

WesternU

College of Podiatric Medicine



Meet Alex

2023 Recipient of the
Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Scholarship



Dear Bako Medical Education Foundation,

My name is Alex Dang, and I recently received the Bako Scholarship. Thank you for sponsoring the scholarship and help paying for my education. I will use this money to help me move and get situated for residency at MedStar Health in Washington, D.C.

A little about myself, I'm from Atlanta Georgia and I went to Georgia State University. I chose WesternU for podiatry because of the curriculum and how similar it is to the DO curriculum.

During podiatry school, I have signed up to volunteer throughout the Los Angeles areas and held multiple leadership positions such as AAPSM president, CPMA liaison, and the student representative for my class. For my career goal, I want to make sure to give back to the community by being the best resident and future physicians that I can be.

Being a resident from Georgia, I am very familiar with Bako Diagnostics and the impact it has on our profession. I do plan to do a two-week mini fellowship with Bako Diagnostics during the second year of residency so that I can continue to spread my wealth of knowledge Bako has to offer.

Thank you, again!

Sincerely,

Alex Dang
DPM Class of 2023

Learn More About
Alex Dang, DPM 2023
\$1,000 Award Recipient



Hometown:	Atlanta, GA
Undergrad:	Georgia State University
Degrees:	Bachelor in Science
Hobbies/Interests:	Walking my dog
Previous Career/Job:	Medical Assist
Associations/Clubs:	AAPSM president, CPMA liaison

What inspired you to pursue your health sciences career path? It started out with my working relationship with the vein/vascular doctor at the Vein Clinics of America. He drew a path and introduced me to local podiatrists to whom he has been referring patients. From there, I was able to shadow a local podiatrists, who told me the pros and cons of the field.

Why did you choose to attend WesternU? I chose WesternU because of the education it provides. The curriculum allows me to understand the big picture and be able to connect with etiology of the human body that might ultimately affect the foot.

In what activities are you involved at WesternU? I have been involved in multiple clubs during my four years at WesternU. I am the CPMA liaison for my cohort, the AAPSM club president, the SALT ambassador to represent my class to interview the incoming class.

What is the best thing about being a WesternU student? The best thing about WesternU is its core values and the education the school provides. It allows me to be a physician first, podiatrist second. This core value allowed me to be able to stand out from the crowd when it comes to doing externships with students from eight other schools.

What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment is to be able to represent my cohort to the California Podiatric Medical Association board of directors. I was able to network throughout the four years and eventually I was able to meet Dr. Steinberg at one of these meetings. Ultimately, that connection led me to a successful match with MedStar.

How will this scholarship impact you? This scholarship will greatly alleviate my financial burden with the move to the east coast for residency.

What are your future career plans/goals? After residency, I want to work in a multi-specialty clinic to treat patients from a diverse population of social-economic status and backgrounds.

What impact are you hoping to make on the community you serve? During the first two years of school, I have tried to volunteer and donate my time to help at homeless shelters. I was an opportunity to hone my clinical and patient interviewing skills, but it also allowed me to give back to society

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