

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Jenna Ball, MD

I am passionate about serving the family medicine community and advocating for the needs of our patients and physicians, which is why I am eager to contribute to the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) Board of Directors. As an attending physician at the University of Kansas Health Systems, I work with diverse patient populations and train future physicians while engaging in advocacy at the state and national levels. My volunteer leadership within the KU School of Medicine including the Street Medicine Student Interest Group and Students for Survivors has deepened my commitment to improving access to care for underserved communities.

Growing up in Hays, KS, a rural community, I developed a deep appreciation for the unique healthcare challenges faced by rural populations. This experience has fueled my commitment to improving healthcare delivery in underserved areas and advocating for policies that support rural family medicine.

My experiences as an NCCL delegate in 2024, KAFP advocacy member, and chief resident have honed my leadership skills and collaborative approaches to problem-solving. I have seen firsthand how organizations like the KAFP can shape policies and initiatives that positively impact both our profession and our patients.

I am particularly interested in advancing the goals of family medicine advocacy, clinical education, and quality improvement. As a member of the KAFP Board of Directors, I would work to ensure the voices of Kansas family physicians are heard, help guide the strategic direction of the Academy, and advocate for policies that support physician well-being and patient care. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to KAFP's mission and to work alongside other dedicated leaders to strengthen family medicine across Kansas.