

# STUDENT LIFE

---

In addition to the dedication to their professional development, PCOM students are actively engaged members of the life of the campus. Developing leadership skills and human understanding are integral to becoming a well-rounded and compassionate professional. PCOM has a very active student government program, which includes more than 50 professional student organizations. Students gain leadership experience within their class as well as by participating in community outreach programs, athletics and the arts.

## Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is composed of Program Council officers, who are elected representatives from each class and graduate/professional degree program and the SGA Senate. The Philadelphia Campus Senate, the Georgia Campus Senate and the South Georgia Campus Senate collaborate on issues of importance to the entire PCOM student body.

In addition to the SGA, students are involved in College governance, serving on every major College committee and working with faculty to evaluate courses. Students also participate in accreditation evaluations conducted by national and professional accreditation agencies.

## Professional and Social Societies

Professional interests at PCOM are expressed through a variety of clubs and organizations, including the Student Osteopathic Medical Association and the Science in Medicine Club, as well as chapters of the American Academy of Osteopathy, the American College of Family Practitioners, the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine and the Sigma Xi National Research Society. Physician Assistant, Biomedical Sciences and Psychology students also have sponsored groups within their areas of professional interest and publish their own newsletters.

## Multicultural Affairs

PCOM is committed to maintaining an environment that promotes the well-being of all students, and to providing opportunities to celebrate the commonalities and differences among cultures. Full-time PCOM student affairs staff members serve as advisors to the various organizations and clubs on multicultural issues. There are a variety of student organizations on both campuses with culture-focused missions. These include the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), Culturally Aware Psychology Students (CAPS), the Asian-Pacific-American Medical Student Association and the Student Initiative for Cultural Competency.

PCOM's commitment to multicultural sensitivity goes beyond the classroom and the campus. The many initiatives undertaken annually include conferences for minority undergraduate students, hosting of regional meetings of professional societies, and an awards banquet honoring the contributions of minority physicians, hosted by the SNMA.

## Career Services

The Office of Student Affairs coordinates career planning support for all PCOM students. This includes career planning seminars, assistance with cv/resume resources and interview preparation strategies. Information about career planning resources and support is posted on [mypcom.edu](http://mypcom.edu), PCOM's intranet site for students. Guidance specific to the residency application and match processes are provided to DO students by the Senior Advisor to the Provost.

## Athletic Programs

PCOM provides facilities for students to maintain their physical fitness, as well as their involvement in social and competitive athletics. The activity centers in Philadelphia and Georgia feature well-equipped fitness centers, weight training rooms, stationary bikes, aerobics studios and game rooms. South Georgia students are provided with memberships to the YMCA.