



## **AAMC GUIDANCE ON PEACEFUL PROTESTS BY MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS**

According to the AAMC, "...Some [nationwide] aspiring physicians have expressed concern that being arrested for protesting will impair their prospects for medical school or residency selection." When determining admissions selections: "Ask questions to elicit how applicants to your program think about the relationship between racism and other forms of oppression and health; and health care, as well as their involvement in recent protests, social change efforts, and volunteer or service projects." The article reads further: "...Automatically screening out an applicant who has been arrested or convicted is problematic for several reasons." Read More Here: [Association of American Medical Colleges \(AAMC\)](#).

## **MILITARY NEWS: AIR FORCE ANNOUNCES FIRST CHANGES FROM DIVERSITY TASK FORCE**

"The Air Force has set up a task force to improve diversity, which has already started rolling out changes to improve opportunities for minority airmen. The task force will focus on five areas: culture and policy; education, training and testing; recruiting and accessions; workforce diversity; and aircrew diversity." Read More about the revised regulations on dress and appearance that were unfairly hurting minorities and other underrepresented airmen: [Air Force Times](#)

## LGBTQ NEWS: REMEMBERING THE STONEWALL RIOTS AND WHAT IT MEANS TODAY

Last month, June 2020 was the anniversary of the [Stonewall Riots](#), in which New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village in NYC. The raid sparked “an uprising that was largely led by LGBTQ+ people of color; ...[igniting] protests around the country in the push for equal rights.” This historical event is so important, as it led to the Supreme Court newly agreeing that a 1964 civil rights law now protects LGBTQ+ workers from discrimination. Read the Full Article Here: [Forbes](#)



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## A MULTICULTURAL PHYSICIAN DISCUSSES: TO THRIVE, BLACK AND LATINX PHYSICIANS NEED THEIR COMMUNITIES

Diana M. Cejas, MD,MPH is a Black Latina physician, who currently works in pediatric neurology in Chapel Hill, NC. According to the AAMC, “a little more than 2% of the 950,000 practicing physicians in the U.S. are Black women, and 2% are Latinas of any race” ([see reference](#)). In this opinion article, Dr. Cejas recounts her own experiences as she fondly speaks of her own pediatrician, “a Black man who provided [her] with compassionate, comprehensive care, served as [her] other early role model” in addition to her grandfather. These were her Black physician archetypes. At her predominately Black medical school, “being Black in healthcare was normalized, respected, and celebrated—” it was everywhere that she looked. Read More Here: [STAT News](#)

## GENERAL SURGERY NEWS: WILL YOU DO MORE THAN STAND WITH ME?

In this opinion article, Alaina Geary, MD writes an open letter to general surgeons, imploring, “are we ready as surgeons to examine the inequality in our field?” “A [recently published study](#) found that surgeons from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine account for just 7% of academic surgical faculty.” Dr. Geary states, “It is true that our American education system is riddled with inequality that compounds as a student moves upward. However, this belief does not fully account for our problem.” Read More Here: [General Surgery News](#)

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