

WesternU

College of Podiatric Medicine



Meet Sean

2023 Recipient of the
Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Scholarship



Dear Bako Medical Education Foundation,

Thank you so much for the scholarship that you have given me! It means a lot to me and will help me achieve my goal of gaining knowledge through books/resources and advancing the podiatric profession.

I was born and raised in Los Altos Hills, CA, and attended California State University, Fullerton before choosing WesternU for its friendly community of health professionals.

I'm currently studying podiatric medicine/surgery and have been involved with Extremitas Journal of Lower Limb Medicine as an editor, as well as treasurer for both the Podiatric Research Club and Student Government Association.

I've volunteered at events such as Special Olympics, Care Harbor, and homeless clinics in Pomona.

Thank you again for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,

Sean Nguyen
DPM Class of 2023

Learn More About
Sean Nguyen, DPM 2023
\$1,000 Award Recipient



Hometown:	San Jose, CA
Undergrad:	California State University, Fullerton
Degrees:	Biology, Cell and Development
Hobbies/Interests:	Music, Travel, Food
Previous Career/Job:	Restaurant Server, Lifeguard
Associations/Clubs:	APMSA, ACPM, Podiatric Research Club, ACFAS, SCPMSA, Student Government Association, Extremitas Journal Editor

What inspired you to pursue your health sciences career path? I was inspired by my mom who is now a retired RN. She always knew what to do whenever I was sick or hurt, and encouraged me to pursue health care given my interest. After shadowing doctors and traveling on medical missions, I was hooked and worked toward my own dream of providing excellent care for my future patients.

Why did you choose to attend WesternU? I chose WesternU as it was close to home, as well as its community of health professionals. Everyone on campus is friendly and always willing to help. I've made some great friends along the way that I know will support me for many years to come.

In what activities are you involved at WesternU? I was involved in many clubs on campus, however, I was most involved with the Extremitas Journal as an editor, and as treasurer for both the Podiatric Research Club and the College of Podiatric Medicine Student Government Association.

What is the best thing about being a WesternU student? The best thing about being a WesternU student is making friends with like-minded individuals.

What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment is being chosen for student of the month. At the time, I was helping my friends and classmates with school work and organizing events outside of the classroom, so becoming student of the month showed me that my efforts were not wasted.

How will this scholarship impact you? This scholarship will help me gain more knowledge about podiatric surgery through books, and encourage me to advance the podiatric profession as a whole in the years to come.

What are your future career plans/goals? I would like to own my own private practice or join a hospital-based group.

What impact are you hoping to make on the community you serve? I hope to go on medical missions to allow those with foot and ankle deformities to walk pain-free. I would also like to educate the community about the various ailments that can happen to the foot and ankle, as well as ways to prevent them.

Your generosity makes an Impact. It changes lives for the better, and it creates health equity for all, locally and nationally.



On behalf of WesternU faculty, staff, administrators, students, and the communities who you help flourish...

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