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Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Merit Scholarship Meet Carley Goehring, SPCM Class of 2024



What inspired you to become a podiatric physician?

I always knew I wanted to be a physician but I didn't have an immediate desire to go into a certain specialty. It wasn't until my senior year of college that I shadowed a podiatric surgeon and eventually got ankle surgery from him. Through this experience, I finally found a field that I connected with and knew would keep me connected to my past life as an athlete.

Why did you choose Scholl College?

I am from Minnesota, so I knew I wanted to stay in the Midwest to be near my family. Between here and DMU, I decided that Scholl offers a better interprofessional experience and access to a more diverse patient population.

What activities have you participated in at Scholl College that impacted you?

President of the Scholl Chapter of American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons

Being the President of such a prestigious organization has helped me develop leadership qualities that I believe all top surgeons should have. In addition, this experience also allowed me to network with some of the best surgeons in the world which will help me immensely in my future career.

Student Podiatry Advocacy Liaison of Illinois Podiatric Medical Student Association

As the first person to take on this role, I was able to create Scholl's first ever "Camp Pod" where we provided a week-long introduction to Podiatric Medicine for high school and college students. This experience made me realize that I want to continue to be an advocate for the profession well into my professional career.

Front Desk and Telehealth Panel for the Interprofessional Community Clinic (ICC)

As a member of the ICC, I got to experience the inner workings of the healthcare system along with connecting with patients from my local community. Working at the front desk made me appreciate all aspects that go into treating a patient, not just the actual encounter. In addition, the Telehealth Panel helped me establish a foundation for virtual medical experiences, being directly relatable to what the world had to go through with COVID-19.

What is the greatest learning experience you have had at Scholl College?

My greatest learning experience was when I first got to step into the clinic setting and treat a patient. It was such a powerful moment to take all that I learned my first year in school and finally be able to apply it to a real world setting.



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What is your proudest accomplishment?

I don't have a specific accomplishment that I am most proud of because I am mostly proud of the overall experience of going through medical school. Throughout these two years, I fulfilled various accomplishments including the ability to maintain my grades, participate in extracurricular activities, and maintain a full-time coaching job that serves the community.

What inspires you most about Scholl College?

I love that the Scholl faculty genuinely care about their students and want to see us succeed. I hope that one day I can give back to the younger generations of podiatric medical students like our faculty members have.

When you reflect upon your Scholl College education, what are you most grateful for?

I am grateful that Scholl emphasizes getting students into clinics with hands-on experience. When I attended the ACFAS Conference, I learned that several other programs don't get to see patients until their 3rd year. Knowing that I will have had ample patient experiences prior to third year and eventually clerkships is extremely rewarding and reassuring.

How has this scholarship impacted your Scholl College experience?

Quite frankly, I am on full loans and completely supporting myself. In college, I had an athletic scholarship to lessen the financial burden, but here, there was very little opportunity for scholarships that big. Getting a scholarship means that I will have less money to pay back after I graduate and that is so important to me.

What impact are you hoping to make as a Scholl College alumni podiatric physician/leader?

I hope to continue to further the field of podiatric medicine by continuing to be an advocate for the career. Since I was not well-versed in the field of podiatry throughout college, I hope to be able to help students understand their future career options at an earlier time than I was able to. One of my biggest goals in the future is to sponsor a Pre-Podiatry Club at my alma mater, Butler University. That way, the next person who comes through Butler with similar dreams as me has an outlet and an experience that may lead them down the path of Podiatric Medicine.

A final message to Ms. MacCormack and the Bako Medical Education Foundation.

Thank you so much again! Your generosity is sincerely appreciated and I am so grateful that I received this award. It helped lessen my financial burden. The best part of receiving this scholarship is knowing that you found me worthy of such a scholarship. This made me realize that I am and can continue to be a top student and will help me continue to foster confidence in all of my future experiences.