NYACP Medical Student Council/Board Representative 2022-23

Anusha Agarwal is a fourth-year medical student at Albany Medical College. She is in the 7-year accelerated BS/MD Physician-Scientist Program, through which she graduated *summa cum laude* from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

During her undergraduate studies, she was the Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee and studied the pathogenesis of *Mycobacterium abscessus* at the Center for Tuberculosis Research in Baltimore. At Albany Med, she continued her passion for basic science research by focusing on the development of a surgical murine model for renal interstitial fibrosis and tubular atrophy at the Department for Molecular and Cellular Physiology. Through this work, she will earn the Distinction in Research award in December 2022 and hopes to contribute to how researchers study therapeutic interventions for chronic kidney disease in renal transplant recipients.

Anusha pursued her interests in Medical Education by serving on the Curriculum Review Committee for the past three years to enhance the academic experience of incoming medical students. She also helped pioneer one of the first telemedicine research projects at Albany Med aimed to enhance virtual care services for patients and clinicians during the COVID-19 pandemic. Anusha and the telemedicine team presented their work at the National ACP conference in 2021, where they won the e-poster competition. Combining her passion for medical education and quality improvement, Anusha now serves on the Integrating Learners workgroup of the Telemedicine Committee at Albany Med, through which she is collaborating with Faculty to develop curriculum for Medical Students and Residents for telemedicine training.

She is truly excited to serve as the NYACP Medical Student Council Board Representative this year and continue her involvement in the committee by expanding inter-institutional community service, advocacy, and mentoring opportunities for Medical Students across New York State.