2025 - Quarter 4

It's the holiday season, and we know you might be looking forward to a short break, time with family, or some personal time. Missouri ACP wishes you a wonderful holiday season, no matter how you choose to spend it. We hope you take the time to rest and recharge so you can start 2026 energized and ready to go!

Student Leaders Needed

Are you passionate about internal medicine and looking for a leadership opportunity? The Missouri Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP) is seeking two motivated medical students to serve on the Governor's Advisory Council (GAC).

As a student leader, you'll have the chance to represent your peers, contribute to discussions shaping the future of internal medicine, and gain valuable experience working alongside physicians and other leaders in the field. This is a unique opportunity to make your voice heard and build connections within the medical community.

If you're ready to take the next step in your journey toward becoming a leader in internal medicine, we encourage you to apply! Below is an outline of the expectations and the annual stipend the leaders will receive.
Expectations:

ACP will provide a $250 stipend per year to 2 student members to serve as liaisons between Missouri ACP leadership/staff and the Student Medical Council. Requirements include:

- Attending and providing a student update at each Missouri ACP Council meeting (1 virtual and 1 in person)
- Coordinating and leading discussions with the student medical council. These discussions would include:
    - Planning of student events virtual or in-person (minimum of 2 events per year)
    - Planning a student event at the Scientific Meeting

- Serving on the MO ACP membership committee and actively participating in discussions
- Serving as an assistant for education sessions (when appropriate and in your area of the state)
- Working with each medical student council rep to:
    - Find the dates of the annual interest group fairs
    - Coordinate a leader visit at each IMIG

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2025 Missouri ACP Poster Competition Recap

The Missouri ACP Chapter was thrilled to host this year's Poster Competition on September 13, 2025, at Margaritaville Lake Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri. We had an exceptional turnout of more than 100 posters submitted by medical students and residents from across the state.

The breadth and quality of the work shared this year were truly impressive. Research, clinical vignettes, and patient safety/quality improvement posters showcased not only strong academic effort, but also a genuine commitment to advancing internal medicine. It was a joy to see the creativity, curiosity, and dedication reflected in every project.

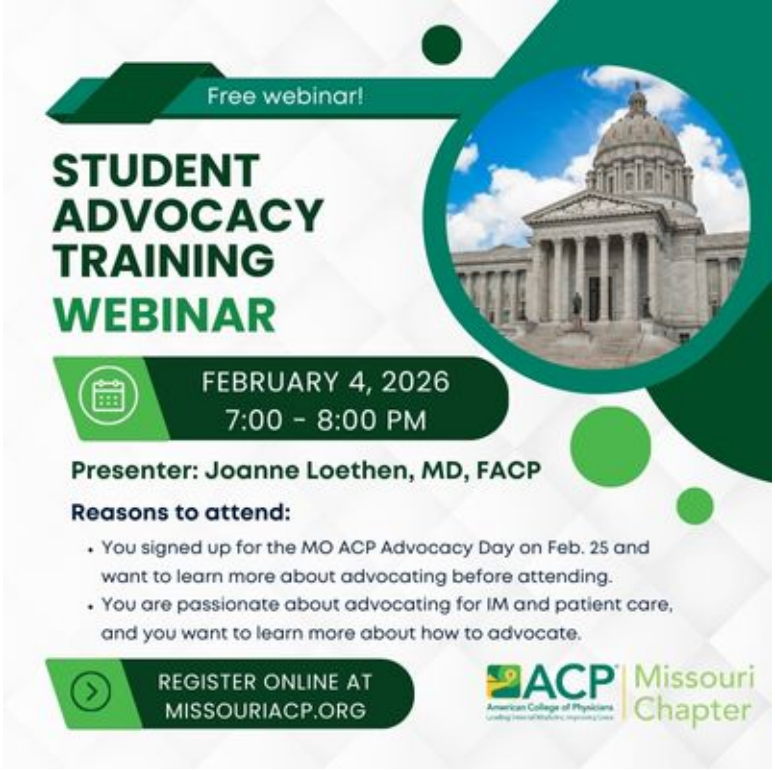
First-place winners from each category will advance to the national Poster Competition at ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2026, taking place April 16–18 in San Francisco, Calif. We wish them the very best as they represent Missouri on the national stage.

Full results, including the top three awardees in each category, can be found on our website.

If you're a student or resident interested in presenting at next year's competition, now is a great time to connect with your program director or clerkship director. They can walk you through the process, timelines, and expectations for preparing a submission.

We are grateful to all who participated, supported, and volunteered this year. The enthusiasm and talent of our members continue to make this event a highlight for the Missouri ACP Chapter.

Medical Student Advocacy Webinar



Calling all medical students passionate about internal medicine and advocacy! Join us on February 4, 2026, from 7:00-8:00 PM for an interactive webinar designed to help you build advocacy skills both on the legislative process and advocating for yourself and your patients. Learn how to make your voice heard and create meaningful change in healthcare. If you are signed up for the MO ACP Advocacy Day on February 25, this is a great resource to prepare you.

REGISTER

Is Internal Medicine the Right Path for You?

Are you wondering if internal medicine is the right path for you? Deciding on a specialty can feel overwhelming, but hearing from others who've been in your shoes can provide clarity. In this article, ACP member Jason Goldman, MD, MACP, shares his journey to choosing internal medicine and how he knew it was the right fit. His story might just help you discover if IM aligns with your passions and career goals.

Read more.

Physicians, Not Providers

There has been no shortage of confusing topics during my medical education. But amid the endless biochemical pathways and anatomical landmarks, one aspect of medicine has stood out as particularly perplexing: why are physicians called "providers"?

As I think back to my preclinical years, I recall countless lectures on the vast responsibility that comes with the profession as well as the sanctity of the patient–physician relationship. At no point in my training did the term "provider" ever come up. Yet, as I stepped outside of the confines of the classroom and into my clerkship year, it seemed the world had forgotten the term physician in favor of provider.

Wondering if I missed some lectures, I began to ponder why the term was limited to medicine. We do not refer to lawyers as legal advice providers, teachers as education providers, or pilots as air travel providers. So, why are physicians health care providers? I quickly learned that, like so much of our modern health care system, the answer lies in insurance.

Read more.

Spread the Word: Free ACP Membership for Medical Students!

You are receiving this email because you are a member of the American College of Physicians (ACP)! We want to remind you that student membership in ACP is completely free. Don’t keep this information to yourself—share the news!

By becoming a member, you gain access to a wealth of valuable resources that ACP provides to medical students. It’s important to note that free membership is quite rare, so make sure to renew your membership each year while you’re in medical school to enjoy all the great benefits. If you provide your medical school graduation date when you complete the application, it auto-renews for you. It's that easy!

Spread the love and let your classmates know about this fantastic opportunity by sharing the link below, or forward this newsletter.

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