

## Save The Date: 2026 Annual Meeting

Join key leaders from independent academic medical centers around the country at Connecting Education to Exceptional Patient Care 2026 Annual Meeting. Our conference theme of ***Anchored in Purpose: Leading Through Uncertainty with Compassion and Courage*** will be delivered by outstanding, nationally-recognized speakers in an atmosphere of networking and dialogue you won't find at any other national meeting. Key topics will include advocacy, purpose-driven leadership, and resilience in times of disruption.

**Stephanie Call, MD**, will provide the keynote address. Dr. Call is the Internal Medicine Residency Associate Program Director at MAHEC in Asheville, NC. She is a nationally recognized educator, recently receiving the national Associate of Program Directors in Internal Medicine Distinguished Medical Educator Award. She was also a recipient of the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award. Dr. Call is a trained facilitator in the Stanford Clinical Teaching Framework and has significant expertise in faculty development in clinical teaching and assessment. She has recently spoken nationally and internationally on milestones, education updates, evaluation and feedback, innovative curriculum design, wellness and resilience, reflection, and other subjects.



Keynote Speaker Stephanie Call, MD

The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held at the spectacular **Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad (San Diego), California**. This 400-acre oasis features an award-winning spa, eight pools, and championship golf courses. Our special conference rate is \$299/night. Visit <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/san-diego-la-costa> for a virtual tour and more information.

**On-line registration will open in late October.** Register by January 15<sup>th</sup>, and you will receive a 10% discount. Save the date now and plan to attend!



Omni La Costa Resort and Spa

### 2026 Annual Meeting

April 16th—18th

Omni La Costa Resort & Spa  
Carlsbad, CA

#### Plenary Speakers Confirmed :

**Catherine Apaloo, MD**  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief IMG Experience Officer  
Inteleath

**James Campbell, MD**  
President, CAMC Institute for  
Academic Medicine  
CAMC

**Jennifer Carmody, CPA**  
Director, Health Policy and  
Government Relations  
Billings Clinic

**Lisa Howley, PhD**  
Senior Director, Transforming  
Medical Education  
AAMC

**Cynthia Kelley, DO**  
Chair, Institutional Review  
Committee (IRC)  
ACGME

**Ted O'Connell, MD**  
Director of Medical Education—  
Institute for Medical Education  
Kaiser Permanente  
Northern California

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# National Initiative News

The first meeting of National Initiative X will be held on October 16th and 17th at the Omni Chicago Hotel and will focus on the Micro-Environment Approach: *Understanding the Key Principles of a Thriving Clinical Learning Environment*.

Team leaders or their designees are required to attend, and all team members are encouraged to attend as schedules and budgets allow. To learn more about the meeting and register, visit: [National Initiative X Meeting One | AIAMC](#).

National Advisory Council members from AACOM, AMA, ASHP, and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation will be joining us as team leaders present their projects as well as early wins and concerns. Plenary sessions will cover starting with the end in mind and data management.

Online registration closes on **September 15th**; after that date, higher offline rates will apply.



## Call For Nominations: Board and Awards

[Nominations](#) are now being accepted for Board of Director positions beginning April 1, 2026. The deadline for receipt of [completed applications](#) is **November 15, 2025**. Each member of the AIAMC Board of Directors is committed to the mission and vision of the organization. The [job](#) of the Board of Directors is to advise, govern, oversee and assist with the leadership and general promotion of the AIAMC so as to ensure the organization meets its mission and serves the needs of its members.

Nominations are also now being accepted for the 2026 AIAMC Annual Awards program, with the deadline for receipt of completed applications by **November 15, 2025**. The [Ethel Weinberg, MD Award](#) is presented to an AIAMC individual member who best exemplifies the energy and commitment of our founder. The Alliance [Innovation Award](#) is presented to an AIAMC institutional member who best exemplifies creative and innovative approaches to medical education and research. We look forward to receiving your nominations and to honoring the winners at next year's Annual Meeting in Carlsbad, California.



## Last Call for Abstracts and Posters

The medical education community is invited to submit an [abstract](#) and/or [proposal](#) for the AIAMC 2026 Annual Meeting, to be held April 16- 18th at the Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, California.

[Poster Abstracts](#) should support the conference theme of *Anchored in Purpose: Leading through Disruption with Compassion and Courage* and includes an in-person staffing requirement on Saturday morning.

[Breakout sessions](#) must also support the conference theme and have a hands-on workshop format that provides practical tips and will be 75 minutes in length.

[Abstracts](#) and [Proposals](#) are due no later than **September 15th**, and all submitting presenters will be notified of the selection committee's decision in mid -October.

We encourage you to submit a proposal and look forward to seeing you at the meeting!





# SPOTLIGHT

## ON OUR VENDOR PARTNERS

### AACOM: Gold Sponsor

#### AACOM GME Development Fellowship: Building Capacity for Community-Based GME

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), in partnership with the UNC Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, is now accepting applications for the second cohort of its Graduate Medical Education (GME) Development Fellowship—a 10-month interactive program designed to develop leaders in GME expansion, with a special focus on rural and underserved areas.

Fellows engage in monthly virtual sessions, receive mentoring from GME experts, and complete a capstone project tailored to their institution's needs. Topics include GME financing, accreditation, Medicaid GME, rural tracks, and innovative partnerships with FQHCs, Tribal health systems, and Veterans Affairs. The program culminates in a capstone presentation at AACOM's *Educating Leaders* conference.

The fellowship directly supports AACOM's commitment to expanding clinical training and residency opportunities for all medical students by strengthening the nation's GME infrastructure and addressing physician workforce gaps. The inaugural cohort launched new programs, developed new sponsoring institutions, and forged cross-sector partnerships that are already increasing training capacity.

The fellowship is ideal for DIOs, GME deans, clinical leadership, and other stakeholders involved in GME growth. In its first year, the program supported the development of new GME programs, statewide partnerships, and the launch of several new sponsoring institutions.

To learn more or apply by **September 26, 2025**, visit [fellowship webpage](#) and [view the press release](#) highlighting the first cohort's impact.



### 2026 Vendor Partner Packets Now Online

The call for 2026 vendor partners is now live. To learn more and to register, visit <https://aiamc.org/partners>. AIAMC members who recommend NEW vendor partners that register to participate will receive a FREE 2026 Annual Meeting registration: a value of \$890!

### Partnership Program



*The AIAMC Partners Program is designed to cultivate a meaningful relationship between our members and the companies that sponsor AIAMC educational outreach programs. Partner support is critical to our ongoing ability to develop and present substantive programs with knowledgeable faculty in central and appealing locations.*

**Thank you  
to our vendor  
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*If you would like to be a vendor partner with AIAMC, contact Kimberly Pierce Burke, Executive Director, by e-mailing [kimberly@aiamc.org](mailto:kimberly@aiamc.org).*

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Germane Solutions offers our valued clients a comprehensive suite of services including financial consulting, strategic planning, accreditation support, operational optimization, and community and population health consultative services.

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## AIAMC Mission Statement

*To serve as a learning organization of independent academic medical centers through the application of innovative education and scholarship that drives exceptional patient care.*

## AIAMC Vision Statement

*To be the leader in achieving exceptional health and well-being outcomes for the communities we serve through medical education and scholarship.*

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