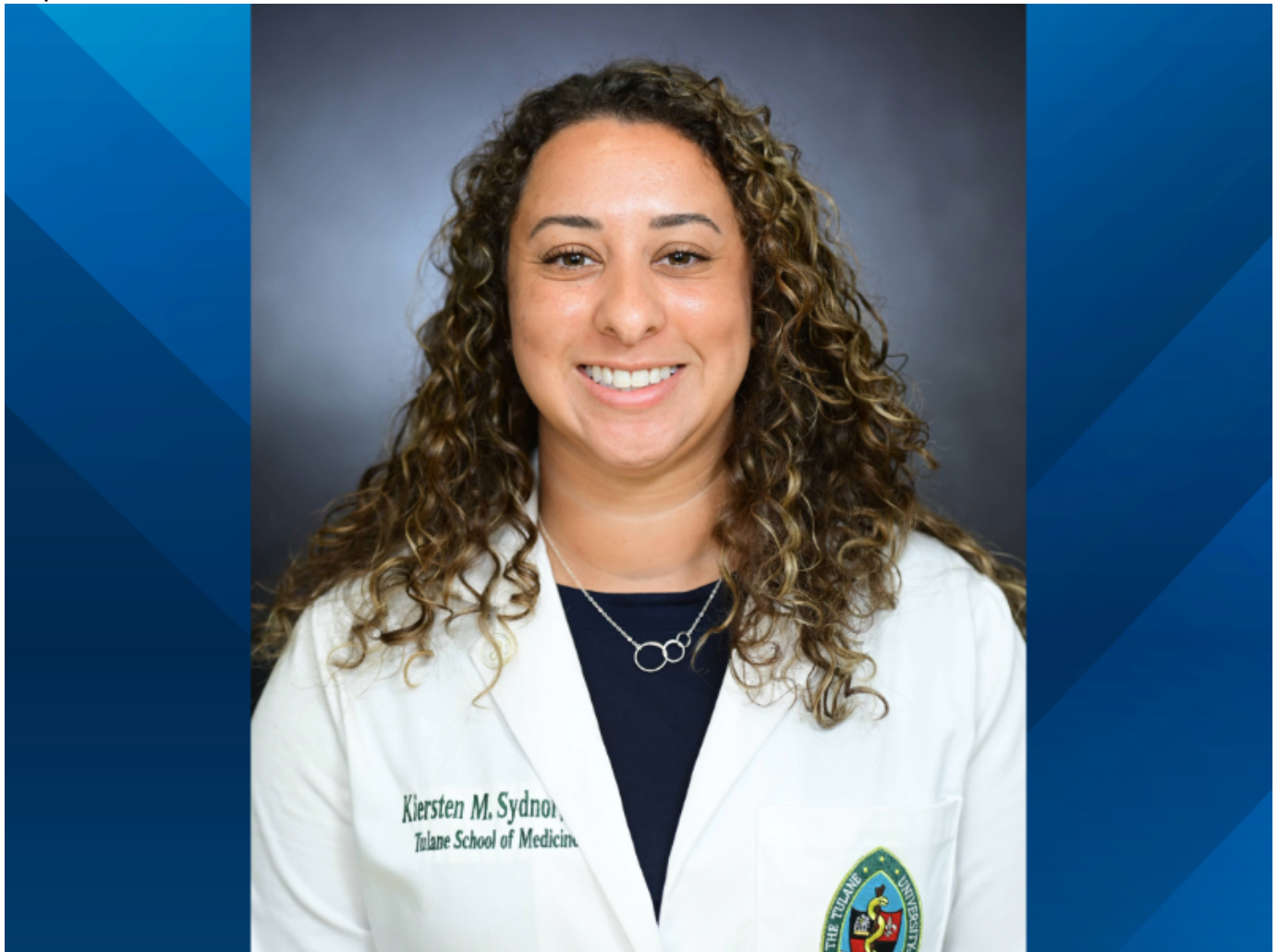


## **Tulane medical student named to board of Student National Medical Association**

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Kiersten "Keke" Sydnor, M.S., has been appointed to the position of Region III Director of the Student National Medical Association, the nation's oldest and largest independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of underrepresented medical students.

As a first-year medical student, Kiersten was selected to join the 2024-2025 Region III SNMA Board of Directors as the Diversity Research Liaison and has now been appointed the Region III Director for the 2025- 2027 term, representing seven states

in the south and southwestern US. Now a second-year student, Kiersten hopes to become a practicing surgeon at an academic institution where she can continue her research career as a physician-scientist. Outside of her commitments as a medical student, she works for Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, where she has been employed by the Department of Neurologic Surgery since 2021 as a research protocol specialist.