

# BAKO MEDICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

## 2021 Recipient



### **Nathan Fischer, DPM Class of 2023**

The Bako Medical Education Foundation (BMEF) Endowed Scholarship is presented annually to a student who is selected by the College of Podiatric Medicine (CPM) Faculty. This student sets himself or herself apart by working to advance, not only in their own career, but also the podiatric profession in general. This is in the spirit of Bako.

The award was presented during the Annual Honors Day celebration on April 14, 2021. Typically this award is presented in person however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College of Podiatric Medicine presented a live video stream announcing the Honors Day award recipients. A recording of the ceremony can be viewed via [YouTube](#).

The honoree for the 2020-2021 academic year was Nathan Fischer, a member of the CPM class of 2023. Student Doctor Fischer holds several leadership positions on campus. He is the Alumni Representative for the Student Government Association. He established a new alumni mentorship program to network with WesternU alumni and added an Alumni Spotlight section in the monthly school newsletter. Student Doctor Fischer was one of few students selected to be an Ambassador for the Student Ambassador Leadership Team (SALT). Ambassadors participate in prospective student interviews and promote the spirit of CPM and WesternU. Student Doctor Fischer is the true definition of a team player. He has the "pay it forward" mentality and has worked tirelessly on the CBSE Committee to help his class and future classes prepare for upcoming Boards.

Student Doctor Fischer is an Assistant Editor for the student-run research *Extremitas Journal*. His leadership skills have allowed him to effectively collaborate within a team and meet publishing timelines. Mr. Fischer has grown exponentially while in this role. Exposure to academic literature and podiatric medical research has sharpened his ability to critically think and decipher information.

The growing endowment provided by the Bako Medical Education Foundation provides one \$1,000 scholarship, which is awarded annually. The quarterly report outlines the financials.

