

## MSM Resident and Students Selected to GAFP Board of Directors and Resident Officer Openings

Morehouse School of Medicine's **Dr. Monique Merritt-Atkins** (FM PGY 1) was recently selected to serve as Resident Board Director for the [Georgia Academy of Family Physicians \(GAFP\)](#) in 2017 (a one-year term).

"Community health and prevention are dear to me, with that said engaging with the board is the perfect place to effectively be an advocate in these areas. I look forward to working with well-rounded individuals with whom I may exchange skills and information, with an ultimate goal of improving the family physician workforce and becoming a well-rounded physician," said Merritt-Atkins.

Additionally, MSM students **Chivon Brown-Stubbs** and **Daryl Singleton** have been elected as the 2017 representatives to the Board of Directors, while **Alcha Strane** and **Daniel Kim** were elected as Alternate Board members. MSM students made up 5 out of the 9 open positions for combined students and residents for the state of Georgia.

- Chivon Brown-Stubbs says that she has been interested in pursuing a career in family medicine since she started medical school and truly believes in helping the underserved and working in primary care. Being a part of the GAFP Board will allow her to surround herself with great mentors that have a like-minded interest, which she says will guide her during training.
- Daryl Singleton believes that taking his passion of advocacy for medical students interested in Family Medicine to a higher platform will allow him to continue creating opportunities for other students to grow and reach new levels. Being a bridge for his home institution to the GAFP Student Board will help ensure GAFP is aware and able to help out should any concerns or event needs arise.
- Alcha Strane is interested in participating on the GAFP Board because she thoroughly enjoys working in positions of leadership and has always been a team player, so looks forward to learning about the activities of the GAFP and how to increase awareness of these activities amongst medical students at Morehouse School of Medicine.
- Daniel Kim is interested in participating on the GAFP Board in order to encourage and represent student involvement in primary health promotion activities and interest in family medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine as well as across the different campuses in Georgia.