



**SNMA**  
**STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

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July 9, 2009

Hello!

Greetings from the IU Chapter of the Student National Medical Association! We are pleased to announce that we have been selected to host the annual Student National Medical Association Region V Conference. This year's conference will be held **October 16-18, 2009** and our theme is **"Racing for Better Health: The Role of Interdisciplinary Care & Preventative Medicine in Healthcare"**. We are honored to serve the states of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio in carrying out the mission of SNMA by coordinating this popular event. We are excited to collaborate with the IUSM Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs to plan and execute this extraordinary conference.

Founded in 1964 by medical students from Howard University School of Medicine and Meharry Medical College, the Student National Medical Association is the nation's oldest and largest, independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. Organized in over 130 chapters across the nation, the SNMA membership includes over 5000 medical students, pre-medical students and physicians. **Region V is home to eighteen medical and pre-medical student chapters and around 600 members, the majority of whom actively attend regional events.**

As you may know, the IU chapter of SNMA has been integral in several events throughout the community, including the annual Diversity Week, Westside Health Fair Diabetes Education booth, Indiana Black Expo Health Fair, and monthly community service events, just to name a few. Our chapter is responsible for peer tutoring and vertical mentoring to other students at IUSM, mentoring high school students, and participating in receptions for minority applicants on interview days. SNMA also participates in several school-wide events including the annual Evening of the Arts, the IUSM production of the Vagina Monologues, and student government.

Our regional conference serves as a time of training, guidance and renewed dedication for many in our membership. The weekend will be jam packed with workshops, fairs, and opportunities specifically designed to cater to the needs of students underrepresented in medicine and to encourage and assist in the eradication of racial and ethnic health disparities. Furthermore, as the hosting institution, we have the opportunity to highlight many unique aspects of our institution!

Over the next months, we will be actively planning for this event. We hope that you will support us in this endeavor as there are many programming opportunities and logistical focal points that would be better addressed if approached from a joint effort between students and faculty. Plus, our experience has been that conferences with faculty support have proven to be more enjoyable and bring far more opportunities to the hosting institution.

At this time we are asking for any financial contributions you or your department can provide, as the phenomenal conference we are planning will not be possible without the means to fund our programming. You may choose to contribute on an individual basis, or you may encourage your department to support our endeavors. Enclosed is a sponsorship form, and any contribution you can provide is greatly appreciated!

We are excited to have such a wonderful opportunity to support our region and we would be happy to meet with you to embark upon this partnership. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [alexandd@iupui.edu](mailto:alexandd@iupui.edu). Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you more closely in the coming months.

Cordially,

*Danika L. Alexander*

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As a supporter of the 2009 Region V Conference in Indianapolis hosted by Indiana University School of Medicine, you will receive special recognition at the Regional Dinner on Saturday evening, as well as recognition with your/ your department's name and logo in the conference program and on conference signage.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to support the 2009 Region V SNMA conference with the following donation(s)

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___ Conference Bag Sponsorship	\$2,500.00
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___ Friday Evening Welcome Reception	\$2,000.00

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If you are interested in supporting our efforts but would prefer a partial sponsorship, please indicate below:

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the \_\_\_\_\_ event at the 2009 Regional Conference.

If you would like to contribute to our efforts in another manner, please contact Danika Alexander at [alexandd@iupui.edu](mailto:alexandd@iupui.edu)

# Corporate Sponsorship Form

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Please make checks payable to SNMA and write "Region V Conference" in the memo line.

Please make a copy for your records. Tax identification number and formal receipts will be provided upon request. Your processed check will serve as an informal receipt.

Please return this packet and contribution to:  
**Danika Alexander, SNMA Region V Conference Coordinator**  
**c/o IUSM Office of Multicultural Affairs**  
**Attn: Regional Conference**  
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