

## Medical Student Section 2024 Section Survey Highlights

Of the 318 respondents to TMA's [2024 Section Survey](#), 36 (or 11% of the total) represented the Medical Student Section (MSS).

- 61% of MSS respondents cited **policy and advocacy initiatives** as their primary reason for section participation, followed by **networking and peer connections** (14%) and **leadership training & development** (14%).
- When asked what type of **advocacy initiative** was most important, a majority of MSS respondents (73%) ranked public health/patient advocacy at the top.
- When the MSS members were asked to drill down on topics of most interest within policy and advocacy, their responses were:
  - Grassroots advocacy and relationship building (29%);
  - Legislative testimony training (23%); and
  - Language and issue framing (18%).
- When MSS respondents were asked what type of **networking** is most interesting, they ranked both educational speakers/CME components in conjunction with section meetings and virtual meetups/networking opportunities at the highest at 40%. This was followed by informal meetups/networking in conjunction with section meetings (20%).
- When MSS respondents were asked what type of **leadership training** is most important, a majority of MSS respondents (80%) ranked organized medicine training at the top.
- When the MSS members were asked to drill down on topics of most interest leadership development, their responses were:
  - Justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion policies (professional) (22%);
  - Leadership in your county or specialty society, TMA, and/or AMA (20%); and
  - Community outreach (17%).