Meet Your SOMAA Executive Board and Board of Trustees

Bruce Bonanno  
MD '83  
SOMMA President  
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“I have always felt fortunate to be able to practice medicine. SGU gave me not only the chance to succeed, but to excel in medicine. Being a board member will give me the chance to encourage all alumni to give back to other SGU graduates, the school, the students, Grenada, and to show the gratitude for allowing me to practice medicine and having a ‘blessed’ life.”

Matthew Melamed  
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SOMMA Vice President  
Austin, TX  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine  
Emergency Medicine Physician at Vituity, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine  
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“I wanted to join the alumni association to help make our organization a truly interactive, useful, and effective group of people striving to make our alumni and future graduate’s lives better. I, along with my colleagues, hope to accomplish many different things including bringing our alumni together in unity to advocate for our patients and ourselves in these changing times.”

Robert S. Helman  
MD ’97  
SOMAA Treasurer  
Brooklyn, NY  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine, Primary Care  
Emergency Medicine Physician at Summit CityMD Urgent Care  
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“I joined my medical school alumni association to affect change on a broader scale and grow the active alumni association to its fullest.”

Danielle Krol  
MD ’15  
SOMAA Secretary  
Washington D.C.  
Specialty: Oncology  
Medical Oncologist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and George Washington University Hospital  
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“I’m passionate about giving back to the school who gave me so much! As secretary for the School of Medicine Alumni Association, I want to connect alumni from all over the globe.”
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**Craig S. Conoscenti**  
MMD '81, FCCP, ATS  
Board of Trustees Officer  
Ridgefield, CT  
Specialty: Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine  
Medical Expert, Interstitial Lung Disease, at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals  
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“I wanted to be a part of the alumni association from the start. The alumni association serves as the conduit for graduates to continue to contribute to the success of the university and to the support of students. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I hope to contribute to the directional approach that the alumni association takes to carry out the objectives of the organization.”

**Kristin Hughes**  
MD '09, FACEP  
Board of Trustees Officer  
Chicago, IL  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine  
Emergency Medicine Physician, Telemedicine Physician at StationMD, Founder of PASEO  
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“I joined the alumni association to actively give back to the SGU community. As a board member, I hope to elevate the SGU experience for current students and alumni alike. I am so proud to be an SGU graduate and want to do my part to help our graduates have the greatest success in all that they do.”

**Dwight F. Matthias**  
MD '92, FACP  
Board of Trustees Officer  
Chesapeake/Newport News, VA  
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President of Tidewater Endocrine Consultants  
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“The strength of SGU is its diversity as well as its graduates and their achievements, yet its future is the engagement that alumni continue to have with new applicants. I would like to participate by continuing to share SGU’s quality education and clinical training with aspiring doctors.”

**Gina Puglisi**  
MD '87  
Board of Trustees Officer  
Parsippany, NJ  
Specialty: Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine  
Regional Medical Director of Hospital Medicine for the Northeast Operating Unit of Envision Healthcare  
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