

## LGBTQ+ Resolution Submitted by MSM Students First Ever to Pass in AMA Medical Student Section

At the [American Medical Association \(AMA\) National Medical Student Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago from June 9-11, the AMA Chapter at MSM had its first resolution, an amended version of an LGBTQ+ resolution which was originally submitted in 2015, pass for the first time ever in the [AMA MSS \(Medical Student Section\)](#).

The MSM students who helped write the resolution were **Collin Shumate, Rugaya Abaza, Bennie Diamond, Nicole Uzor, David Carney, Nihal Varkey, Allison Rowell, Ryan Jones** and **Kamyron Jordan**.

The following is the language that was passed:

*RESOLVED, That our AMA-MSS support the development and implementation of cultural competency programs by medical schools that train and guide medical school faculty, staff, and students in effective and compassionate communication with individuals of different backgrounds, including but not limited to gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, disability, ethnic origin, national origin, or age; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That our AMA-MSS support the development and implementation of supportive programs and confidential counseling services by medical schools to individuals within their institutions who have faced challenges due to their gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, disability, ethnic origin, national origin, or age.*



**Pictured from left to right:** Collin Shumate, Nicole Uzor, David Carney, Rugaya Abaza, Bennie Diamond