

Bako Medical Education Foundation Scholarship

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PROGRAM Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

CLASS YEAR 28

HOMETOWN Jacksonville, Florida

Why did you choose your field of study?

I've always had a keen interest in medicine and surgery. My family's experiences with diabetic problems and the eventual healing of my brother's pes planus piqued my interest in podiatric medicine. I am now pursuing a career in the sector. By becoming a podiatrist, I will be able to help diabetics in areas where there is little access to medical treatment. This will allow me to establish organizations that provide access to necessary and elective medical care in underprivileged communities.

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

I selected DMU due to its integration with other medical programs. This will not only facilitate future networking among colleagues, but it will also broaden my learning experience, thereby assisting me in becoming a well-rounded physician.

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

The Bako Medical Education Foundation Scholarship has my much appreciation. This grant not only lessens the cost of my medical school but also supports the diligence and effort I have put into choosing podiatric medicine. Getting this grant lets me concentrate more closely on my academics and less on the financial burden that often follows medical school. It relieves my ongoing concern of controlling college expenditures so that I may completely participate in my courses, clinical rotations, and research possibilities. Furthermore, this encouragement helps me to engage in close-heart extracurricular activities and community service initiatives. Knowing that I have the financial assistance to further my educational path, I can commit more time to helping at clinics, participating in outreach projects, and working with underprivileged areas. Looking forward, this grant would help me to seize chances for additional training and specialization that will improve my abilities and expertise as a future podiatrist. It helps me to develop into a well-rounded, sympathetic healthcare practitioner able to significantly improve the quality of life for my patients. The Bako Medical Education Foundation Scholarship is really a vote of confidence in my aspirations and ability rather than just financial help. It strengthens my will to give back to the society and supports my dedication to quality in podiatric care. I am very appreciative of your kind assistance and the many avenues this will open for me over my career.

Thank you

To the Donors of the Bertrand R. Adams, Gordon E Meaney Scholarship and the Bako Medical Education Foundation,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your generous sponsorship. I am deeply grateful for your financial assistance in financing my education. My aspiration to work with indigent diabetes patients and in podiatry was significantly influenced by my upbringing in Jacksonville, Florida, a city renowned for its high crime rates and numerous low-income housing areas. I am motivated to provide exceptional healthcare to those who are most in need as a result of the health disparities I have observed in my community. The university's commitment to integrated learning, which encompasses programs for physician assistants, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and osteopathic medicine in other medical professions, was the driving force behind the selection of Des Moines University (DMU). I am assured that I will be prepared to offer my future patients comprehensive and compassionate care as a result of this collaborative educational approach. In addition to my academic pursuits, I enjoy volunteering with the Special Olympics, outdoor activities, and I consider myself a football enthusiast. These experiences have enabled me to comprehend the necessity of collaboration, tenacity, and community service—values that I carry with me on my medical journey. Receiving this scholarship enables me to prioritize my academic pursuits and fully leverage the resources available at DMU. By alleviating the financial burden of medical school, I am able to participate in extracurricular activities and community service initiatives without the constant worry of expenses. This encouragement provides me with the motivation to strive for excellence and to contribute to communities similar to the one in which I was raised. Your compassion and confidence in my capabilities are once again greatly appreciated. Your assistance is a significant step toward my aspiration to become a podiatric physician who is dedicated to improving the lives of underprivileged patients.

With deepest gratitude,

Kerry Darelus

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