

A MANIFESTO DELIVERED BY KASSAN YENPANG NATHANIEL, A UDS-MSA PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT, ON THE 7TH OF JULY, 2023.

Mr. Chairman, esteemed members of our association, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, I stand before you today with great honor and enthusiasm to present this manifesto as a testament to my unwavering commitment to serving as the President of our association.

Before presenting my policies, I would like to acknowledge the existing disconnect between our members and the association. It is important to address this issue and emphasize that my primary goal is to promote unity and a sense of community among our members. Fueled by a vision of unity, progress, and unparalleled excellence reinforced by the mantra: **“if it must be done, it must be done well,”** I am dedicated to establishing strong systems that will elevate the MSA and make it a respected and influential entity. In fact, I believe if something can not be done well, it should not be done at all.

As a candidate who understands the association’s history and believes in its potential, I am committed to implementing the following series of visionary policies that will propel us towards greatness:

CREATION OF AN ONLINE OFFICE

Creating an online office for effective record keeping is crucial for the smooth functioning of our association and the expediting of projects.

Keeping detailed records ensures that important information and decisions made by previous administrations are readily available to future administrations. By establishing an online office for record keeping, we can ensure that accurate and up-to-date records are accessible to all stakeholders, discussions and decisions can be based on reliable data and facts. This reduces misunderstandings, enhances transparency, and enables informed and timely decision-making.

It promotes continuity, enables smooth transitions of leadership, and fosters accountability, as the actions and decisions of each administration can be easily traced and reviewed.

CREATION OF A MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

One of my key policies is to create a comprehensive database for the members of our association. This database will serve to promote a more scientific approach to the execution of policies. By utilizing statistical analysis and data-driven decision-making, we can gain the trust and confidence of our members.

The database will allow us to collect and store relevant information about our members, and enable us to strategically allocate resources, plan events, and implement policies that align with the needs and interests of our members. I believe that by implementing this database and utilizing statistics in our decision-making processes, we can build a stronger and more cohesive association that effectively represents the interests and aspirations of our members.

SPECIALTY SERIES & MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

As a candidate for the office of the president of our association, I propose the launch of an awe-inspiring specialty series that will illuminate the endless possibilities and opportunities within the vast field of medicine. From neurology to pediatrics, surgery to psychiatry, this series will be a captivating journey of discovery for our members.

One of the key aspects of this specialty series will be the active involvement of our esteemed alumni. Many of the invited guests and speakers will be alumni from our association who have excelled in their respective medical specializations. Their participation will not only lend credibility and prestige to the series but also emphasize the significance of our association's network and the success stories of our members.

In conjunction with the awe-inspiring specialty series, I will establish a trailblazing mentorship program that will further enhance the educational experience and personal growth of our members. As we embark on this captivating journey through the specialty series, connecting our members with seasoned professionals will be an integral part of the program. Through the mentorship program, participants will have the opportunity to be paired with mentors who specialize in the specific fields of medicine showcased in the series, and will have the opportunity to not only learn about different medical specializations but also engage with mentors who can provide practical insights, guidance, and support along their chosen career paths.

I am dedicated to implementing this linked approach, where the specialty series serves as a catalyst for mentorship, providing our members with an exceptional educational experience and a strong support system as they chart their paths towards greatness in the field of medicine.

With your support, we can build a vibrant community that empowers its members, creates lasting connections, and propels each individual towards success.

ALVEOLUS MIGRATION TO TELEGRAM

Alveolus, our esteemed online academic hub, that was established under the administration of Dr. Abena Otema, has been an invaluable resource for our association members, providing a centralized platform for sharing and accessing educational materials.

Under my leadership, we will initiate a seamless transition of Alveolus, to Telegram, leveraging the unique features and capabilities offered by this popular messaging platform. The introduction of a Telegram bot will revolutionize the way we interact with educational resources and foster a collaborative learning environment.

Migrating Alveolus to Telegram with the help of a Telegram bot will facilitate streamlined accessibility, interactive learning experience, enhanced organization and searchability, and seamless integration with communication

I am committed to overseeing a smooth migration process, ensuring the seamless transfer of existing resources and preserving the continuity of our academic hub.

REFINING THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Reflecting on the past, it is essential to acknowledge the challenges our association has faced in organizing the White Coat Ceremony. Two years ago, we experienced a setback when the administration was unable to hold the ceremony for that year group. However, I am pleased to highlight the positive shift in recent times as we successfully organized the White Coat Ceremony last year and this year.

