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What makes your education at PCOM truly exceptional is that the school provides an eclectic array of co-curricular activities. They range from national chapter organizations to academic interest groups.

The goal of this brochure is to provide brief information about every student organization, group, or committee on campus. We acknowledge that there are probable omissions. If your organization is not included in the following pages, please contact the Office of Student Affairs and we will add your organization in the next publication.

All organizations are listed alphabetically. If any groups are of interest to you, we encouraged you to contact the appropriate person for that group. Since contacts for groups change often, go to the student organization directory on Nucleus under Student Affairs for the latest contact info.

For general inquiries regarding student life, contact The Office of Student Affairs at StudentAffairs@pcom.edu or 215-871-6870.

Don’t see something that interests you? Start your own student organization! Contact The Office of Student Affairs and we’ll help you make this happen.

**PCOM Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)**
We are the student chapter of Physicians for Human Rights, a national organization that promotes health by protecting human rights. PHR believes that human rights are essential preconditions for the health and well-being of all people. Using medical and scientific methods, the organization investigates and exposes violations of human rights worldwide and works to stop them.

We educate health professionals and medical, public health, and nursing students as well as organize them to become active in supporting a movement for human rights and creating a culture of human rights in the medical and scientific professions.

The PCOM Chapter of PHR promotes and educates the community on the important link between health and human rights; participates in letter writing campaigns for policy actions on human rights issues on behalf of health professionals around the world; and participates in a variety of PHR’s campaigns, including: Health Action AIDS, US Campaign to Ban Landmines, Juvenile Justice, Colleagues at Risk, and the Asylum Network.

**PCOM Physicians for Humanity (PFH)**
The purpose of PFH is to facilitate the process of medical missions and international health education. The group aids all students with an interest in global health medicine so that they can gain exposure to different cultures, healthcare systems, and paradigms of thinking. Medical missions to Ecuador have been planned annually.

**PCOM Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)**
PSR’s Mission is to promote social harmony and the health and well being of our communities. We seek to inspire, motivate, and activate health professionals and others who are committed to the prevention of interpersonal violence, the delivery of high quality and accessible health care, the achievement of a sustainable environment, and responsible energy use and other aspects of an eco-friendly lifestyle. Activities include lectures, organizing recycling efforts on campus, and community service.
The Jewish Medical Students Association at PCOM (JMA) promotes awareness and meets to support Jewish life at PCOM. Activities and events include seminars addressing Jewish topics such as the Holocaust, Israel, holidays, and ethics. The JMA organizes periodic Shabbat dinners and other holiday celebrations that provide social awareness and opportunities for students, and serves to re-establish and maintain PCOM’s connection to the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community and the Hillel’s Jewish Graduate Student Network.

**PCOM Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies Club (LGBT)**
The purpose of our club is to provide a visible community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and friends and allies of the LGBT community. Activities include meetings, participation in awareness events, and education. All friends, allies, and PCOM students are welcome to join.

**PCOM Muslim Student Association (MSA)**
The purpose of the Muslim Student Association is to provide services for Muslim members of the PCOM community and to educate the College to understand the religious, social, and cultural aspects of Islam and people of the Muslim world. The group is actively involved in improving resources for patients and educating healthcare workers about religious and culturally competent care of Muslim patients. Activities include prayer meetings, informal dinners and sponsorship of events related to Ramadan and Eid-ul-Adha.

**PCOM American Medical Association (AMA)**
The AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) is dedicated to representing medical students, improving medical education, developing leadership, and promoting activism for the health of America. With nearly 50,000 members, the MSS is the largest and most influential organization of medical students in the country (www.ama-assn.org).

There is a one-time national membership fee of $68 for 4 years or $20 for 1 year. Dues include membership in the AMA, Pennsylvania Medical Society, and Philadelphia County Medical Society; subscriptions to newsletters; and access to the full range of member services described at www.ama-assn.org, www.pamedsoc.org, and www.philamedsoc.org. All members are invited to attend all AMA and Pennsylvania Medical Society conferences and functions, including the annual meetings.

