

DELAWARE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (DIMER)

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2024

WELCOME

DIMER BOARD: ROLL CALL

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of June 18, 2024, meeting minutes
- III. Welcome to all DIMER Board members and self-introductions by all DIMER Board members
- IV. Overview of DIMER and next steps
- V: Update: Delaware Health Sciences Alliance (DHSA)
- VI: Update: Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC)
- VII. Update: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM)
- VIII. Updates from DIMER Board Members on the programs at their institutions
- IX. Public Comment and Discussion





CALL TO ORDER

Virtual Meeting - Housekeeping

- **Public** Please send your name, email contact, and organization affiliation (if applicable) to DHCC@delaware.gov or add in the Teams meeting chat box.
- Please keep your computer/phone on mute unless you are making a comment, and if you are not on visual, please identify yourself as well.
- This meeting will be recorded for minutes.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 18, 2024, meeting minutes

(At least 10 former DIMER Board members needed for vote. Of the 10 members, 6 members are needed to approve the minutes. New members and former members not in attendance should abstain from voting.)



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OVERVIEW OF DIMER AND NEXT STEPS

House Bill 432 w/House Amendment I signed September 19, 2024

- Act updates provisions of the Delaware Code covering DIMER which creates partnerships with out-of-state medical schools to provide an opportunity for Delaware residents to attend medical school
- Board consists of 19 members
- Board may establish working committees to assist in completing its work; however, it shall maintain a standing "Committee on Rural Health" to assure that the unique health needs of rural Delaware are addressed in DIMER activities.

Board members shall receive annual training on the importance of diversity in healthcare and how diversity in the medical field reduces health care disparities, optimizes care delivery, and increases access to care.



OVERVIEW OF DIMER AND NEXT STEPS

- The Chair of the Board shall be elected by the Board. Candidates for Chair of the Board shall be reviewed by a nominating committee. Membership of the nominating committee and rules for nominating candidates shall be determined by the Board.
- The Chair shall be subject to a 3-year term with no more than 3 consecutive terms. A Vice Chair shall be established in the same manner and with the same term lengths and limits.

Next Steps:

- DIMER Board needs to establish a nominating committee to review candidates. If you would like to be on the committee, email elisabeth.massa@delaware.gov.
- Board has discretion on how to constitute the committee and how the committee nominates candidates, etc.
- Full board then votes to elect based on the candidate(s) from the committee.
- Candidates can be nominated or selfnominate. Nominations can be sent to the nominating committee or elisabeth.massa@delaware.gov.



UPDATE: DELAWARE HEALTH SCIENCES ALLIANCE (DHSA)

















DIMER Updates: December 2024

Omar Khan, MD, President & CEO Pamela Gardner, Director

Delaware Health Sciences Alliance

www.dhsa.org





DHSA partners with DIMER to create and sustain a workforce pipeline:

- -Promoting student acceptance to partner medical schools (Sidney Kimmel Medical College & Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine)
- -Assisting their transition to Delaware Branch Campuses for 3rd and 4th year med school (if desired)
- -Maximize their chances of placing into Delaware GME programs
- -Helping match them upon graduation with Delaware health systems
- -Promote DE-based loan repayment programs to encourage recruitment and retention



The pipeline of medical education & workforce



- -DE HS outreach
- -College premed advising
- -MCAT prep
- -Mentorship

- -*Branch campuses*
- -Mentorship & Outreach
- -DE-specific dinners & receptions
- -GME receptions

- -Resident & program director engagement
- -Delaware Day
- -State of DEhosted retreats planned

- -Loan repayment (new DE-specific program!)
- -Federal programs
- -Health systemsponsored programs







Who is Eligible for **DIMER**



- Eligible applicants must be legal residents of Delaware and meet the pre-medical requirements outlined by SKMC and PCOM
- Students whose primary and permanent residence is in Delaware are identified as DIMER applicants through SKMC and PCOM Admissions
- DIMER eligibility (revised 2022): dimereligguidelines.pdf (delaware.gov)





DIMER events under DHSA contract

Month, location	Event
September 12, 2024	PCOM Reception
October 2024	DIMER Student Engagement Letters
December 5, 2024	Sussex County Outreach Event
January 13, 2025	SKMC Reception
January 14, 2025	Kent County Outreach Event
February 11, 2025	New Castle County Outreach Event
February / March, 2025	2024 DIMER Annual Report Published*



PCOM Reception







Sussex County Event Panel



Omar Khan, MD MHS DHSA President & CEO



Saskia Richer, Ph.D., ATC University of Delaware Associate Professor, Director for the Center for Health Profession Studies



