

# WesternU

College of Podiatric Medicine



## Meet Nathan

2023 Recipient of the  
Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Scholarship



Thank you Bako for awarding me the The Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

I grew up in Manchester, Michigan, a small farm town outside of Ann Arbor. I graduated from the University of Michigan, where I first learned about podiatry.

I chose to study podiatry at WesternU because I wanted to go to a school that had a rigorous curriculum and a family environment.

I was heavily involved during my time at WesternU, and I hope to have had a lasting positive impact on the school.

My career goals include being a podiatrist in an orthopedic clinic or multispecialty group, but I'm also open to any opportunities that present themselves as I go through my career.

This scholarship will help show my kids that hard work truly does pay off. I can't wait to share everything that I accomplished when they are old enough to understand.

Thank you again for giving me this scholarship!

Nathan Fischer  
DPM Class of 2023

Learn More About  
**Nathan Fischer, DPM 2023**  
\$1,000 Award Recipient



<b>Hometown:</b>	Manchester, MI
<b>Undergrad:</b>	University of Michigan
<b>Degrees:</b>	German Language and Literature
<b>Hobbies/Interests:</b>	Hiking, Univ. of Michigan Athletics, Star Wars, site seeing
<b>Previous Career/Job:</b>	Laboratory Technician
<b>Associations/Clubs:</b>	APMA, CPMA, APMSA, ACFAS Club, ACPM, AAPSM, SCPMSA

**What inspired you to pursue your health sciences career path?** I wanted to find a career where I could serve the underserved with my fascination with the human body. That sparked my interest in high school, and I knew I wanted to become a doctor since then.

**Why did you choose to attend WesternU?** I chose WesternU because of the rigorous curriculum and family friendly environment. I knew the curriculum would help me be confident in residency training, and I knew my wife and kids appreciated the family atmosphere WesternU had to offer. We felt right at home.

**In what activities are you involved at WesternU?** Editor in Chief, Extremitas The Journal of Lower Limb Medicine; Founder, CBSE Committee, Comprehensive Basic Science Exam Preparation; Student Mentor, WesternU CPM Big Buddy Program; SALT Ambassador, Student Ambassador Leadership Training Program; Assistant Editor, Extremitas: The Journal of Lower Limb Medicine; and Alumni Representative, Student Government Association.

**What is the best thing about being a WesternU student?** The best thing about being a WesternU student is knowing that the skills and knowledge gained in school will help you become a better advocate for your future patients. WesternU truly trains you to be a physician first that specializes in everything related to the foot and ankle.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?** My proudest accomplishment is earning my spot on the Dean's List every semester while raising a family. I was also able to give back to WesternU by forming a scholarship through Extremitas, and creating an Alumni Mentorship Program for CPM to help my classmates connect with WesternU alumni.

**How will this scholarship impact you?** This scholarship will help show my kids what hard work is about. It's about setting your goals high and not stopping until you reach your dreams.

**What are your future career plans/goals?** My future career plans involve joining an orthopedic clinic or multispecialty group after graduating from residency. I'd also be open to any other opportunities that I am offered along the way, including fellowship.

**What impact are you hoping to make on the community you serve?** I am hoping to serve the underserved through community volunteer outreach events.

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