**PCOM Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons (AMOPS)**
The PCOM chapter of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS) provides a base for understanding military medicine as it applies to the three main branches of the US Armed Forces including the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The club consists of scholarship recipients of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP) and students with a vested interest in promoting military medicine and developing leadership. The PCOM chapter of AMOPS seeks to provide a forum for future military officers, a mechanism for discussion of military medical issues, a channel for leadership cultivation, and a link between active duty military physicians and military students. AMOPS members represent a cross section of the PCOM student body and ascribe to the ideals of intelligence, integrity, and ingenuity.
**PCOM American Medical Student Association (AMSA)**

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA), with a half-century history of medical student activism, is the oldest and largest independent association of physicians-in-training in the United States.

Today, AMSA is a student-governed, national organization committed to representing the concerns of physicians-in-training. With a membership of more than 62,000 medical students, premedical students, interns, residents and practicing physicians from across the country, AMSA continues its commitment to improving medical training and the nation's health.

There is a one-time national membership fee of $65.00 which includes subscriptions to *The New Physician* as well as a free Netter's Atlas of Human Anatomy along with many other benefits found on the website (www.amsa.org).

**PCOM American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)**

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is an organization of women physicians, medical students, and other persons dedicated to serving as the unique voice for women's health and the advancement of women in medicine. The organization was founded by Dr. Bertha VanHoosen in 1915 in Chicago, at a time when women physicians were an under-represented minority. As women in medicine increase in numbers, new problems and issues arise that were not anticipated. AMWA has been addressing these issues for 94 years.

For a one-time membership fee of $75, you will become a member of the oldest and largest multispecialty organization of healthcare professionals in the world. The fee gives you membership for as long as you are at PCOM and will give you access to all of AMWA’s numerous benefits (www.amwa-doc.org)! Our group welcomes everyone at PCOM.

**PCOM Christian Medical Students Association (CMA)**

Founded in 1931, CMA provides programs and services supporting its mission to “change hearts in healthcare” with a current membership of more than 15,000. CMA promotes positions and addresses policies on healthcare issues; conducts overseas medical evangelism projects through its mission arm, Global Health Outreach; coordinates a network of Christian doctors for fellowship and professional growth; sponsors student ministries in medical and dental schools; distributes educational and inspirational resources; hosts marriage and family conferences; provides Third World missionary doctors with continuing education resources; and conducts academic exchange programs overseas.

The purpose of Jefferson Christian Fellowship is to grow closer in our personal relationships with the Lord, and to grow closer to each other as a body of believers. Members seek to support and encourage each other, learn more about the Bible, and integrate their Christian faith with their professional lives. National student membership fees are $52 or free if the student signs up for email content instead of print magazines, CDs, or other physical materials. Visit www.cmda.org for more information.

**PCOM Jewish Medical Students Association (JMA)**

The purpose of PCOM's Jewish Medical Students Association (JMA) is to foster a sense of community among Jewish medical students, to provide a supportive environment for the integration of Jewish values and perspectives into the medical profession, and to promote awareness of Jewish medical history and culture. JMA organizes various events and activities throughout the year, including kosher food nights, Yom Kippur services, and discussions on relevant Jewish medical ethics. Membership is open to all students regardless of their religious background.

JMA provides a unique platform for students to explore their Jewish identity while navigating the demands of medical school. Through programming and events, members are encouraged to reflect on the intersection of their Jewish beliefs and their future careers in medicine. JMA believes that by providing educational opportunities, fostering a sense of community, and promoting awareness of Jewish medical culture, it can contribute to a more inclusive and supportive medical education environment for all students.
CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Culturally Aware Psychology Students (CAPS)
Sponsored by the Psychology Department, this committee consists of faculty from the Psychology programs, staff from the Office of Student Affairs, and students whose mission seeks to promote cultural awareness through events and programs at PCOM.

Coalition for Healthcare, Humanities, and the Arts (CHHArts)
We propose the formation of a Coalition for Healthcare, Humanities, and the Arts (CHHArts). The purpose of this coalition will be to provide an outlet for students to explore their interests in humanities and the arts, and create an interdisciplinary extension to graduate education at PCOM.

CHHArts aims to use humanities and the arts:
- As an instrument for reflection on our experiences as students pursuing health professions.
- As a vehicle to engage and educate the community on health-related issues.
- To create balance in our lives and enrich our years at PCOM with creativity, humor, and perspective.

We envision this organization and its goals as a vital component of our development as health care professionals.

PCOM Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA)
APAMSA (Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association) is a national organization that addresses issues that are important to Asian-American medical students and the Asian-American community. The chapter at PCOM promotes cultural awareness and diversity among the community.

