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WITH SINCERE THANKS

Dear Dr. Berlin,

As a recipient of the Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Merit Scholarship, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your support of the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University and its students. I am in my fourth year at Scholl College and have been making my way through clinical externships. Receiving your scholarship for the coming academic year has been a wonderful help.

Allow me to tell you a little bit about myself. I was born in India and moved to the United States when I was one year old. I grew up in Kenosha, Wisconsin and attended college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I majored in neurobiology and received a certificate in stem cell sciences. I was first introduced to the field of podiatric medicine when I started shadowing different clinicians in college. I was inspired by this field that integrated surgery, trauma, sports medicine and limb salvage.

My Scholl College experience thus far has been amazing! I am receiving a great education from dedicated faculty and I have had many opportunities to get involved in campus life. I worked as a clinical manager and panel member for Rosalind Franklin University's Interprofessional Community Clinic, a free, student-led clinic that aims to meaningfully serve the uninsured population of the North Chicago community. I was also chosen to be an ambassador of the school and served as a liaison to prospective students. I also received a diamond level service award for dedicating over 100 hours of community service.

After residency, I hope to do a fellowship in reconstructive surgery or trauma. Then I would like to work side by side with a residency to train the next generation of podiatric surgeons.

Once again, thank you for helping me achieve my educational and career goals. I hope to one day become a notable physician and treat patients with quality and compassion just as you have.

Sincerely,

Akshitha Sreeram
Scholl College Class of 2021



BAKO MEDICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION ENDOWED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE



RECIPIENT: **AKSHITHA SREERAM, CLASS OF 2021**

Hometown: Kenosha, WI
Undergrad: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Major/Minor: Neurobiology/Excellence in Stem Cell Sciences
Degrees: Bachelors in Science
Honors: Second Year Distinguished Scholar Award
Interests: Traveling, Scuba Diving, playing tennis, cooking
Community Service: Interprofessional Community Clinic, Outreach for Health, AGK member, APMA member

What activities are you involved in at Scholl College? I participated in the Interprofessional Community Clinic as a clinic manager and as a member of the podiatry panel. This clinic provided care to patients in the North Chicago community that were underinsured. I also participated in CLEAR research at Scholl College and was able to learn about how clinical research is conducted and presented.

What inspired you to become a podiatric physician? I have always known that I wanted to become a physician and care for patients' health. I knew quickly that I wanted to be in a hands on profession so I was ecstatic when I learned that all podiatry residencies were surgically based. Our surgical cases are often multifaceted and involve infectious disease, vascular and endocrine pathologies. I was inspired by this challenge to create tailored treatments for each patient.

Why did you choose Scholl College? Scholl College is one of the best podiatric medical schools in the nation. At Scholl, the podiatry students are trained side by side with Chicago Medical School students. This raises the level of expectations in every class and also allows us to create relationships with medical physicians that will soon be our future colleagues.

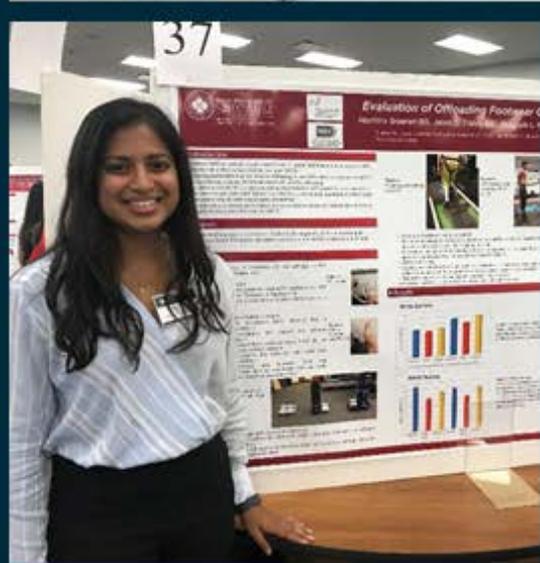
What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest time at Scholl College was helping to run the podiatry section of the Interprofessional Community Clinic for underserved patients. Most of these patients were struggling to put food on their table and had little time to prioritize their health. Many of the diabetic patients were unaware of how to effectively manage their tricky disease. We were able to work with these patients and their families to come up with affordable and sensible solutions that would fit into their lifestyles.

What inspires you most about Scholl College? I am inspired daily by the attending physicians at Scholl College. They truly care about each student in every aspect of their educational journey. They also do their best to actively engage students in every learning experience.

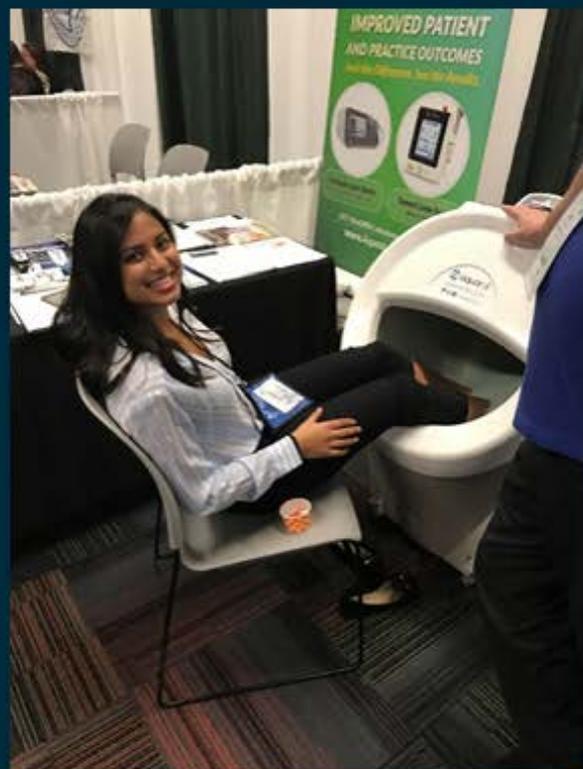
How has the Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Merit Scholarship impacted you at this point in your Scholl College experience? As a fourth year student, I am traveling all over the United States to attend my clerkships. This scholarship has given me the freedom to pursue these opportunities.

What impact are you hoping to make as a Scholl College alumni physician-leader? After fellowship, I would like to work in an academic setting, ideally with a residency program. I have always had an affinity for teaching and found it to be very humbling throughout my educational career. I hope that in the future I will have a career that will allow me to mentor and guide future generations of podiatric surgeons.

Final thanks: I am extremely grateful and humbled by your gracious support and donation. I hope to one day offer aid to current podiatric medical students and support them through their journey just as the Bako Medical Education Foundation has helped me. Thank you.



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