Jesse McIlwaine, OMS-I

Dear Students of TouroCOM Middletown,

I am writing this letter to announce my candidacy for President of the TouroCOM Middletown SGA team.

I was fortunate to spend the past year here at TouroCOM Middletown as a master’s student. This distinct opportunity allowed me to build lasting relationships with students, faculty and administration which have carried over into the DO program. My background has enabled me to better assist students who are having difficulties in their first year DO or MS programs. I wish to build upon my experiences here while expanding my role to serve all students in the TouroCOM Middletown family.

As a first year DO student, I’ve made it a priority to remain active within TouroCOM Middletown. I currently represent our school as a Student Ambassador, speaking with and answering questions from prospective students during their interview days. I was selected to join various committees geared towards improving the quality of student life including the Health Fair and Clinical Rotations Committees. They have continued to be valuable experiences, requiring regular interactions with faculty and administration. The success of events such as last weekend’s health fair is a testament to the outstanding effort and communication put forth by all members of the committees.

The city of Middletown continues to blossom as TouroCOM strengthens its participation in community driven activities. I volunteer as a member of MedAchieve and Read4Peds, proudly representing TouroCOM Middletown. We act as positive role models for the youth of the community and reveal there is no set approach to their own success. The challenging path to medical school differs from student to student but we share and possess similar traits. It is our effort, focus and determination that earned our enrollment here at TouroCOM. The same effort, focus and determination I promise to maintain if elected.

My goal is to continue the successful policies set in place by previous student governments, as well as initiate new approaches that will advance TouroCOM Middletown both locally and nationally. The SGA team will encourage constructive dialogue between students and faculty/administration to promote the creation of new ideas and their plans of action. I believe this collaborative approach ultimately will improve the medical school experience for us and future classes.

As a relatively new campus, the strength of TouroCOM Middletown relies heavily on our cohesion as a student body. We have the unique opportunity to elicit positive change as we meet with adversity. With your contribution, the SGA team and I will strive to advocate for policies that are representative of our common student goals. If elected as Student Government Association President, I pledge to fully devote myself to this leadership position. I will uphold our core values of respect and professionalism as we progress together towards becoming osteopathic physicians. It would be a great honor and privilege to represent the students of TouroCOM Middletown; the future of Osteopathic Medicine.

Thank you for your consideration for SGA President at TouroCOM Middletown.

Sincerely,

Jesse McIlwaine