Our goal is to bring together Asians and all others interested in the health issues that affect Asians. It is our interest to promote the health and well-being in the Asian community. APAMSA provides an important forum for students to meet, exchange information and experiences, and develop personally and professionally. Although the focus of APAMSA is towards the Asian community, all are welcome, especially those passionate about global health and medical care on an international level.

APAMSA provides opportunities for medical and graduate students of all backgrounds to support diverse communities through service. APAMSA works with all the Philadelphia area health sciences schools through a citywide organization, the Asian American Health Care Network (AAHCN). Visit www.apamsa.org to learn more about this organization.

PCOM Medical Students for Choice (MSFC)
Medical Students for Choice (MSFC) is focused in providing students with educational opportunities in all areas of women’s reproductive health. MSFC works to ensure that comprehensive reproductive health care is part of standard medical training, including the practice of abortion. As medical students, we work to make reproductive health care, including abortion, a part of standard medical education and residency training.
**The Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (SAAPA)**
All PA students at PCOM are members of this national organization through the Sara Somers Rupert Student PA Society. The mission of the SAAPA is to promote the awareness of the PA profession, establish and maintain an alliance of the Philadelphia area PA programs, and to provide community service opportunities within rural and urban medically underserved areas of our region. Our goals consist of attending the national AAPA conference, hosting Pennsylvania alliance meetings to discuss issues related to PAs, community service opportunities, and enhancing the importance of the PA relationship with other healthcare providers.

**PCOM Student American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine (SAOASM)**
The PCOM Sports Medicine Club is a Student Chapter of the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine (AOASM). Sports medicine is a branch of the healing arts profession which utilizes a holistic, comprehensive approach to prevention, diagnosis, and management of sport and exercise-related injuries, disorders, dysfunctions, and disease processes. The purpose of this organization is to provide our members with opportunities to learn about the healthcare provider role for individuals involved in sports or exercise.

We aim to educate, motivate, and inspire careers in sports medicine. Open to all students interested in sports medicine. Visit http://www.aoasm.org/students.cfm to learn more. National student membership is free with no subscription to the Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine. Student membership with journal subscription is $130.

**PCOM Wilderness Medicine Club**
The Wilderness Medicine Club’s purpose is to present those interested in outdoor activities to meet and learn about preventing, recognizing, and treating medical problems encountered in wilderness situations while making outdoor activities more accessible.
**PCOM Runner’s Club**

Interested in running with fellow PCOM students? Join the Runners Club! A small group gets together to support each other running, whether it be a marathon, 5k, or ½ marathon. Our club does not have a lot of requirements, just a love for running. All students are welcome.

**PCOM Soccer**

PCOM Soccer is always on the lookout for new players! The purpose of the club is to bring together students interested in playing soccer and competing in the Philadelphia Professional School Soccer League. Practices take place 2-3 times a week, usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays (all levels welcomed). For the more advanced players, the team competes in the Philadelphia Professional School Soccer League, of which we are defending champions (league games tend to be competitive).

The team also participates in an indoor soccer league during the winter and practices are held throughout the academic year. Eligibility is open to all PCOM students, faculty, staff, and administration.

**PCOM Volleyball**

The PCOM Volleyball Club seeks to provide a friendly atmosphere for both volleyball players and anyone interested in learning the game.

Open practices are held one evening a week (usually Thursday from 6-8pm), but this time may be subject to change. Certain members of the club also take part in an adult Volleyball League at the Hillside Recreational Center in Manayunk throughout the fall and spring seasons. The club also plays in tournaments for charity.

No experience is necessary to join. All are welcome. Eligibility is open to PCOM students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni.

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**PCOM Student Association of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)**

The Student Association of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) seeks to promote excellence in osteopathic family medicine through quality education, visionary leadership, and responsible advocacy. ACOFP connects you to a nationwide network of osteopathic students, residents, and physicians who focus on family practice. We work together to promote the highest standards in holistic healing, educate the public, and provide individual growth opportunities for students. Visit http://www.acofp.org/ for more information.

**PCOM National Latino Health Organization (NLHO)**

The NLHO is a national organization that seeks to educate the public and the student body about Latino health issues, advocate for increased Latino representation in health related areas, and promote awareness about social, political and economic issues as they relate to Latino health.

