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Dear Program Directors and Faculty Colleagues:

PAEA is announcing the start of its 2009-2010 Student Writing Competition. It is vital to the success of the competition that all students be encouraged to participate, and I am requesting that you inform them that the competition has opened and appraise them of the essential documents for this cycle: the "Competition Guidelines," the new "Student Disclosure Form," and "Suggestions to Help Students Get Started."

The Student Disclosure Form will be used again this year and one should be submitted for each student entry. Student authors should complete their portion of the disclosure form and email it to their program directors. We ask that program directors finalize the forms by inserting their names, as indicated on the form, and emailing it to PAEA staff. Disclosure forms will not be accepted from student email accounts. Students may forward their own writing submissions to PAEA staff or request that their program directors do so for them. The disclosure forms and writing submissions may be sent separately. Submissions and completed disclosure forms should be sent to the attention of Ayeshia Ellington Pompey, at apompey@paeaonline.org.

As a reminder students may receive assistance from faculty mentors and advisors but any assistance should not compromise the originality of their work. Please refer to the Student Disclosure Form for a more complete definition of the nature of the assistance students may receive.

All student entries, as well as completed disclosure forms, must be received at the PAEA national office by February 15, 2010.

The Student Research Affairs Subcommittee of the PAEA Research Institute, which oversees the administration of the competition, recognizes the importance of developing the medical writing talents of PA students and appreciates the support and assistance you provide your students in this endeavor. Last year's competition was very successful, with 61 student submissions from 24 PA programs. We look forward to another successful year.

I will be in touch early in the new year to ask your assistance with reviewing student submissions.

Sincerely,

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