R. Christopher Mason, PhD Delaware State University Associate Professor – Department Chair



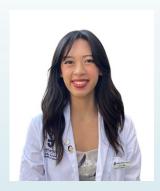
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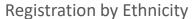


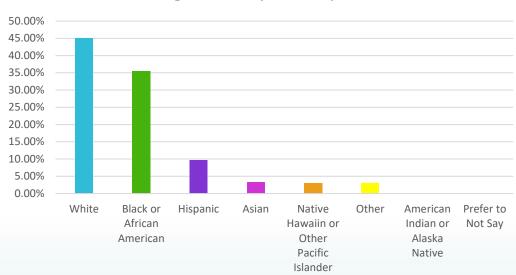
Emily Lee Thomas Jefferson University Student



Jonathan Lee Thomas Jefferson University Student

Sussex Outreach Event





Registration by Grade



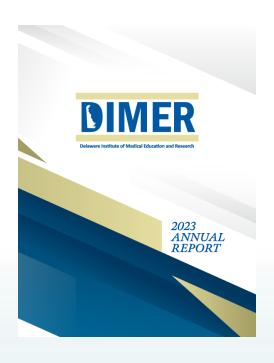


SKMC Reception









2024 Annual Report

- Continued focus on storytelling, value and impact
- Content Curation under way

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Calendar of events

DHSA events/engagements promoting DIMER

Month, location	Event
August 2024	DHSA Delaware Day
October 2024	DSU White Coat Ceremony DSU Presentation in Partnership with PCOM Annual Primary Care Residency Program Collaborative Meeting & Dinner
December 2024	DHSA Pre-Med Advisors Collaborative Annual Meeting
Spring 2025	DHSA Pre-Med Connections Event
Ongoing	PCOM DHSA DIMER Speaker Series
Ongoing	MCAT Prep Program Partnerships and DHSA MCAT Exam Scholarship
Ongoing	Sponsoring DIMER Students Attending various conferences and events (ie Diabetes Symposium, Holloway Conference, Academy Annual Meeting and Dinner)





At the college level

DHSA Annual Pre-Med Advising Collaborative Retreat

- Host pre-med advisors from Del Tech, Del State, UD
- Ongoing discussions on strategies to support applications of Delawareans from under-represented groups and counties
- Collaborative will be partnering on a Spring Event for Pre-Med Students





At the college/pre-med level

- Ongoing Med Student support initiatives
 - Initiated PCOM Delaware-applicant subcommittee (includes interviewers from across all 3 counties)
 - Delaware-specific form and process, similar to TJU's Delaware applicant subcommittee
 - Promoting MCAT prep program resources







At the medical school level

- PCOM speaker series
- SKMC reception
- PCOM reception
- Including DIMER students in scientific conferences (Diabetes, ID, annual DAM meeting)



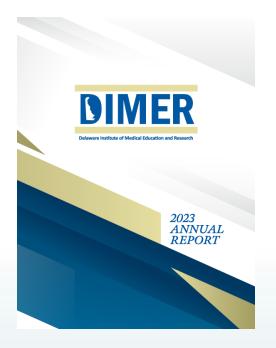


At the residency (GME) level

- Ongoing Graduate Medical Education Initiatives
 - GMEC Meetings to orient program directors towards DIMER applicants
 - Submitted scientific paper on the growth of FM residencies in DE (co-authored with leaders from Beebe, Bayhealth, ChristianaCare, Saint Francis)
 - Primary Care Residency Program Directors Collaborative







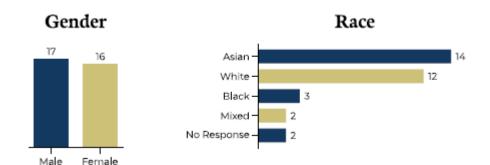
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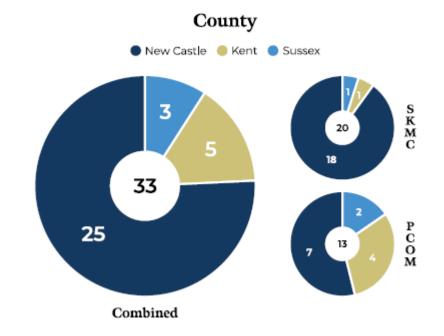
- Continued focus on storytelling,
 value and impact
- Partnership with DAM | DPHA