The PCOM chapter aims to provide academic and social support for members by helping develop strong leadership skills and a better understanding of medicinal Spanish, enabling us to educate and work hand in hand with the Latino community to meet their needs. We prepare our members to be linguistically and culturally competent health care providers, and to be the voice in the PCOM community that creates awareness regarding the Latino community.

Although the NBLHO membership is mostly composed of medical students, the NBLHO constitutions allows for different levels of membership. Membership fees are $45 for 4 years or $15 for 1 year. Visit www.nblho.org for more information.

**PCOM Student National Medical Association (SNMA)**
The Student National Medical Association was established in 1964 at Howard University and has since become a national organization with more than 60 chapters. SNMA is committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical, graduate, and biomedical science students, addressing the needs of underserved communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians. Activities include mentor/mentee relationships with pre-med, high school, and junior high students through HPREP & MAPS, community health fairs, food drives, and the annual Red Cross blood drive.

Chapter meetings are held monthly. Members participate in minority student interviews, study review sessions, and socials. The PCOM chapter is a member of the national organization, Region VIII, and participates in regional meetings, protocols, and the annual convention.

National dues for medical students are $100 for 4 years. Associate membership for graduate/post-bac students are $25 for 1 year. Visit http://www.snma.org/ for more information.

**PCOM Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)**

The purpose of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association, the student affiliate organization of the American Osteopathic Association, is to promote osteopathic ideals and unity within the profession, to educate future osteopathic physicians, and to establish and maintain lines of communication among healthcare professionals in an ongoing effort to improve the quality of healthcare. SOMA membership fees are $60, which includes Netter’s Atlas of Human Anatomy, discounts on boards review books, and free registration to the annual convention and scientific seminar.

**Phi Sigma Gamma Fraternity (PSG)**

The Zeta chapter of Phi Sigma Gamma Fraternity, founded in 1907, is the only fraternity at PCOM. The purpose of the fraternity is to facilitate the establishment and maintenance of social and professional relationships between members of the osteopathic profession while at PCOM and after graduation.

Membership is open to any male student at PCOM in good standing with the College and who shows an interest in the advancement of the osteopathic medical profession and of the Phi Sigma Gamma Fraternity. Monthly meetings are held throughout the academic year. Phi Sig sponsors a variety of educational seminars featuring local alumni and various guest lecturers. Each trimester, Phi Sig has at least one social event and it holds a members-only banquet each spring.

**PCOM Philharmonic Choir**

The purpose of the PCOM Philharmonic Choir is to provide students with the opportunity to sing choral music and to offer choral concerts to the College community. Rehearsals are held throughout the year and two major concerts are held each year. There are no fees to join, so if you love to sing, you are welcome to join!

**PCOM Physician Assistant Club (PA)**

Physician Assistant students get together to plan social and educational events for the PA class. The leaders of the PA club have historically assisted the PA and Student Affairs departments with the social networking events for Orientation for the new incoming class.
Kappa Sigma Phi Women's Osteopathic Society (KSP)

Kappa Sigma Phi Women's Osteopathic Society was founded at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003. Medical students, alumni, and honorary members are united in promoting women in osteopathic medicine.

We provide a necessary social atmosphere of support and friendship to the women of PCOM. Our community service enables students the opportunity to foster relationships with the community by participating in a range of activities, such as: mentoring children in elementary schools, volunteering at the Sheila Denise House and the YES program, and raising funds for the Make-a-Wish Program and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA).

To become a member, a woman must be either an osteopathic physician or a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. Active members must participate in a committee and attend at least two society functions each year.

PCOM Men's Rugby

The PCOM Men's Rugby Club is an athletic organization that is established to foster bonds between medical students and alumni, both on the field of play and in the academic area. PCOM RFC was founded in 1973 and is one of the few graduate level rugby teams left in the area.

PCOM RFC is a Division III rugby club that represents the College in the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union, a member of the U.S. Rugby Football Union. Division, College, Club, and touring side matches are played over two seasons per academic year (fall and spring). No experience is necessary to join and all are welcome. Eligibility is open to PCOM students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni.

PCOM Student Osteopathic Surgical Association (SOSA)

The PCOM chapter of Student Osteopathic Surgical Association (SOSA) strives to introduce members to different aspects of surgery, while continuing to broaden our knowledge base of basic and clinical medicine. The club is perfect for any student considering surgery as a specialty, and for students wishing to prepare for clinical rotations. It is also a great opportunity for all students to explore surgical interest, activity and education via lectures, workshops, and conferences. Membership is open to all physician assistant and medical students. For more information, visit the website for the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

PCOM Undergraduate American Academy of Osteopathy (UAAO)

In 1937, sixty-six physicians, concerned about ensuring the future teaching of the basic osteopathic principles set forth by Andrew Taylor Still, met and founded the organization now called the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO).

