The council made a concerted effort to expand the representation and diversity of the leadership council. Representation was increased from 8 to 13 members. The new council now reflects the MD, MD-PhD, and PhD as well as house staff, post-doctoral fellow, and faculty experience. This new membership broadened our gender diversity and increased the racial diversity from 0 to 23%.

In the past, the association donated funds to support the same organizations annually. While JHM&SA will continue to support many of these organizations financially, it has expanded the opportunity for new initiatives to be considered. Students, residents, and fellows are able to apply for grants to support programs and initiatives that reflect the current needs and life of the School of Medicine.

Through fundraising, 100% of the 121 first-year students and 116 post-doctoral candidates received their white coats as gifts. The first-year medical students also received their first stethoscope as a gift from the Johns Hopkins Medical & Surgical Association.

JHM&SA contributes annually to increase the Centennial Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship currently provides one medical student with over $14,000 towards their educational expenses. The association also sponsors five Young Investigator Awards annually for post-doctoral students and fellows.

The pandemic has been stressful for everyone. The Graduate Student Association, with JHM&SA’s support, was able to place a focus on the mental and physical wellness of students, increased the availability of outdoor fitness and yoga classes available, and were able to provide students free vouchers for small, but important, “pick-me-ups” like coffee and locally made ice cream to help mitigate stress.

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