

*Mission Statement  
United States of America Delegation  
Latin American School of Medicine*

*We are students from the United States of America who have chosen to study medicine in Cuba. Our delegation is composed of individuals from diverse ethnic, socioeconomic and religious backgrounds. We are members of an international medical education program that specializes in training physicians from low income communities and communities of color.*

*As students of the Latin American School of Medicine, (the ELAM Project) we belong to a health care initiative established by Commander-in-Chief Fidel Castro, built upon values of internationalism and humanism, created in response to the immense need of nations victimized by political and socioeconomic instability and devastated by natural disasters.*

*Recognizing that similar conditions exist in many parts of our country, the Cuban government offered medical training, free of charge, to qualified students from under served areas in the USA. Thanks to the tenacious work of Rev. Lucius Walker, the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), and members of the Congressional Black Caucus, we are beneficiaries of this medical education scholarship.*

*We believe that equal access to quality, culturally competent, and sustainable health care is a human right. As members of the US Delegation, we are committed to return to our communities, improving their health outcomes by prioritizing preventative health care, and creating opportunities for future conscientious health care professionals.*

*We strive for peace and social, economic, environmental, and political justice for all people that have historically been, and continue to be oppressed at home and abroad. Our delegation stands in solidarity with these communities, as future physicians who will place human dignity at the center of health care.*