This upward trend signifies our commitment to continuous improvement and our collective determination to honor and celebrate the achievements of our members. It serves as a testament to our resilience and the steps we have taken to overcome past obstacles. Building upon this progress, my vision as the future president is to further improve and refine the White Coat Ceremony, ensuring it becomes an even more memorable and meaningful event. To achieve this, I propose securing a dedicated day or time off academic work for the ceremony.

By securing a dedicated day or time, we demonstrate our commitment to recognizing the significance of the White Coat Ceremony and the pivotal role it plays in the lives of our members. During this dedicated time, we will come together as a united front, creating an atmosphere of support, encouragement, and mentorship for the inductees. We will stand side by side, embracing the shared responsibility of guiding them as they embark on their clinical years, and demonstrating our unwavering commitment to their success.

Let us join forces and work together to secure this valuable time to honor our inductees, showcase the spirit of solidarity that defines our association and reinforce our commitment to supporting one another throughout our medical journeys.

FANTASY PREMIER LEAGUE

I propose the establishment of an exciting and engaging competition using the Fantasy Premier League platform. This initiative aims to bring together football enthusiasts within our association and provide them with an opportunity to showcase their managerial skills and celebrate the sport we all love.

A dedicated league within the Fantasy Premier League platform will be created exclusively for members of our association, inviting them to join and be part of this exciting initiative. Whether they are seasoned football enthusiasts or new to the game, everyone will have the opportunity to participate and enjoy the experience. This will serve as a platform for participants to compete, share their passion for football, and engage in friendly rivalry.

To enhance engagement, I will establish effective communication channels to provide regular updates, share interesting statistics, and encourage discussions among participants. This will foster a sense of community and enable participants to share their insights, strategies, and recommendations. To add excitement and motivation, I will arrange prizes and recognition for the top performers and winners of the competition. This could include trophies, certificates, or other rewards to acknowledge their achievements and dedication.

By establishing this policy, we will create a platform for our association members to bond over their shared passion for football, foster friendly competition, and strengthen our community. The Fantasy Premier League competition will serve as a source of joy and entertainment, enriching the overall experience of our members.

MSA EXCURSION: EXPLORATION, RECREATION, RELAXATION AND CONNECTION

As the future President of our esteemed association, I am dedicated to enhancing the overall experience and fostering a strong sense of unity among our members. One of the key initiatives I propose is the organization of an unforgettable excursion that will deepen our connection with our country's heritage and instill in us a profound sense of pride and appreciation.

This excursion will not only provide a well-deserved opportunity for relaxation and recreation amidst breathtaking scenery but will also serve as a catalyst for social bonding and the forging of lasting friendships. By embarking on this transformative journey together, we will engage in meaningful conversations, share laughter, and create cherished memories that will strengthen our sense of community. These experiences will leave an indelible mark on our hearts and minds, reminding us of the joy and fulfillment that come from exploration, connection, and the pursuit of new experiences.

MSA DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT: ENRICHING TRADITION WITH CELEBRATION

In the spirit of honoring our cherished traditions while infusing them with a new layer of celebration, I am excited to introduce the MSA Dinner & Awards Night as a special addition to our traditional program.

The introduction of the Awards Night will be an opportunity to celebrate excellence and honor the remarkable accomplishments of our members. We will shine a spotlight on those who have made significant contributions to our association, their fields of study, and the community at large. These accolades will serve as a testament to their dedication and inspire others to strive for greatness.

As part of the MSA Dinner & Awards Night, a dedicated segment will be devoted to presenting prestigious awards. This formal recognition will highlight exceptional achievements in areas such as academic excellence, leadership, research, community service, and more. The ceremony will be a moment of pride, motivation, and inspiration for both the recipients and the entire association.

By incorporating the Awards Night into our traditional MSA Dinner, we will enrich our cherished traditions, breathe new life into our gathering, and create a more vibrant and inspiring event. Join me in making the MSA Dinner & Awards Night a highlight of our association's calendar, a testament to our unity, and a catalyst for continued excellence.

CONCLUSION

The Chairperson, fellow medical students, ladies and gentlemen, I stand before you as a candidate running unopposed for this position, not because I consider myself superior or the only capable person, but because of the hope and trust you have placed in me. I recognize that my individual efforts alone are limited, and it is through the collective strength and teamwork that we can achieve greatness. Leadership is not a solitary endeavor; it requires the collective participation of all. I am not running alone; we are united in this endeavor.

With your support, dedication, and unwavering spirit, we will unlock boundless possibilities, charting a path towards a future where our association stands at the pinnacle of success.

Thank you for your trust, and together, let us chart our path towards greatness.

Welcome to **“The Second Coming.”**