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This issue of *The Match Illuminator* highlights the NRMP's decision to add a fourth offer round to the SOAP process starting with the 2021 Main Residency Match, and introduces five new members of the organization's Board of Directors.

Also featured is the announcement that NRMP's *Transition to Residency* conference is moving to a virtual format in October. We hope you join the medical education community online to generate ideas and engage in lively discussion.

Best wishes to all for a safe July!

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Fourth Offer Round Added to 2021 SOAP Process

The Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) is the process during Match Week whereby positions left unfilled after the matching algorithm has been processed are offered to eligible, unmatched, and partially matched applicants. Since the 2017 Match, SOAP has included three offer rounds; however, due to the increasing number of unfilled positions that have remained at the end of SOAP in recent years and the uncertainty surrounding the upcoming Match

season due to COVID-19, **NRMP has decided to add an additional, fourth offer round to the SOAP process.**

The additional SOAP offer round will begin at 12:00 p.m. ET on Thursday of Match Week and end at 2:00 p.m. ET. SOAP will now conclude at 3:00 p.m. ET with the posting of the final List of Unfilled Programs in the Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system. Please be aware that **all SOAP communication and policies within the Match Participation Agreement will remain in place through the conclusion of SOAP at 3:00 p.m. ET on Thursday of Match Week.**

For more information, view the [2021 Match Week and SOAP Schedule](#) and the [2021 Main Residency Match Calendar](#).

NRMP Board Elects Five New Members; Cohort Includes Nobel Prize Recipient Dr. Alvin Roth

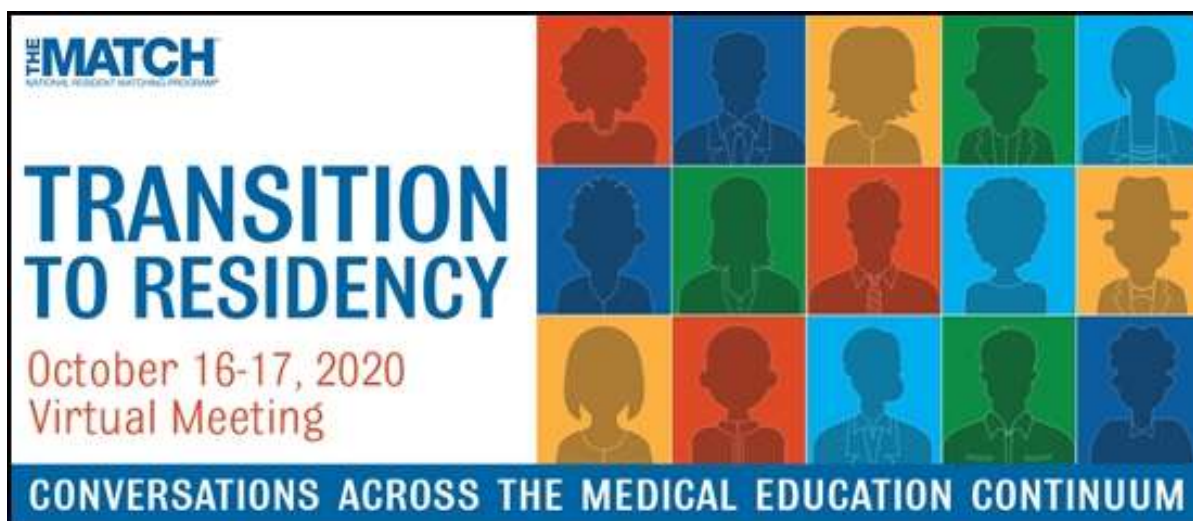
At its June meeting, the Board of Directors [elected five individuals to the Board](#) for terms of service that begin July 1, 2020. Listed alphabetically, the new members are:

- **Ricardo J. Boccardo Bello, M.D.**, General Surgery resident at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.
- **Sydney Miller**, DO student at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **Alvin E. Roth, Ph.D.**, Senior Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research and a Professor, by courtesy, for the school of Management Science and Engineering; George Gund Professor of Economics and Business Administration Emeritus at Harvard University.
- **Morgan Swanson**, M.D./Ph.D. student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and College of Public Health.
- **Christopher B. Traner, M.D.**, recent graduate of Neurology residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital; incoming Epilepsy/Neurophysiology fellow at Yale, received the ale.

The NRMP is pleased to welcome them to the Board of Directors and looks forward to working with them on a variety of issues. The 19-member Board includes medical school deans, institutional officials, clinical program directors, resident/fellow physicians, medical students, and one public member. The term for directors is four years, with a

maximum of two terms. The term for resident/fellow and student directors is two years.

NRMP Stakeholder Conference Goes Virtual! Breakout Session Proposals Wanted



With the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and concerns that large group gatherings jeopardize personal and public health needs for social distancing, NRMP leadership has elected to move the [Transition to Residency: Conversations Across the Medical Education Continuum](#) conference to a **VIRTUAL format on October 16-17, 2020**.

The program agenda has been reformatted to a two-day meeting, and [breakout session proposals](#) **ARE** being accepted. The meeting still will showcase [plenary speakers](#) **Vivek H. Murthy, MD**, 19th Surgeon General of the United States; **Alvin E. Roth, PhD**, McCaw Professor of Economics, Stanford University and Gund Professor of Economics and Business Administration Emeritus, Harvard University; and **Shankar Vedantam**, host of *The Hidden Brain* podcast and NPR's Social Science Correspondent.

Learners are welcome! In light of much-needed conversation about the recommendations and innovations for engaging in medical education and training during a pandemic, NRMP is opening the virtual meeting to learners. [See the registration page for details.](#)

We hope you will join us for two days of important discussions surrounding the transition to residency, wellness/belonging, and implicit bias. Perhaps no time is more important than now to examine these themes, especially given the impact of COVID-19 on the education and training experiences of young physicians.



Upcoming Dates for July

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, Laryngology

July 8, 11:59 p.m. ET: Quota Change Deadline

July 22, 9:00 p.m. ET: Ranking Deadline



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