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DIMER is reimagining medical education for Delawareans:	Nemours	
creating opportunity and improving health for all Delawareans.	Bayhealth	
The DIMER mission is to create opportunities for high-quality medical education for all Delawareans. In collaboration with our partners, we serve the current	Beebe Healthcare	34
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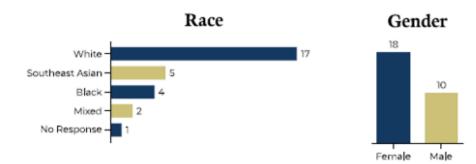
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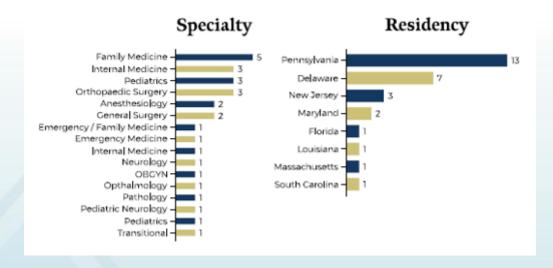






2023 Graduate Demographics





The key metrics on these pages are self-reported and tracked.

They are presented to help illustrate the characteristics of both the matriculating and graduating classes.

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DIMER – Looking Ahead

- Contract Renewal
 - Continued focus on
 - DIMER pipeline engagement
 - DIMER student success support
 - DIMER connection to Delaware
 - Through
 - Events
 - Presentations
 - Unique Opportunities
 - Metrics, outcomes and experiences
 - New opportunities and data needs will need additional resourcing, with support of DHSA Board who share vision of healthy DE































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UPDATE: SIDNEY KIMMEL MEDICAL COLLEGE (SKMC)



SKMC at Thomas Jefferson University DIMER Board Meeting



December 11, 2024

Alisa LoSasso, MD

2024 Cycle Statistics

35% DIMER Applicants accepted Sidney Kimmel Medical College

STUDENT FACT SHEET

2024 Incoming Class

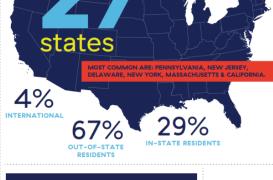


3.5% OF APPLICANTS OFFERED ACCEPTANCE

272 STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO FIRST YEAR CLASS

54% FEMALE

45% MALE





GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS REPRESENTED



AGE RANGE OF MEDICAL STUDENTS

58%

30%

12%

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

SIDNEY KIMMEL MEDICAL COLLEGE DIMER Data

202	23	
App	lications	66
•	Kent	4
	New Castle	54
	Sussex	8
■ Inte	rviewed	31
■ Acc	epted	26
	Kent	1
	New Castle	23
	Sussex	2
Matriculated		21
	Kent	1
	New Castle	19
•	Sussex	1

2024 Applications 85 Kent 9 New Castle 64 Sussex 12 Interviewed 38 Accepted 30 Kent New Castle 25 Sussex 2 Matriculated 26 (1 PSAP) Kent 3 New Castle 21 Sussex



SKMC Entering Class 2025 Cycle "Class of 2029" so far

■Total Applications

12000

DIMER Applications

91 so far

Invited to Interview

40 so far

Accepted

8 so far

(rolling admissions)



Creating Our Third Century

Curricular Updates

- JeffBEACON (Bringing Equity and Care for Our Neighborhoods) - 20 interested Year 1 students
- Physician Shortage Area Program turned 50 in 2024
- Minor curricular changes for Year 1 and 2 next year
- 2024 Residency Match Rate 95% (above average)
 - 14 SKMC students matched to positions in Delaware, 2 in medicine-emergency medicine, 2 in emergency medicine, 1 in diagnostic radiology, 1 in family medicine, 1 in internal medicine and 1 in internal medicine-pediatrics at Christiana Care; 1 in family medicine and 1 in general surgery at Bayhealth Medical Center; and 4 students matched at SKMC/Nemours in pediatrics.
- USMLE Pass Rate is 96% (above Nat'l average)
- Recent merger with Lehigh Valley



Important Dates

■DE Medical Scholars Interviewed 10/25/2024

Thomas Jefferson •DIMER Dinner 1/13/2025



HOME OF SIDNEY KIMMEL MEDICAL COLLEGE

■3rd Annual MLK Jr DIMER Day of Service 1/20/2025

■DIMER Applicant Review Meeting January 2025

■Second Look 4/7/2025 and 4/8/2025

■Commit to Enroll Deadline is 6/18/2025

■Orientation and White Coat 7/28/2025 – 8/1/2025



Creating Our Third Century





SKMC Delaware Student Affinity Group Leadership

_	Advisor	Ashley Antilla, MD
	President	Elizabeth Habash
	Vice President	Nicola Habash
	Director of Communications	Jennifer Zhan
	Pre-Clinical Liaison	Vani Parthiban
	Clinical Liaison	Kameron Inguito
	Treasurer	Sohan Shah





