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# ADVOCACY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## RESOLUTIONS

### WHERE DOES APAMSA STAND ON...



#### Affirmative Action

In **support** of the use of **race-conscious** recruitment, admission, and retention practices by medical schools in the pursuit of a diverse and inclusive student population; APAMSA opposes legislation that would dissolve or otherwise deter medical schools from employing such policies.



#### Single Payer Healthcare System

In **support**, recognizing a single payer system would improve access, quality, and accessibility of health care for all AANHPI's.

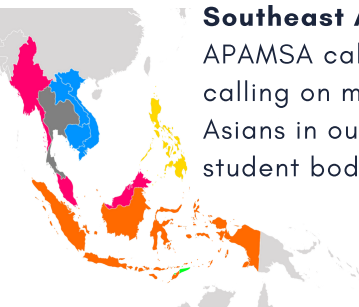


#### Undocumented Immigrants

supports efforts by public officials to make health coverage more accessible to undocumented individuals, including measures to expand Medicaid and other public health plans to income-eligible individuals regardless of immigration status.

#### Southeast Asians as Underrepresented Minorities

APAMSA calls on the AAMC and AACOM to release a statement calling on medical schools to consider including South East Asians in outreach and admissions efforts intended to increase student body diversity.



*\* See the full list of resolutions in APAMSA's [Policy Compendium](#). If we are missing a resolution on an important area of AAPI-related health policy, please email us at [resolutions@apamsa.org](mailto:resolutions@apamsa.org).*

### NEW POSITION STATEMENTS

- [Black Lives Matter](#)
- [SECURE CAMPUS Act](#)
- [Announcement in Support of International Students](#)

### JOINT STATEMENTS

- [Joint Statements Presidential Proclamation 10052: with LMSA, SNMA, SOMA, and MSPA](#)

### TAKE ACTION

Tell Congress to include immigrant families in the next COVID stimulus bill:  
<https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/take-action/>

# ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

- #ShareTheMicNow:**  
**228** medical students, including **59** APAMSA members from **85** schools participated in a social media takeover to celebrate Juneteenth by amplifying black medical students' voices.
- Journal Club on the Healthcare Disparities of Radiologic Imaging in the E.D.** at FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine APAMSA
  - Racial Disparities in Ordering Laboratory and Radiology Tests for Pediatric Patients in the Emergency Department by Payne NR, Puumala SE
  - Racial and Ethnic Differences in Diagnostic Imaging Utilization During Adult Emergency Department Visits in the United States, 2005 to 2014 by Shrager JD et al.
- APAMSA responds to Norman C Wang's "Diversity, Inclusion and Equity" paper** | *read full statement [here](#)*



**APAMSA** @APAMSA · Aug 3  
 APAMSA denounces the paper "Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity" published March 2020 in the Journal of the American Heart Association. The views espoused in the paper are contrary to both our values and our official policies as an organization.

#MedTwitter #MedStudentTwitter



Emilee Tu is with Anje'le Alston.  
 June 19 · 🌱

Meet Anje'le Alston! In celebration of Juneteenth, Anje'le will be sharing her version of Black joy on my social media for #ShareTheMicNow.

"Hello everyone! Thank you to Emilee for opening up her platform to me on this special #Juneteenth! I am a runner, poet, sports enthusiast, productivity nerd, and a newly minted resident physician in Southern California. Existing as a Black female comes with many adversities. On a regular basis, I experience microaggressions, racism all while seeing my brothers and sisters incarcerated, brutalized, and murdered as the result of a system designed to keep us oppressed. Taking care of my mental health often seems like an insurmountable task. However, one of the ways I find joy in being Black is doing my hair. Black hair is a complex topic as it is commonly seen as nappy, unkempt, and unprofessional. It took years for me to love my own natural hair, and although it may be time consuming I genuinely love styling it. In celebration of #Juneteenth please enjoy these photos of me experiencing joy wearing my natural hair in all its glory!"

This project was inspired by recent Instagram takeovers, which originally served to provide a space for Black womxn to reach people outside their own platform to amplify Black beauty, power, and culture. We urge you to read more about Juneteenth ([Student National Medical Association](#)) and join us in our campaign to make Juneteenth a federal holiday (swipe for more details)!

#ShareTheMicNow #SNMAJuneteenth #HellaJuneteenth #Blackjoy



## RESOURCES

### API/Black Solidarity & Anti-Racism Resource List

by UCSF APAMSA, including ethnic specific articles as well as recommended books, podcasts & films

### Local APAMSA Chapter Black Solidarity Initiative Ideas

like discussion guide for 13th screening or workshop on AAPI Anti-Blackness

### SNMA Racial Justice Toolkit

To help local chapters advocate for justice in their home institution

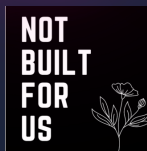


### ACLU Guide on Protecting Your Patients from Border Patrol and ICE Interferences



**AUGUST 18:** Join the Institute for Healing and Justice as we strategize how to remove race from eGFR! **RSVP** at [www.instituteforhealingandjustice.org/egfr](http://www.instituteforhealingandjustice.org/egfr)

Follow



### Not Built For Us

a deep dive podcast on racial inequities & health by Brown APAMSA member Angela Zhang



### "The Stories We Share"

a social media campaign on API-Black Solidarity by U of Michigan IG [@the.stories.we.share](https://www.instagram.com/the.stories.we.share) Twitter [@TSWS\\_umich](https://twitter.com/TSWS_umich)

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### APAMSA Against Racism in Medicine

to find out about the latest AAPI anti-racism events and resources to enact change at your institution as well as discussing current events.



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# U.S. CENSUS

*We are running out of time!*

*U.S. Census Bureau has announced that they have moved the Census data collection deadline from October 31 to **September 30**.*

This means **we only have about one month** left to get everyone counted.

So far, **only 63% of households** have responded to the 2020 Census, up from about 62% at the beginning of July. The response rate in the 2010 Census was 74%, so we have a lot of catching up to do.

Your response to the 2020 Census will help determine how **\$800 BILLION** in federal funding is allocated to programs like Medicaid, hospitals, Asian-language resources, and other decisions that will affect our communities for **the next 10 years**.

**SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SO THAT WE DON'T GET UNDERCOUNTED!**

## 3 Ways to Fill Out the 2020 Census



Mail back the questionnaire sent to your home

Go to [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)  
(You will need your 12-digit household ID that came in the mail)



Call 844-330-2020

Were you home from college on April 1st due to COVID-19?

Fill out the 2020 Census as if you were still at your dorm or off-campus housing!

If you normally live in on-campus housing, you are counted through your university as part of the Census Bureau's Group Quarters operation.

The Census will **NOT** ask about your citizenship status.



The confidentiality of your responses is protected under federal law.



Since the Census aims to count every single person living in the U.S., undocumented folks should fill it out too!

## Filling Out the Census in Your Preferred Language

- Chinese (Mandarin): 844-391-2020
- Chinese (Cantonese): 844-398-2020
- Vietnamese: 844-461-2020
- Korean: 844-392-2020
- Tagalog: 844-478-2020
- Japanese: 844-460-2020

Census resources are also available in 59 languages at [2020census.gov/en/languages.html](https://2020census.gov/en/languages.html)