

PEDIATRICS WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

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Medical Students Engagement with National Meetings

Over the past year, a COMSEP Special Project Action Team and COMSEP Membership Committee worked to address medical student engagement in COMSEP. Our key accomplishments included the following:

1. **COMSEP Travel Grant:** The Membership Committee finalized the application process for the COMSEP Travel Grant and obtained funding for three students to attend this year's meeting. The Travel Grant was limited to only poster or oral presentations this year, which we plan to open up to workshop presentations next year.

Our goals for the coming year are centered around expanding our fundraising efforts to further support our initiatives. Our key goals include:

1. **Enhancing the COMSEP Travel Grant:** We aim to increase the funding available for the COMSEP Travel Grant to enable more students to attend our annual meetings and benefit from the networking and learning opportunities.
2. **Developing New Fundraising Campaigns:** We plan to launch new COMSEP membership fundraising campaigns to support the Travel Grant fund.
3. **Collaborating with External Organizations:** We will seek out collaborations with other organizations to see if they can offer matching funds to support student engagement in COMSEP meetings.