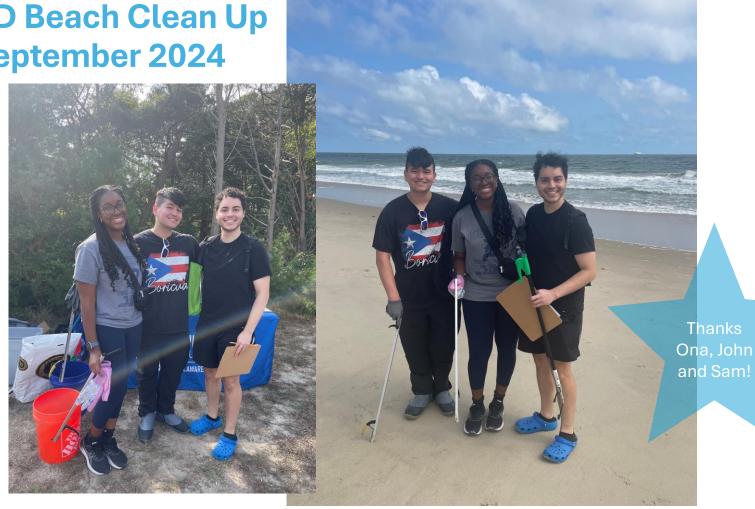
SKMC Delaware Student Affinity Group Activities

- University of Delaware Visit: taught 50 students of their pre-medical fraternity the structure of taking a medical history, role-played as patients, allowing the students to practice taking medical histories.
- Mentorship Connections: paired interested students from the incoming Branch Campus group with current Branch Campus students to serve as mentors and resources.
- Winter Event Planning: winter scheduled for early January.
- **Expanded E-Board and Membership**: With our growing executive board and membership, we're excited to expand our initiatives even further.

Please note that Kayla Morrell, past president, is now a resident at Nemours









UPDATE: PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (PCOM)



Training the

doctor of tomorrow

is today's mission.







PCOM Snapshot



- 2,932 medical, pharmacy, physical therapy and graduate students enrolled in the 2023-2024 school year
- chartered in 1899 and has graduated more than 10,000 physicians
- emphasis on the training of physicians for primary care or family practice
- over 60% of our graduates engaged in family practice or a primary care specialty



2024 DIMER Snapshot



- 20 new first-year Delaware resident medical students entered into the Class of 2028
- Compared to the general national applicant pool to PCOM, Delaware residents who submitted a completed application to the Philadelphia Campus osteopathic medical program had a much higher rate of invitation for interview.
- Delaware residents had a 49% acceptance rate and a 61% yield from acceptance rate



DIMER by the Numbers



- Contractual agreement of 10 Delaware students
- 65 potential DIMER applications received by PCOM
- 42 potential DIMER candidates interviewed by PCOM
- 32 potential DIMER students accepted
- 20 students confirmed in the Class of 2028



Colleges & Majors of Accepted DIMER Students

COLLEGES ATTENDED	
Eastern University	1
University of Delaware	14
Case Western Reserve University	1
Swarthmore College	2
Manhattan College	1
Neumann University	1

MAJORS	
BIOLOGY	4
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	3
BIOCHEMISTRY	1
BIOENGINEERING	1
ENGLISH	1
MEDICINE	2
PSYCHOLOGY	1
OTHER HEALTH SCIENCES	2
OTHER SOCIAL SCIENCES	1
OTHER NOT LISTED	1

Avg. MCAT: 502 Avg. GPA: 3.69 Avg. SGPA: 3.55



New for 2024



- DIMER DE Residency form added to the PCOM admissions process
- DIMER subcommittee and interviews debut 23-24 admissions cycle
- DIMER affinity group
- PCOM DIMER Dinner held September 12th in Delaware, Hilton Wilmington/Christiana
- Lunch and Listen with Dr. Khan and Pamela Gardner
- Return to Delaware... is in full swing!







UPDATES FROM DIMER BOARD MEMBERS ON THE PROGRAMS AT THEIR INSTITUTIONS



PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION



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Next DIMER Meeting: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Hybrid