Since that time, the Academy has grown to over 4,500 physician and student members, all of whom are dedicated to following and teaching the preventive and holistic philosophies of medicine which are osteopathy's trade mark.

While osteopathic medical practice is in the mainstream of health care today, the specific delivery of osteopathic manipulative treatment continues to be misunderstood and underappreciated for its therapeutic benefits in the context of total health care management. To shift this trend, the Academy promotes the utilization of osteopathic manipulative medicine through its educational and research programs. Visit http://www.academyofosteopathy.org/uaao/home for more information.
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

PCOM Anesthesiology Club (ANESTH)
The PCOM Anesthesia Club introduces students to the field of anesthesiology and its many subspecialties. The club also aims to provide interested students with assistance in entering the field as well as opportunities to learn more about anesthesia and develop skills related to the specialty.

Workshops and meetings are held throughout the year. The club offers the opportunity to attend special presentations by guest lecturers, including current anesthesiologists and residents. The PCOM Anesthesia Club is new and exciting with many great ideas in store and we welcome any interested student.

PCOM Business and Medicine Club (BUS)
The Business and Medicine Club seeks to educate future healthcare professionals in the fundamental business principles associated with the evolving healthcare environment. The recent overhaul of the third-party payer system has dictated the need for physicians to become knowledgeable about both insurance and government remuneration schedules affecting the future of physician practice in the business of managed healthcare.

PCOM Clinical Neuroscience Society (CNS)
This club is open to all members of the PCOM community and is dedicated to educating individuals interested in neuroscience, covering both the clinical and research aspects to students of the healthcare professions. Along with speakers from time to time, we have bimonthly journal club meetings in which members report on journal articles of their choice. There are two presentations per meeting and the articles are dispersed before the meeting so that the other members may read them ahead of time. Membership fees range from $10 for 1 year or $20 for 4 years.

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

PCOM Basketball
Students who are interested in a friendly game of basketball can get together to play on the intramural league. The Activities Center coordinates games. Open to all students.

PCOM Biomedical Sciences Student Club (BIOMED)
The Biomedical Sciences Club organizes social activities for students, provides a venue for students interested in research, and provides students with the opportunity to learn about careers in the healthcare field. The club encourages students to take an active role in the PCOM community and enhance relations with the City of Philadelphia through volunteer events.

PCOM Deck Hockey
Students interested in Deck Hockey get together for friendly games in the Activities Center. All students welcome.

PCOM East
PCOM East is a social planning group at PCOM. Members get together to plan social and intramural sporting events for students. Some trips organized throughout the year include ski trips, Atlantic City, and more.

PCOM Flag Football
The purpose of the PCOM Flag Football league is to provide a friendly atmosphere for flag football players and anyone interested in learning the game to meet and play with others in the community. The league has events for players of all skill levels.
Sigma Sigma Phi Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity (SSP)
Sigma Sigma Phi is a widely recognized and respected National Osteopathic Honors and Service Fraternity with a long list of students and alumni physicians nationwide. Membership gives you the opportunity to interact both academically and socially with other student members and alumni, as well as the distinction of having attained a high level of both academic achievement and community service. Upon graduation, Sigma Sigma Phi members are automatically invited to continue their membership with the Grand Chapter, a distinguished honor to be carried throughout one’s medical career. For more information, visit [http://www.sigmasigmaphi.org](http://www.sigmasigmaphi.org).

The Student Government Association of PCOM (SGA)
The Student Government Association of PCOM was established to serve the student body by organizing its voice on academic and student life issues and providing representation to PCOM administration and community. The primary goal is to serve the student body by advocating and representing the student voice for the benefit of the College community.

Each academic program will receive information regarding opportunities for leadership throughout the academic year.

PCOM Dermatology Club (DERMA)
The Dermatology Club of PCOM was founded in December of 2005 and all students and members of the PCOM community are welcome to join. The club aims to provide some insight into the ever-changing specialty of dermatology. Different aspects of the field are presented and the club provides opportunities for education, research, and service. Information regarding local Philadelphia Dermatologic Society meetings, the Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology, and grand rounds is also available. Membership fees are $35 for 1 year and include a t-shirt.

