

Resolution 030
A Resolution to Expand Epi-Pen Access
Sponsored by: Senator Drauschak
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Suarez, Senator Curioso, Senator Bommer,
Senator Musick

Whereas,

The Student Government Association (SGA) Senate-007 unanimously passed Resolution 043, which called for the implementation of epinephrine auto-injectors in University dining halls.

Whereas,

The University does not have available training or resources at this time to offer public epinephrine auto-injectors in campus public spaces such as the dining halls.

Whereas,

Anaphylactic reactions, triggered by a number of factors, including but not limited to food, environmental changes, and/or medications, can happen at any time to anyone, with any allergy, regardless of whether they were previously aware of them.¹

Whereas,

An anaphylactic reaction may occur moments to hours after exposure or consumption of the triggering allergen, and may be severe or fatal.² The only way to counteract this reaction would be through an epinephrine auto-injector.

Whereas,

College students are particularly vulnerable to anaphylaxis when exposed to new foods and have limited epinephrine auto-injector availability on campus.

Whereas,

The Student Health Services Office, located at the Kane Center with limited hours, is the only location on campus with epinephrine auto-injectors.

Whereas,

Local universities, including Georgetown University, have trained the campus police for anaphylaxis emergency response and carry emergency epinephrine.

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<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5589409/#:~:text=Up%20to%205%25%20of%20the,with%20hospital%20admissions%20for%20anaphylaxis.>

² <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/anaphylaxis/symptoms-causes/syc-20351468#:~:text=Anaphylaxis%20is%20a%20severe%2C%20potentially,as%20peanuts%20or%20bee%20stings.>

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests:

1. The certification and authorization of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors for Department of Public Safety officers.

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

Anthony Crnkovich
President of the Student Government Association

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Vice President of the Student Government Association

