



Hometown: Orange, CA

Undergraduate Institution: Hofstra University

Undergraduate Degree: B.S. Biology with a minor in Exercise Science

Hobbies: Basketball, powerlifting, cooking, exploring restaurants, hiking

Inspiration to pursue health sciences career path: I knew early on that my passion was to be a servant to others and improve the quality of life for all people. Medicine was a direct route to that, and although it took me some time to hone in on a specific path, I am happy to pursue podiatry and continue my path to becoming a great physician.

I would like to personally thank Bako Medical Education Foundation for this scholarship. The journey through podiatry school is long and intense, and this scholarship allows me to continue to pursue my dreams and inspires me to continue to be a better version of myself every day. Beyond the money, I understand this is an acknowledgement of my hard work and dedication, which I will forever be grateful for. As my knowledge in the field of podiatry grows, I have continued to develop a love for sports medicine and wound care. I plan to pursue both options through residency and in my future practice, and I will always remember this opportunity you have granted me. As a future podiatric physician, I promise to continue to display humanism and empathy. A big reason I chose podiatry was because people from underserved demographics need and deserve quality foot care; I want to be the change in the community that me as a little kid aspired to be. I want that little kid to be proud of the man I continue to grow to be and will become. My journey will continue and I anticipate it will only get more difficult, but I know that Bako helped me along the way.

