

The ASCO Student Affairs Officers met in San Francisco on June 25 during the annual meeting of the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP). Members discussed a variety of timely issues, including ASCO activities, OptomCAS and financial wellness for optometry students. For the third year in a row, a primary topic of discussion was the joint ASCO/American Optometric Association effort to further develop a robust, diverse and highly qualified national applicant pool. A roundtable discussion took place on professionalism for optometry school applicants during the application process and once they matriculate as optometry students.

ASCO members participated in many NAAHP activities, including the Spotlight Session on Optometry, Professional Health Professions Shuffle and the Meet the Deans exhibit fair. Participation in these events helps ASCO and its member schools to better connect with health professions advisors from hundreds of institutions across the country to promote the profession of optometry.

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