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Dear Student:

One of the most urgent concerns of students, administrators, and policy-makers is the high level of indebtedness of students in our colleges and professional schools. The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), and other educational policy organizations monitor this information and use it to influence public policy.

For the past 36 years, AACOM – with the cooperation of the osteopathic medical colleges – has conducted an annual survey of entering and graduating students concerning their debt and career plans.

Your responses to this year's survey are important in developing public policy on financing medical education. Please provide the best estimates you can. Individual responses are confidential. The data are used for research purposes and released only in summary form. AACOM does ask for your social security number and name so that your responses as an entering medical student can be linked to your responses as a graduating medical student. This allows more complete analysis. *No personal identification information is reported to the College or other organizations.*

Please go to the link <https://survey.aacom.org/wh/s.asp?k=152891553184>

Note that this is a secure link. Data transmitted through this link are encrypted.

Please return the confirmation page at the end of the survey to your College's survey coordinator as confirmation that you completed the survey.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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