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Diversity Speakers Series: Health Policy Management in the 21st Century

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The Diversity Speaker Series
Featuring

Antonia Novello, MD
Former U.S. Surgeon General

“Health Policy Management in the 21st Century”

Monday, September 21, 2015
Lecture Hall A
12:15 pm
Order of Events

Welcome
Introduction of Dr. Antonia Novello
Danielle Ward
GA-PCOM | D.O. Candidate 2018
President, Student National Medical Association

Health Policy Management in the 21st Century
Antonia Novello, MD
Former U.S. Surgeon General

Question & Answer Session
Samantha Mandel
GA-PCOM | D.O. Candidate 2018
President, P.L.A.Y. Club

Christine Lurie
GA-PCOM | D.O. Candidate 2018
President, Internal Medicine Club

Presentation to Dr. Antonia Novello
Members of the SGA, SNMA, Internal Medicine, & PLAY Clubs

Closing Remarks
Dr. Lisa McBride
Chief Diversity Officer

Graduates Representing Academic Accomplishment, Diversity, & Service (GRAADS)
Aims to provide a diverse and motivated group of pre-professional graduate students, as well as current medical and pharmacy students, with a vast array of opportunities to serve the local community. We focus on clinical shadowing, community service, academic enhancement, and leadership training. We strive to represent GA-PCOM as a well-rounded and diverse academic institution with an emphasis on serving the underserved, underrepresented, and underprivileged communities that are prevalent in our community and state.

Pediatrics Club (P.L.A.Y.)
Strives to improve education and awareness about the specialty of pediatrics, in adherence with the osteopathic principle of treating all entities of the child. Students will have the opportunity to participate in lectures, community service, mentorships, and fundraising, all of which will be focused on improving knowledge and understanding of pediatric issues and trends.

Internal Medicine Club
Serves to introduce students to internal medicine as a medical specialty by focusing on the many facets of internal medicine in primary care and specialty practice.

Student National Medical Association
Established in 1964 at Howard University and since become a national organization with more than 60 chapters, SNMA is committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical, graduate and biomedical science students, addressing the needs of underserved communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians. The GA-PCOM chapter is a member of the national organization, Region IV, and participates in regional meetings, protocols and the annual convention.
**Co-Sponsors**

**Student Government Association**
Acts as the official representation to voice the concerns and opinions of GA-PCOM students to various entities and associations related to their profession and education. In addition, SGA is charged with the task of preparing a budget that accommodates student activities to meet the needs and desires of all students.

**Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine Interest Group**
Promotes education, communication, advocacy, research, and networking among students and physicians by providing clinical lectures, exposure, and hands-on workshops in IV access, airway management, and arterial lines. The organization further enhances the CV of the members and participating non-members, thereby delivering an advantage during the residency application period.

**Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda**
Prides itself in recognizing the academic and leadership accomplishments of graduate and professional school students. The mission of Alpha Epsilon Lambda is to: Confer distinction for high achievement, Promote leadership development, Promote scholarship and encourage intellectual development, Enrich the intellectual environment of graduate education institutions, and Encourage high standards of ethical behavior.

**The Diversity Speaker Series at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine**

The *Diversity Speakers Series* is intended to provide insight and understanding of multicultural issues to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine community. This series is designed to introduce an essential component of education in helping audiences consider perspectives other than their own, to encourage civil debate, to broaden the basis for critical thought and to promote cultural understanding.

The Office of Diversity and Compliance at PCOM strives to provide an avenue to promote ethnic diversity and multicultural awareness through increased interaction with high profile multicultural scholars, dignitaries and personalities on our campus.

For more information on *The Diversity Speakers Series* at PCOM, please contact:

**Office of Diversity & Compliance**
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When Dr. Antonia Novello grew up in the small city of Farjardo, Puerto Rico, she never dreamed she would spread her wings beyond its borders. As a child, she suffered from a medical condition that could only be corrected with surgery, but her family’s humble means could not afford the costs. It was only after two surgeries, at age 18 and 20, that the condition was finally corrected. This life changing experience drove her decision to become a doctor. Through determination and hard work, Dr. Novello was named Surgeon General of the United States by President George Bush in 1990. This appointment made history, as she became the first woman and the first Hispanic ever to hold that office. Her selection came after nearly two decades of public service at the National Institutes of Health, where she took a role in drafting national legislation regarding organ transplantation.

Dr. Novello earned her B.S. degree in 1965 and an M.D. degree in 1970 from the University of Puerto Rico. She later completed her medical training in nephrology, the study of the kidneys, at the University of Michigan, where she was first woman to be named Intern of the Year.

Dr. Novello gained experience in pediatrics in Michigan until 1974 and, after postgraduate work at Georgetown University and several years in private practice; she joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps in 1978, working with the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Disorders at the National Institutes of Health. She became deputy director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, where she focused on pediatric AIDS.

Dr. Novello continued to work in pediatrics at Georgetown University Hospital and in 1982, earned her Master’s degree in public health from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and in May 2000, she received a Doctor of Public Health. On assignment with the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, she helped draft legislation for the Organ Transplantation Procurement Act of 1984.

Through the prestige and authority of this office, the Surgeon General can more effectively exhort and educate the public on pervasive health issues. As Surgeon General, Dr. Novello focused on health matters such as smoking, AIDS, especially among women and adolescents, diet and nutrition, environmental health hazards, and the importance of immunization and disease prevention.

One of her most visible and effective campaigns was against tobacco industry advertising aimed at children, especially evident in posters and billboard advertisements that featured the cartoon character "Joe Camel." In addition, Dr. Novello alerted the nation to the rising incidence of AIDS among women and adolescents. Her 1993 report on AIDS, while counseling against promiscuity and drug use, also included instructions on using condoms and cleaning intravenous needles. During the Gulf War, Dr. Novello expedited the Federal Drug Administration approval of vaccines for military personnel, for which she was later awarded the Legion of Merit, a military honor, by General Colin Powell.

After serving as Surgeon General, Dr. Novello was a Special Representative to United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), where she expanded her efforts to address the health and nutritional needs of women, children, and adolescents on a global scale. From 1996 to 1999, she was visiting professor of health policy and management at Johns Hopkins School of Health and Hygiene, where she advised on health services for poor communities.

Dr. Novello recently retired as the Executive Director of Public Health Policy at Florida Hospital, where she was in charge of advocating, translating, and implementing public health issues across the board, as well as directing and organizing a lecture series involving the top medical professionals in the nation. With extensive knowledge on health, wellness, and fighting for what you believe in, the former Surgeon General can share her insights into the current healthcare system. She is sure to inspire audiences to follow their dreams, no matter what their background.