HEALING FORWARD.

Help Open the Next Door.



A student sees a future in medicine.
A physician finds a community.
A mentor makes room for someone coming next.

Ten years of connection.
A future we build together.

Before she became a physician, someone helped her see the possibility.

For Dr. Chinwe Efuribe, shadowing brought a future in medicine into focus. She remembers her first short white coat and the physicians who welcomed her into their space. They shared their time, their experience, and the confidence that she could follow this path, too.

Years later, she is a physician who gives back.

Her story captures what ABPA works to make possible. An opportunity to observe can become a relationship. A relationship can help someone take the next step. And the student who once needed encouragement can become the physician offering it.

58
Shadowing applicants

26
Students placed

26
Volunteer providers

Every placement begins with someone willing to make room.

It is easier to ask the question when someone makes you feel welcome.

At BBQ with the Docs, students and physicians met in a friendly setting where conversations could begin naturally.



Held in collaboration with the Black Health Professions Organization at UT Austin, the gathering gave students opportunities to meet physicians across specialties, learn about their work, and ask questions about the paths they were considering.

A student interested in a particular specialty could speak with someone practicing it. They could hear how that physician approached their career and begin building a relationship with someone who understood the journey ahead.

Community supporters, including October Ambrose, joined physicians in supporting the students. Continued donor support helps ABPA create more opportunities for those conversations and relationships to grow.

58 students asked to see medicine up close.

26 received a shadowing placement.

32 more applicants wanted that opportunity.

Available physician hosts limited the number of students ABPA could place in 2026. Expanding access begins with more physicians opening their clinical settings to students.

Funding helps ABPA support that expansion through physician outreach, student matching, coordination, and follow-up.

Scholarship support opens another door.

Through the Dr. Timothy George Scholarship, ABPA awarded 25 MCAT preparation scholarships in 2026. Additional donor support would allow ABPA to extend that help to more students preparing for medical school.

Physicians open the clinical door.
Donors help ABPA bring students to it.

A physician can care for a city and still need people in their corner.

When physicians arrived in Austin, Dr. Tina Ward made a point of connecting them with colleagues.

Those connections created space to talk about the realities of a medical career, from building a practice to balancing professional responsibilities and life outside work.

Her approach also reached across generations. Practicing physicians could guide residents. Residents could support interns. Interns could help medical students find their footing.

That spirit continues through ABPA’s physician community, professional gatherings, and student engagement. A career in medicine holds many transitions. Having someone to call, learn from, or introduce you to the right person can matter at each one.

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Active members at the reporting cutoff

Across membership categories and stages of life.

The next generation benefits from the relationships we build today.

Community grows when people return.

October Ambrose supported students at BBQ with the Docs. She also attended ABPA's 10th Anniversary Healing Forward Gala.

Her involvement connects two parts of ABPA's work. One gathering brings students into conversation with physicians. Another brings physicians, students, donors, and supporters together to invest in the future.



Both depend on people who choose to participate.

October's support shows how an individual community member can contribute through presence, encouragement, and continued engagement.

That same invitation extends to physicians approaching retirement or beginning a new chapter after practice. Their experience, relationships, and perspective can continue serving students and younger colleagues.

There are many ways to help someone take their next step.

There is more we want to say yes to.

More students sitting down with physicians. More aspiring doctors receiving help with MCAT preparation. More opportunities for physicians to build healthy, sustainable careers. More ways to serve Austin.

Our donors and partners help make this work possible. The next chapter depends on growing that circle of support.



FOR STUDENTS

Additional gifts can expand MCAT scholarship support and create more welcoming opportunities to meet physicians, explore specialties, and build relationships.

FOR PHYSICIANS

Donor support can help ABPA strengthen programming around professional connection, well-being, and building and sustaining a practice.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

More support gives ABPA greater capacity to bring people together, develop collaborations, and extend community engagement.

Your next gift can help us say yes to more.

The next generation is already asking.

For a physician they can learn from. For help preparing for the MCAT. For a community that welcomes their questions and stays connected as they grow.

OUR 2027 PRIORITIES

More clinical access

Recruit physician hosts and strengthen shadowing coordination.

More student support

Expand MCAT scholarships, continue gatherings, prepare for the Summer Chemistry Program and sincrease our overall cholarships in general to support students.

Stronger physician connections

Support well-being, shared experience, and sustainable careers.

Continued community engagement

Create more opportunities to connect and serve together.

Help open the next door.

Give toward ABPA's $50,000 year-end goal.

Give once or monthly. Volunteer to host or mentor a student.
Thank you to the donors, volunteers, and partners building what comes next.

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