PCOM Emergency Medicine Club (EMED)
The Emergency Medicine Club consists of a group of PCOM students interested in any or all aspects of emergency medicine. Our club offers many opportunities to learn about emergency medicine.

The Emergency Medicine Club presents hands-on workshops on suturing, IV infusion therapy, x-ray and ultrasound reading, phlebotomy, and intubation. Students will have the opportunity to shadow health care providers on ground ambulances, air medical transport services, and in local emergency departments. The club sponsors seminars and case studies, including a board review seminar in cardiac physiology. All students regardless of their career goals are encouraged to join the EMED club.

The Ethics Committee
The Ethics Committee’s mission is to serve as advocates and a voice for the student body on ethical issues. Both individually and collectively we aspire to facilitate an arena of communication in order to better ourselves, our school, and our chosen professions. We strive to make the cares and concerns of the students heard and acted upon. We will promote ideas of respect, fairness, and professionalism because adherence to these ideals will help us to grow as health professionals, a community, and human beings. Our members represent every academic program at PCOM. All students are encouraged to join.
**PCOM Genetics in Medicine Club (GENETICS)**
The Genetics in Medicine Club at PCOM seeks to promote interest in the field of genetics. Advancements in technology and biology developed the field of bioinformatics to handle the data created by gene and protein sequencing. The genome of several species has been sequenced and scientists are scrambling to interpret the puzzling code. The results are bound to impact lives by affecting food production, medicine, environmental conservation, forensic science, and more.

The Genetics in Medicine Club helps students stay on top of recent developments in genetics and biotechnology, and seeks to prepare members for this evolving field. Genetics is an ever-growing and evolving medical entity that will be a major influence over future healthcare professions and society as a whole.

**PCOM Geriatrics Club**
The Geriatrics Club was organized to provide interested students the opportunity to enhance their educational exposure to elderly patient care, diagnosis, and treatment. Students who are interested in serving the elderly population are welcome to join. Through various activities, including service to the community, physician shadowing, and grand rounds, members can expand their knowledge in this growing population. The Geriatrics Club is open to all interested students and works with various older adult resource centers locally.

**PCOM Internal Medicine Club (IMED)**
The Internal Medicine Club serves to introduce students to internal medicine as a medical specialty. Any student at PCOM who is interested in learning more about internal medicine as a medical specialty can join. The club focuses on the many facets of Internal Medicine in primary care as well as in specialty practice. Activities include regular meetings, guest lecture series, grand rounds, case conferences, and much more.

**PCOM Radiology Club (RAD)**
The PCOM Radiology Club provides students with current clinical knowledge in the field of radiology through special guest lectures and activities. As a specialty that is used ubiquitously in medical practice, we provide learning opportunities for future healthcare professionals to develop a strong background in radiology. The club is open to PCOM students who are interested in the field.

The purpose of the Psychology Club at PCOM is to encourage, educate, invoke interest, and stimulate knowledge in the field of psychology for current students. It is our goal to create and maintain an environment at PCOM, which will promote awareness for mental health. All students interested are encouraged to join.

**PCOM Public Health Club (PHC)**
The mission of the Public Health Club is to inform its community of current issues in public health and address them from a medical perspective to promote cooperative action among health professionals in the clinical setting.

The long-term goals of the Public Health Club:
- provide information about various public health topics
- acknowledge the links between public health and medicine
- ensure all members of the healthcare team are prepared to address public health issues as they relate to their field of work, and the medical community as a whole
- connect healthcare workers on personal and professional levels
- The short-term goals of the Public Health Club:
  - have a general information meeting in December, before Winter Break for those interested
  - delegate club duties to members and select a committee to integrate interests among students from the various programs at PCOM
  - have a PCOM faculty member speak about pertinent issues in Public Health in January
Do you love kids? Then you should consider becoming a member of the Robert Berger Pediatrics Society. As a member of the Society, you will have the opportunity to take part in shadowing experiences, attend lectures on various topics related to the field of pediatrics, and participate in community service projects helping to enrich the lives of many children and their families in the local community.

Every year, we organize parties for the patients at St. Christopher’s Children’s Hospital and raise thousands of dollars for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Over the past few years, we have also created a partnership with Northern Home for Children, an organization that serves underserved children and their families in the Philadelphia area. Members volunteer to tutor children and organize creative activities for the residents of Northern Home.

