

Medical Alumni Association Scholarship

Purpose:

These scholarships are supported by gifts and pledges from UK College of Medicine alumni. The association's goal is be able to provide four scholarships for each class.

Scholarship Recipients:



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London, KY**

Degree: B.S. in Biology, University of Kentucky

Why I want to become a physician: The longer that I am a medical student, the shorter my response to the question “why I want to be a physician” becomes. It is, however, no less meaningful. I wanted to become a physician because my heart belongs to service. I always loved volunteering and knew I needed to give a profound contribution to my community to be happy. I love to be around others and I love the science and beauty of the human body. These interests all converged to bring me to medicine. Medical school has consistently reaffirmed my dreams and goals but it also has brought to light all the wonderful things about medicine that I never knew before. It is a wonderful privilege. When I become a physician I want to work as a rural physician in order to help the underserved. I also want to be valuable member of my community and become involved in the public health and wellness of my area. I want to cure, help, and educate my patients in every way I can.

Medical school experience: One of my favorite experiences in medical school has been my gross anatomy course. The last day that we worked with the cadavers was an emotional and rewarding day. I felt extremely connected to my cadaver and was in complete awe of the human body. On that last day I sat back and began to fully grasp how much I had gained from the experience and how truly grateful I was to be there and have such a wonderful education. It was my favorite experience because it was my most awe-inspiring and most humbling day.

Future medical experience: I am most looking forward to working with real patients in the hospital and clinic. It has been helpful working with the standardized patients but having my first real patient as a 3rd year medical student will be both terrifying and exhilarating.

A note of appreciation: Receiving this scholarship is such a blessing to me and my family. Words cannot express how much such a wonderful gift means to me. I would like to give my most heartfelt thank you to the donor of my scholarship. The donation gave me hope that my dreams of becoming a rural physician might be realized. Coming from a rural area, I know what a need there is for healthcare. At times it feels as if this dream is accompanied by a large amount of sacrifice and hardship, but with the scholarship the strain is significantly lessened. Thank you, for helping make my dreams come true, although I could never thank you enough or satisfactorily put into words my gratitude. I can only hope that I use it well and make you proud. My dreams are coming true because of your selfless, generous donation.