

## The Autoimmune Association Announces New Vice President of Public Policy & Government Affairs

Quardricos Driskell joins executive team to lead efforts to champion patient-first policies

Washington, D.C. (February 7, 2022) ±7KH \$XWRLPPXQH \$VVRFLDWLRQ WKH ZR nonprofit organization dedicated to autoimmune awareness, advocacy, education, and research, has appointed Quardricos Driskell as Vice President of Public Policy & Government \$IIDLUV 'ULVNHOO ZLOO VSHDUKHDG WKH \$XWRLPP-XirQH \$VVRFLD policies on Capitol Hill.

Prior to joining Autoimmune Associat

been instrumental in driving essential legislation on behalf of patients. During his tenure at the AUA, he initiated, drafted, and worked alongside Reps. Neal Dunn, MD (R-FL-02) and Joe Cunningham (D-SC- WR LQWURGXFH + 5 WKH 9HWHUDQ¶V 3URVWD Research Act of 2020.

In his new role, Driskell will unite stakeholders across the healthcare ecosystem, most notably the 50+ members of the National Coalition of Autoimmune Patient Groups, to protect and improve key policies on behalf of people impacted by autoimmune disease. He will also lead the \$ X W R L P P X Q H \$ V V R F L D W L R Q ¶ V I O D J V K L S D G Y R F D F \ S U R J U D P / H W partnership of healthcare organizations working in support of a simple goal: treatment decisions should always be made by patients and trusted health care professionals.

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Driskell is a graduate of Morehouse College and Harvard University and serves as an Adjunct Professor in Legislative Affairs at The George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management.

About The Autoimmune Association

The Autoimmune Association leads the fight against autoimmune disease by collaborating to improve healthcare, advance research, and support the community through every step of the journey.

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