second edition has not begun yet, but it will be expected to release in September. Updates are to come as the year progresses.

**TRAINEE INTERN ROLE EXPECTATIONS VS HOUSE OFFICER DOCUMENT** The team has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that adequate planning and consideration is taken for this mahi. We are still reaching out to TI conveners across the motu. Drafts of the document are expected to be produced this upcoming month and circulated to the Steering Committee and relevant stakeholders as we progress.

**TI CONCERNS FORM** We have five responses so far! It is variable in terms of usability of data. We will continue to keep this open and use this information to guide our mahi.

**BEYOND THE MED SCHOOL GATES** This is a two day webinar series that invites speakers from the working unions, colleges, and relevant stakeholders to speak to medical students to prepare our Trainee Interns as they progress to graduating and entering the workforce. Emails are to be sent out to relevant speakers and stakeholders this upcoming month. Different members of the Workforce Working Group will be reaching out to relevant speakers and logistics is to be planned in parallel with regular meetings to ensure cohesive communications.

## ADVOCACY

**PARENTS IN MEDICINE** The Advocacy Working Group has sent out a form to gauge what services our student parents in medicine are currently using and whether they are subsidized or not. We are also working on reaching out to different childcare facilities to find solutions for this issue.

**LETTER DRIVE** Our team has compiled a series of letter templates that will be used for NZMSA's Letter Drive. The focus involving this is to empower students to be advocates for themselves and their peers by providing adequate resources to do so. Workshops will be held in the upcoming months to provide guidance and support.

**NATIONAL SURVEY** Questions are being compiled and survey platforms are being investigated for our 2024 National Survey. This will be launched mid-April and open until mid-June to allow for maximum engagement. Avenues to promote this survey are also being investigated. Preliminary results are planned to be available early July.

**OTHER BUSINESS** The Advocacy Working Group continues work on bringing light to issues surrounding rural placement opportunities and MAPAS/Te Kauae Parāoa.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **11 April 2024** – NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting
- **18 April 2024** – NZMSA Executive Meeting
- **26 to 28 April 2024** – NZMSA Medical Leadership Forum