

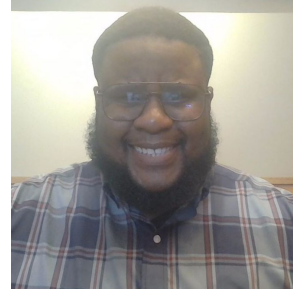
Bako Medical Education Foundation Scholarship

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PROGRAM Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

CLASS YEAR 27

HOMETOWN Plainfield, New Jersey



Why did you choose your field of study?

As a young child, I enjoyed conquests that involved strategy and building things with my hands. This constant tinkering continued past adolescence when I decided to pursue a career that involves fixing things in a tactile sense. As a non-traditional student, I came from a medical field that was mentally stimulating but I need both the mental and tactile challenge. Podiatric medicine & surgery I believe is a solid mixture of what I am looking for in a career. The idea of alleviating someone's foot/ankle pain with my hands and knowledge was a huge pull factor for me. In addition, the fact that I can utilize both conservative and surgical interventions to heal a patient's ailment solidified why I chose podiatry.

Describe your favorite or most memorable DMU experience (current students) OR Why you chose DMU (incoming students)?

I chose Des Moines University because of its stellar reputation for graduating great physicians both under DO & DPM. Every physician I have met that attended DMU has been exceptional and they passionately reassure me that it's one of the best decisions that they have made. Furthermore, they also solidified that DMU does have the high board pass rates and that students reach their top (or top two) residency choices after completing 4 years of medical school. The small class sizes, stellar program statistics and a brand new campus strengthened my choice toward attending DMU-CPMS.

Why are you grateful for this support and what it has/will allow you to accomplish?

I am grateful for this support because medical school worldwide is quite the challenge. Support like this will allow me to purchase resources toward becoming the best student possible. In addition, this support will allow me to lessen the financial load throughout the first year and hopefully lessen the student loan debt total at the end of my education.



Thank you

Members of the Foundation,

Thank you for the support and investing in my education! I am grateful for the opportunity to showcase who I am and what I want to accomplish. I believe DMU will prepare me in the best way possible to serve my underserved community in the future. This scholarship will serve as a catalyst toward achieving my goal(s). Again, thank you for the support. I will give my best effort while attending medical school.

Respectfully,
Kenneth Justin Hall-Johnson
DMU-CPMS Class of 2027