The Society is open to all students who are interested in pediatrics, working with children, mentorship, or have experience with children.

**PCOM Psychiatry Club (PSYCHI)**
The student Psychiatry Club was formed to provide a forum for PCOM students to learn about psychiatry as a specialty. Students learn more about behavioral health and mental illness in medicine and healthcare. All PCOM students interested in behavioral health are welcome to join.

**PCOM Psychology Society (PSYCH)**
The primary goal of the Psychology Society is to assist in linking mental health professionals with medical health professionals. It is in the process of redeveloping the Psychology Club to include all psychology departments with their independent clubs operating under the Psychology Club umbrella. The mission for the Psychology Club at PCOM is to advance the science of psychology and to provide club members with the necessary tools, including confidence and excellence, to become informed, professional, and outstanding members in the practice of psychology.

**PCOM Nutrition and Medicine Club (NUTMED)**
The Nutrition and Medicine club provides a forum to explore issues related to food nutrition and health. We strive to increase awareness in food selection and healthy habits of PCOM students. We believe that food is one of the most powerful substances to maintaining an overall healthy lifestyle. We address the rising problem of obesity as well as facts and myths surrounding food, diets, and supplements.

The club focuses on food and exercise as a means for better health. Together, understanding the power of food and how to exercise can go a long way in preventing people from developing disease. This organization is open to anyone interested in nutrition, exercise, and health.

**PCOM Obstetrics-Gynecology Club (OBGYN)**
The Ob/Gyn Club offers a forum for students interested in women’s health as a career. The club endeavors to provide insight into the specialty. From lectures on reproductive endocrinology, gynecologic oncology, and maternal fetal medicine to discussions on residency programs, the society strives to broaden the spectrum on women’s health issues. Members are encouraged to become student members of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the national association of Ob/Gyn Club.
**PCOM Oncology Club (ONC)**
The PCOM Oncology Club is dedicated to providing its members the opportunities to learn more about the evolving and fascinating world of oncology. We focus on a variety of perspectives such as academic research, clinical, community epidemiology, patient perspectives, and prevention.

Our club would like to provide its members opportunities for career enrichment through our guest lecture series, whereby experts will provide valuable clinical insight to those exploring oncology as a specialty. In addition, collaborations with cutting-edge research laboratories, national cancer registries and societies, community support groups, and other organizations will be created for our members to experience first-hand the scope of treatment and prevention in our community. Our club will also work to raise funds and promote community initiatives that support patient care, prevention, and treatment. It is our goal to grow professionally and promote cancer education and awareness.

**PCOM Ophthalmology Club (OPHTH)**
Ophthalmology is a medical specialty. With the number of residency positions limited and the number of applications high, ophthalmology remains a highly sought after and competitive field. Just as in any field of medicine, it is imperative that the medical student be well aware of the application process, clinical trends, and current research directions. The objective of the Ophthalmology Club at PCOM is to expose students to the basic ophthalmology examination and to advise students interested in ophthalmology as a career.

**PCOM Orthopedic Club (Ortho)**
The ambition of the PCOM orthopedic club is to provide to its members and the PCOM community an avenue to explore and examine the many facets of the Orthopedic medical specialty.

As a club we strive to promote and advance a better understanding of orthopedics through informative discussion and interaction with students and physicians who have completed varying levels of orthopedic training. The PCOM orthopedic club will seek to provide its members a venue for sharing of ideas, advancement of skills, and clinical exposure as related to the field of orthopedics.

Membership in the PCOM orthopedic club is open to all PCOM students interested in orthopedics as a potential career path.

**PCOM Otolaryngology Club (ENT)**
The Otolaryngology club at PCOM offers students exposure to a growing specialty field. The club focuses on exposing students to the basic principles of head and neck surgery, research, and patient care.

Through this organization, students can expand their knowledge in the field by attending weekly Otolaryngology Grand Rounds, and shadowing residents and clinicians within the PCOM network.

**PCOM Pathology Club (PATH)**
The PCOM Pathology Club is dedicated to bringing a better understanding of pathology within all areas of osteopathic medicine, demonstrating the integration of pathology and laboratory medicine within the area of primary health care, and fostering a better appreciation of the diverse roles of the clinical pathologist.

**PCOM Robert Berger Pediatrics Society**