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DR. WILLIAM M. SCHOLL  
COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Dear Dr. Berlin,

My name is Robert Charles Barton II and I wanted to take the time to briefly thank you for your generous gift in the form of the Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Merit Scholarship. I simply cannot express how grateful I truly am. This award will help to cover the ever-increasing cost of my books and podiatric medical school tuition.

Allow me to tell you a bit about myself. I was born in Los Angeles, CA and grew up in Las Vegas, NV. I completed my undergraduate studies in pre-professional Biology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. I went on to complete my graduate degrees at Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine and Drexel University College of Medicine. My path to arriving at Scholl College has been non-traditional, but my commitment to helping others has remained steadfast. If it were not for generous gifts like yours, I simply would not have had the means to be where I am today.

As a child, I grew up listening to an old country song called “The Chain of Love”. In the song, a man stops to help an elderly woman change a tire. Rather than pay him money for his services, the man asks the woman to repay him by passing on his generosity and not allowing the “chain of love” to end at her. I am often reminded of that song when presented with the benevolence of strangers. Volunteering my own time, energy, and passion to those less fortunate has become my way of continuing the chain of love started by gifts like yours. During my time at Scholl I found great purpose in working for causes like the Interprofessional Community Clinic (ICC), the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County, and the Chicago Marathon just to name a few. At ICC an interprofessional team of students and faculty provide free medical treatment for those who cannot otherwise afford it. I have been fortunate to learn how powerful a selfless act can be and want nothing more than to do the same for others.

Most importantly, your generosity has shaped my world view. If there are organizations in this world, like the Bako Medical Education Foundation, willing to give up money for nothing in return other than the knowledge that they have helped someone, there must be more to life than simply financial gain. Thus, your gift is much more than a financial one. It is a gift of inspiration. It gives me faith in humanity and the knowledge that a career in podiatric medicine, dedicated to the service of others, is the right one for me.

From the bottom of my heart,

Thank you.

Robert Charles Barton, II  
Scholl College Class of 2020

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## BAKO MEDICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE



**RECIPIENT:** **ROBERT CHARLES BARTON II, CLASS OF 2020**

**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA

**Undergrad:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

**Major:** Biology

**Degrees:** BS Biology; MS Medical Sciences

**Honors:** Mount Auburn Hospital's Crimson Excellence Award; Designated Student Leader award recipient - Dept. of Podiatric Surgery and Applied Biomechanics; Diamond (100+ hours) volunteer service award

**Interests:** Travel, gastronomy, art, theatre, philanthropy

**Service:** Student Trustee, Rosalind Franklin University Board of Trustees (*first Scholl College student to serve in this capacity*); Interprofessional Community Clinic at RFU; Chicago Human Rights Campaign; The Chicago Marathon; Boys and Girls Club of Lake County

**What activities have you participated in at Scholl College that impacted you?** I currently serve as a DPM Student mentor helping to guide individuals who are interested in podiatric medicine. As a mentor it allows me to be a voice for our college and the profession. As a member of the University's Board of Trustees I am an advocate for the student community participate in the governance of the university.

**What inspired you to become a podiatric physician?** I was introduced to podiatric medicine as child as podiatrists treated my family members who suffered from Diabetes complications, fixed a broken ankle after an accident, and worked to alleviate pain and suffering. It was then that my interest in the field of podiatric medicine began to develop and ignited my aspiration to improve the lives of others.

**Why did you choose Scholl College?** Scholl College stood out during my interview process because of its stature and reputation. When I interviewed, the student body and faculty I met were intelligent, altruistic, and representative of the core values I embody, and I realized that I wanted to be a part of this community.

**What is the greatest learning experience you have had at Scholl College?** When I first arrived to Scholl I expected a personally transformative, intellectual experience. And my experience has lived up to those expectations. I gained a tremendous amount of new knowledge and information, but more importantly I have been inspired to do better and think bigger.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?** My proudest accomplishment is being elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for Rosalind Franklin University. I am the first Scholl student to hold the student trustee position, and it gives me great pride to be a voice for the student body at the highest level of decision making for RFU.

**What inspires you most about Scholl College?** I am most inspired by the college's mission to advance new ideas and promote interprofessional collaboration. The Center for Lower Extremity Ambulatory Research (CLEAR) is a crucible for research and learning, and their work challenges me to think of ways I can positively impact the future of podiatric medicine and surgery.

**How will this scholarship impact you?** The Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Scholarship will positively impact my Scholl College experience in helping to cover the ever-increasing costs of books, resources, and medical school tuition.

**What do you hope to achieve in the year ahead?** The year ahead will bring many great milestones in my personal and professional career. I hope to match into a residency program that will foster my growth as a podiatric physician and surgeon, and to walk across the stage in May 2020 to receive my DPM degree.

**What are your aspirations for residency and beyond?** During my residency training I hope to gain valuable experiences and foster good habits that will translate into my future practice of medicine. My long-term goals include advocacy and shaping healthcare policy at the national level.

**Is there anything else you would like for the Bako Medical Education Foundation to know about you?** My educational pursuits would not be possible without your generous support. I am committed to my education and to podiatric medicine and surgery, and this scholarship helps me get one step closer to becoming a doctor. Thank you!



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