



Dear Medical School Administrator:

Here at the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians Resident and Student Organization (ACOEP-RSO), we believe strongly in supporting and investing in the future of our specialty through **informed, inclusive mentorship**. For many medical students, such EM-focused mentorship opportunities are not available close to home - which is why we work so hard to provide **world-class student opportunities** at our biannual conferences.

Our conference environment is a bit different than most other EM organizations: with on-average lower attendance and an **intentionally smaller scale**, we find that what students appreciate most about their attendance at one of our events is the opportunity for for **one-on-one time with industry leaders** that simply wouldn't be possible in any other format. Further, the more intimate setting allows for personal attention to be paid toward honing each student's leadership aptitude, which ultimately results in **national leadership roles** for many. Just ask any of us how we got our positions!

Unfortunately, when we survey EM-bound medical students about their **greatest barriers to conference attendance**, one common theme always emerges: **not being able to get approval from school for the required time off**. We get it - time constraints during all years of medical school are very tight, and getting a block of 3-4 days off for travel and conference attendance during the crucial third year is especially trying. However, we cannot stress enough that we believe **conference attendance during the second and/or third year is one of the most crucial things a student can do to match at the program of their dreams**. For most of us on the ACOEP-RSO board, Match season felt like it was on "easy mode" - the seeds that we'd planted nationwide through our involvement in this organization bore great fruit, resulting in everything from interview invitations to personal phone calls made on our behalf.

If you're reading this letter, we'd like to congratulate you on having a **motivated and industrious future EM doctor** under your tutelage. Your student is hoping to invest in their future by attending our upcoming conference, and by giving you this letter they've taken a proactive step to try to remove barriers to said attendance. We hope that we've already painted a clear picture of what conference holds, but if you require a more specific list of our typical conference offerings:

- Leadership Academy featuring both didactic and hands-on simulation sections**
- World-class didactics from internationally-renowned speakers**
- Podcast opportunities**
- High-fidelity simulation sessions**
- One-on-one and small group mentoring**
- CV and personal statement review**
- Residency speed dating and fair**

Much like the day-to-day work of the specialty itself, the landscape of the EM Match is ever-shifting, and we believe that our cohort of students and residents is uniquely positioned to give the **absolute best guidance** to get your EM bound students successfully Matched to the program of their dreams. Should you have questions, our VP Spencer Heath will be happy to field them at spencersageheath@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

The ACOEP-RSO Executive Board