

The PIG Pen

January 2022



QUICKVIEW:

Not a member – [join here](#) for \$25 per year.

SOPT Advocacy Campaign

Get involved with this year's advocacy campaign [Rx Against Racism](#)

Membership & Mentorship

Don't miss out on the [AAP Mentorship Program!](#)

News and Views Blog!

Interested in submitting an article? Check out the call for articles [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 18, 2022 - Virtual book club meeting 7pm CST- *How to be an Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi.

January 19, 2022 - AAP Advocacy Conference Scholarships Application deadline

January 24, 2022 – CATCH Grant Application deadline



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Dear Pediatric Interest Group (PIG) Member,

Below is the **January 2022** edition of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Medical Student Committee (MSC) publication, **The PIG Pen**, which highlights exciting AAP opportunities and resources for PIG members and medical students.

Are you currently an **AAP Member**? If not, please join [here!](#) This will allow you to access many of the exciting resources and opportunities below.

*Check out the [PIG Resource Guide](#), which has many great resources and ideas for PIG leaders and members!

*CHANGE Grant Opportunity

The goal of the SOPT CHANGE Grant Program is to support and prioritize research, intervention, and education within communities and institutions addressing health disparity/health equity, lack of diversity in medicine, or the climate crisis/environmental justice. To learn more and apply, click [here!](#)

*We encourage you to join a workgroup!

You can learn more about the workgroups [here](#). Please reach out to [Britt Nagy](#) if you are interested.

*Leadership Opportunities

Get involved with our SOPT leadership team! To apply, please fill out the following [link to the application](#). Please email [Britt Nagy](#) or [Megan Rescigno](#) for more information.

For the kids,

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February 1, 2022 – CHANGE Grant Application deadline

March 18, 2022 – Match Day Results Release

October 7-11, 2022 – National Conference & Exhibition in Anaheim, California

WRITING OPPORTUNITIES:

[SOPT News and Views Blog](#)

Write for this pediatric trainee publication! Accepting articles on a rolling basis. Check out the [call for articles here](#) for submission details.

Get published in the **Expert Feature**. The [SOPT News & Views Blog](#) will be publishing articles that will feature interviews, conducted by Pediatric Trainees (you!).

- ❖ **Step 1.** Reach out to a Pediatrics expert in your area.
- ❖ **Step 2.** Schedule and conduct an interview. We have sample questions for you too!
- ❖ **Step 3.** Submit & get published. Check out the [SOPT News & Views Blog](#) for submission guidelines!

Please email [Chloe Opper](#) for questions or submissions.

Advocacy

[This year's advocacy campaign:](#)
Rx Against Racism



We are finishing up trimester 1: Learn Virtual Book Club #1 – **January 18 at 7pm CST**. We will be discussing *How to be an Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Register [here!](#)

Contact our advocacy campaign at RxAgainstRacism@gmail.com with any advocacy campaign questions!

CHANGE Grant

SOPT will be awarding individual grants of up to \$3,000 for URM trainee initiatives combating health disparities and discrimination in medicine. Cross-institutional initiatives are highly encouraged. Applications are due **February 1, 2022**. [Learn more and apply](#)

CATCH Grant

The Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program is a national initiative of the AAP that supports pediatricians to lead innovative, community-based initiatives that increase children's access to optimal health or well-being. Grants up to \$2,000 are awarded annually on a competitive basis to pediatric residents who plan to build broad-based community partnerships to address unmet child health needs. We encourage medical students to work with resident and fellow trainees to implement community-based initiatives. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply! Applications are due **January 24, 2022**.

Stay informed! Check out [AAP Advocacy Center Resources](#).

- ❖ Follow on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

Ongoing Education

AAP/SOPT Subspecialty 101 Series

The Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT) is excited to continue with our Subspecialty 101 webinar series. Learn more about different pediatric subspecialties from training paths to a day in the life of a subspecialist!

GET CONNECTED:



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Join your [District Facebook Group!](#)

Links to each District Facebook Group located under District Workrooms

Check out the [District Workrooms](#) for district newsletters, call minutes, etc!

CONTACT US:

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Communications Workgroup:

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Medical Student Initiatives:

[Megan Rescigno](#)

You can find more information about each workgroup [here](#).

[Contact your district representative](#) if you'd like to join a workgroup!

Check out previous subspecialty 101 webinars [here](#) (with your AAP login) on our archived webinars page.

Membership & Mentorship



Mentoring can have a profound impact on career success, and we believe it can help increase the level of diversity in pediatrics. To support our members who are underrepresented in medicine (URM), [as defined by the AAMC](#), the AAP Mentorship Program is hosting a mentorship initiative for the month of January, National Mentoring Month. **If you are a member who is URM, we'd like to connect you with a mentor to support you in your goals.** To participate, complete your [AAP Mentorship Program](#) profile and fill out our [interest form](#) by 1/31/22.

For those who are new to mentoring, the [AAP Equity Agenda](#), or just want to learn more, visit our new [discussion forum on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#) within the AAP Mentorship Program. This is a space to share resources, crowdsource ideas, or pose questions on EDI topics.

Questions? Contact [Britt Nagy](#)

Special Feature

January 20th, 2022: District VIII invites all SOPT members to join us for a talk on 1/20 hosted by Lindsey DeVries, PhD. The title of her talk is "Working Together: Collaboration with Parents, Providers, & Police to Increase Safety of Black and Brown Autistic Youth". The focus of the talk will be on the intersection between race, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and law enforcement and the unique challenges they navigate. Check out some of her recommendations [here](#) and connect with her on twitter [@DrLDeVries](#).

PIG RESOURCES

[AAP Medical Student New Member Application](#)

[SOPT Collaborate Website](#)

[What's New for Medical Students](#)

[Leadership in Pediatrics](#)

[PIG Resource Guide](#)

Date- Thursday 1/20/2022 at 7 PM MT

Topic - Working Together: Collaboration with Parents, Providers, & Police to Increase Safety of Black and Brown Autistic Youth

Part of the “learn” trimester for #RxagainstRacism

To attend, sign up [here](#)!