

Candidate Statement for Student Fellow

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Hello! I am a third-year student in the MD-PhD program.

I was born and raised in the suburbs of Los Angeles. I enjoy rooting for my hometown sports teams, learning about American history, and reading fiction.

Previous Experience

I served as Vice President (two terms) and Treasurer of the Medical Student Executive Council (MSEC), as well as a Student Representative to the MD-PhD Advisory Committee. I am currently Co-Executive Director of the Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights (WCCHR).

Community-building is my passion. Two years ago, I worked with **GSEC** to organize a Super Bowl LIII watch party that included the **PA students, graduate students, and medical students**. In the summer of 2019, I organized an ice cream social for visiting medical students from **WCM-Qatar**. I was the primary student organizer for DecDec 2019, the Moleskine notebooks for the Classes of 2023 and 2024, and much of the MSEC programming during the first COVID-19 shutdown (board game nights, chocolate class, tea class).

Administratively, I have managed MSEC student group spending and have negotiated budgets with the Medical Education office. I advocated strongly for the administration to help pay for Step 1 study materials, and the school did commit to pay for UWORLD Step 1. Ongoing projects include the development of a new student fund for diversity conferences and working on the Racial Diversity at WCM Survey, which I advocated for **PA students** to receive their own specific survey.

Interest in the Student Fellow Position

The Student Fellow position represents the next step for me to engage with the WCM student community, which I cherish deeply. I am excited for this unique opportunity to advocate on behalf of all students at WCM. If you want to get to know me better, I will be **hosting three public sessions** where you can chat with me on **Thursday 3/25 @ 6 PM EST, Tuesday 3/30 @ noon EST, and Thursday 4/1 @ 6 PM EST**. The **link is here**, and the password is **wcm**. My email is **jtc4001@med.cornell.edu** if you would like to contact me!

Goals for the Position

Rebuilding Community Bonds – This is my personal mission to improve morale and **bring back fun times** for WCM students. I will act as a fierce advocate for the administration to heavily support community bonding events once it is safe to do so, especially for the current first-years in all programs.

Leveraging Pandemic Adaptations – This past year forced the administration to undergo dramatic changes in its policies and curriculum. I am interested in leading a close analysis of which policies were actual improvements from the pre-pandemic period, and how we can retain these successful policies and build off them.

Supporting Diversity and Inclusion – The creation of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion special committee on the Board of Fellows was a necessary step for the institution. I look forward to crafting effective high-level initiatives that will support and empower underrepresented students.

