

SECTION ON EARLY CAREER PHYSICIANS REPORT FOR DISTRICT IX | AUGUST 2023

District Representative: Christine Thang, MD | CThang@mednet.ucla.edu

Assistant District Representative: Bhavin Doshi, MD | bhavin0615@gmail.com

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE JANUARY 2023

2023 SOECP Health Equity Grants Recipients

The Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) Health Equity Grant Program was established to support early career physicians, especially those who are underrepresented in medicine, as they conduct research, interventions, and education that address antiracism and health equity in communities and institutions. Individual projects are receiving up to \$3,300 in funding. The 2023 grant recipients and their project titles are listed below.

- **Tolulope Adebajo, MD, MPH, FAAP; Ginnely Carrasco; Jennifer Craiker & Renee Green** | Plug into Pediatrics, Medical Career Mentorship
- **Stephanie Fong Gomez, MD, FAAP** | Inaugural field trip for the Kaiser Permanente (KP) – Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) – Pipeline Partnership
- **Karina Almendarez, ASW; Emily Frank, MD, FAAP & Rosario Santillana, MD, FAAP** | Circulo de Guerreras (Circle of Women Warriors)
- **Carly Gomes, MD, FAAP** | An Elementary School-Based Program for Promoting Early Interest in Health Careers in Underserved Communities in NY State
- **Abimbola Dairo, MD, FAAP & Anuradha Gorukanti, MD, FAAP** | **Racial Justice Journal Club: Facilitating Critical** Reflection about Racism
- **Cherece Grier, MD, FAAP** | URIM Pediatric Health Equity and Advocacy Visiting Scholar Program
- **Landon Krantz, MD, FAAP** | Mitigating Depression Risk in Low-Income Minority Adolescents with ADHD
- **Devlynne Ondusko, MD, FAAP** | Language Cards to Improve Parental Involvement in the NICU for Families with Limited English Proficiency
- **Christina Randolph, DO, MPH** | Exploring the Role of a School Book Club on Health Workforce Recruitment
- **Julian Reardon, MD, MHS, FAAP** | GRaCEful Patient Care Discussions: A mixed methods exploration of physicians' willingness to explore patients' Gender, Race, and Cultural/Class Experiences (GRaCE) in clinical care

SOECP Research, Education, and Advocacy Awards

For its 3rd year, the SOECP opened nominations for the SOECP annual awards to showcase the incredible work of the Academy's early career physician members. Each award recipient will be honored during an SOECP event at the upcoming 2023 AAP National Conference and Exhibition in Washington, DC. For more information about the awards and our past honorees, [click here](#).

SOECP Leadership | Liaison Positions

As a career-stage interest group, the SOECP continues to focus its work to connect our members to varying opportunities within our Section and the Academy. Beyond our Executive Committee leaders, we have a network of members positioned as liaisons to AAP Committees, Councils, and Sections, in addition to external organizations and project-focused groups. The application form closed on April 16, 2023, and are currently being reviewed by the Executive Committee for selection. Term dates vary between 1-3 years depending on liaison group.

SOECP Workgroups Redesigned

In January 2023, the SOECP Executive Committee revamped each of the Section's existing workgroups to create new strategic goals, meeting structures, and templates. In April 2023, we were able to relaunch each of the following workgroups:

- **Advocacy** – Focuses on empowering members through training and webinars, helps determine focus for Section's yearly advocacy efforts, and encourages member involvement at Chapter levels
- **Communications & Member Value** – Focuses on Section branding, establishing a presence on social media, and ensuring that points of contact (blog, e-newsletter, emails, website) are accessible, meaningful, and consider user experience in their structure, timing, and distribution
- **Education** – Focuses on the promotion of financial, physical, and mental wellness, helps plan the SOECP H-Program, and imparts tips on obtaining MOC and CME credit
- **Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI)** – Focuses on elevating and advocating for the diverse needs and interests of Early Career Physicians (ECPs) (especially those who are underrepresented in medicine) through the provision of empowering resources, meaningful connections, and transformative programming
- **Membership and Networking** – Focuses on overall member engagement, SOECP Awards, promoting Section networking opportunities (ie workgroups), AAP special interest groups, and other opportunities listed on the AAP Volunteer Network

KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

YPLA 2.0 – The SOECP Leadership Programming Advisory Group (LPAG) is in the final stages of establishing a new leadership program curriculum that will not only include leadership training, but also experience-building for ECPs. The LPAG also has finalized the program's applications for participants and faculty. Once published, we would appreciate you sharing the information with ECPs and potential faculty so that we can get continue to spread the word about this new opportunity.

Reestablishing Connections with Early Career Chapter Leaders – The SOECP Executive Committee continues to connect with Chapter early career representatives to support local ECP engagement, connect local members with national opportunities, and bolster the Section's ability to reach early career pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists and get them more involved in the Academy's work.

QUESTION

Do you have any advice for early career physicians to help increase connections within the AAP, especially for finding their professional home within the Academy?

RESOURCES

[SOECP public webpage](#) | [SOECP Facebook Page](#) | [#AAPSOECP](#) | [SOECP members-only website](#)