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Morgan Kohls, 3rd from right  
FMMA Conference 2014

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## ***BRI from a Pre-Med Perspective***

Greetings!

I'm Morgan Kohls, a Junior pre-med student at Ohio University. I'm studying Biological Sciences and Bioinformatics and am hoping to apply to medical schools this summer.

When I began college, I knew that the ACA would be disastrous for our economy and our healthcare system, although I could not very well verbalize why. I wanted to learn more, and I wanted to do anything I could to make others understand. Merissa Ferguson, then President of our BRI Chapter at OUHCOM, invited me to a few meetings and presentations. I was thrilled to see that so many medical students were just as interested as I was in healthcare policy. Over the course of the year, I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about our healthcare system and began to engage in conversations with my fellow undergraduates on the topic.

Last year, I became Undergraduate Representative for my Chapter, and began educating my peers as well as inviting them to BRI events. The BRI Leadership Conference in Denver last March gave me the tools and knowledge to engage with other students with confidence. I attended the Free Market Medicine Association's first annual conference in Oklahoma City this past September on a BRI scholarship, and that was also enormously beneficial. Before then, I thought that the free market medicine we are striving for was unattainable with the current policies. **I could not have been more wrong.** At the FMMA conference, direct pay physicians spoke of their success in cutting third-party systems completely out of their practices, thereby increasing transparency and value of care for their patients. I have taken their stories back to my family and my peers to prove that free market medicine can work, and is

working right now.

My twin sister, Brooke, is president of her BRI chapter at Ohio Northern University's College of Pharmacy. Likewise, my older sister, Kaitlyn, is educating her fellow nursing students at Middle Tennessee State University. I'm thrilled to know that so many other college students are taking up the fight along with us to restore the doctor-patient relationship and the quality healthcare that we are capable of achieving in the U.S. Benjamin Rush Institute has been the perfect way for me to meet others that share this passion and to instill it in other students. I'm excited about the work we are doing and the difference we can make in healthcare.

**If there is a pre-med or medical student in your life, please forward this email to him or her.**

**I hope my story shows you the direct difference your support has made. If you have not yet become a member or made a year-end gift to BRI, please do so. From now through December, you can DOUBLE your impact! Every donation will be matched.**

Thank you very much for supporting BRI.

Sincerely,



Morgan Kohls

Pre-Med, Junior Year

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## Morgan Kohls featured on BRI's promotional student video



Morgan and several other BRI Student Leaders attended the transformational FMMA Conference in Oklahoma City earlier this fall. Catch Morgan's appearance on the BRI promotional video, and read her and other BRI student leaders' blog posts about their FMMA experiences.

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freedom in our healthcare system. Thank you!

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