



## diversity, equity, and inclusion committee and the associate member council

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### 1,000 WORD ESSAY

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## FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS, & FELLOWS essay contest one

**Answer one of the two prompts below:**

- Why I am interested in/have chosen acute care surgery as my career
- How I want to impact the field of acute care surgery

## essay contest two

Share a story of the intersection of the COVID pandemic, structural racism, and longstanding healthcare inequities. Consider the impact of collateral injury (e.g. personal conflict of managing anger and duty to service, increases in community violence, gaps in access to testing and vaccination in communities of people of color, health risks to people of color who could not work from home). Stories may be patient focused or personal experiences.

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# INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY AD HOC COMMITTEE

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## FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

### ESSAY CONTEST ONE

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- **Why I am interested in/have chosen acute care surgery as my career**
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### ESSAY CONTEST TWO

**Share a story of the intersection of**

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