

2009 Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship Recipients

Jason Bartos

Stanford University School of Medicine



Jason Bartos excels academically and has conducted research projects on diverse topics including chronic rejection of heart transplants, signaling mechanisms in neurons, and efficacy of CT-guided lung biopsies. He has designed and coordinated research projects at the Pacific Free Clinic in San Jose, CA, while also working to provide patient care at the clinic. He recently served as the student representative on the California Medical Association Council on Scientific and Clinical Affairs. He was selected by the Stanford medical school faculty to be a teaching assistant in three courses, which allowed him to design course content, conduct review sessions, author exam materials and provide students feedback. “Jason Bartos is a brilliant student and accomplished scientist who has a special talent for teaching and mentoring,” said Neil Gesundheit, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Advising at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Jared Bentley

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine



Jared Bentley, from Minford, Ohio, ranks first in his medical school class and has earned the highest possible grade in every medical school course he has taken. He has been an active leader in both the Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine Interest Groups. He tutors underclassmen and serves as a mentor through the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative. Bentley also works as an Emergency Medical Technician and a volunteer firefighter. “This combination of exceptional work ethic and fantastic interpersonal skills has allowed Jared to match his preclinical academic success in the clinical arena as a third year medical student...he is guaranteed to succeed and lead,” stated William R. Hinckley, MD, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati.

Chad Ferguson

University of Minnesota Medical School



Chad Ferguson, from Alexandria, Minnesota, has conducted research in a variety of areas, including the topic of ligament reconstruction. For the past three years, he has been involved in the organization Hearts for Soles, providing orthopedic evaluations, professional shoe fittings and free shoes for homeless individuals. He also serves as a mentor and tutors underclassmen in basic science curriculum. In recognition of his academic and leadership achievements, he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. “On a personal level, he is brilliant, likeable, intensely energetic, flexible and determined,” stated Kathleen Watson, MD, Associate Dean for Students & Student Learning at University of Minnesota.

Ishani Ganguli

Harvard Medical School



Ishani Ganguli received the Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship supported by the Johnson F. Hammond, MD Fund, which recognizes a medical student with a commitment to a career in medical journalism. As an undergraduate, she served as an intern in the ABC News Medical Unit and created The Harvard Crimson’s first journalism program for underprivileged students, working with local high-school students to write and publish a monthly newspaper. Prior to entering medical school, she spent a year as staff writer at *The Scientist* magazine, where she received a national award for a feature article. In the summer after her first year of medical school, she worked as an intern for *Reuters* in Washington, D.C. through the Kaiser Media Internship in Health Reporting, covering research studies, Capitol Hill hearings and debates, and White House events. During medical school, she developed and continues to publish a blog about medical education for *The Boston Globe*, and she writes health and science articles for publications including *The Globe*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*. “Ishani is the kind of student every medical school covets: engaged, curious, energetic and creative; she seeks excellence, craves ever more open

communication and strives to be better and better,” stated Gordon J. Strewler, MD, Professor of Medicine and Nancy Oriol, MD, Dean of Students at Harvard Medical School.

Susan Lipsett
University of Pennsylvania Medical School



Susan Lipsett, an Emergency Medical Technician, is an active leader of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Lower Merion, which includes responding to 911 calls, chairing a recruitment and retention committee and serving on the Board of Directors. She has worked with other students, administrators and course directors to provide input into the medical school curriculum. In the fall of 2009, she will conduct research at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, developing a predictive model for cardiopulmonary arrest in hospitalized children. Her own experience with Tourette’s Syndrome has helped to shape her

perspective on medicine and her understanding of patients. “She is the kind of medical student we all want and I believe will be the physician we all need. Susan Lipsett is an inspiration to all of us. I have no doubt she will make monumental contributions to the medical field,” stated E. Cabrina Campbell, MD, Associate Director for Medical Students and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania.

Sharon Maas
West Virginia School of Medicine



Sharon Maas is heavily involved in community service efforts and has served as president of the Circa Terra Medical Surplus Reclamation Group, collecting medical supplies and equipment for redistribution to underserved countries around the world. She has a strong global perspective and will journey to Paraguay for an international rotation next year. She also serves on the school’s Global Health Advisory Committee. One of the multiple honors she received is the Patricia Fedeles Award for Compassion in Physical Diagnosis. “Adjectives such as self-motivated, determined, focused, caring, nonjudgmental, and supportive all come to mind when I think of Sharon. She is the quintessential team player and she typically goes well beyond what is expected in order to

promote her own learning as well as to provide extraordinary patient care,” said David M. Deci, MD, Associate Professor and Vice Chair at West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Jay Pandit
University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine



Jay Pandit, born in rural India and raised in Mombasa, Kenya, emigrated to the U.S. during his high school years. These experiences shaped his global view of medicine. He is involved with the Shamba Maisha Project, a collaboration between UCSF, Kenya Medical Research Institute and KickStart International, studying the importance of incorporating food security and poverty eradication into HIV programming. In 2009, he received the Global Health Council New Investigator in Global Health Award. Pandit initiated and recruited physicians for the first South Asian Mental Health Free Clinic in the Bay Area. He is an active participant in the American Medical Student Association and the American College of Physicians, as well as the medical school’s Surgery Interest Group. Regularly mentoring students from underperforming high schools in San Francisco, Pandit

encourages youth to consider careers in the health professions. “In addition to his academic achievements, Mr. Pandit has demonstrated a strong desire to help meet the needs of the medically underserved and to be an advocate for change,” stated Maxine Papadakis, MD, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at UCSF.

Michelle Scott
Harvard Medical School



Michelle Scott was named a Doris Duke International Fellow and spent a year in South Africa to improve the quality of care for HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis patients. She helped establish the first community-based treatment program for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) in the province of KwaZulu-Natal. She developed and executed the MDR TB staff training curriculum and created an educational tool for staff to use to educate patients. She is active in the Student National Medical Association and works with community groups in Boston on preventive care and health monitoring. Before entering Harvard Medical School, she worked in the Peace Corps in Cote d’Ivoire and

Madagascar as a community health educator. “She is dedicated to a career that bridges medicine and public health and that addresses the needs of underserved populations, both domestically and abroad. She is a remarkable young woman, who is intelligent, mature and compassionate,” stated Sarita Shah, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and collaborator with Scott in South Africa.

Tina Wu

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA



Tina Wu, from Glendale, Arizona, received the Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship supported by the Audio-Digest Foundation, which recognizes a medical student who excels at the ‘communication of science’ through a commitment to mentoring, educating and/or teaching. As the first Global AIDS Fellow for the American Medical Student Association, she was able to educate senators, representatives and members of the World Bank, as well as lecture and inform thousands of medical students around the nation. She contributed to and advocated for an \$8 billion, 5-year policy initiative that would train community healthcare workers in the developing world. She partnered with a colleague to start an international health program Support for

International Change, which improves the health of underserved communities in Tanzania and trains future healthcare leaders. In 2009, she received her MBA to learn more about the intricacies of healthcare and management and to help in future policy endeavors. “Tina is driven to excel and has already shown her exceptional aptitude. Tina is not the traditional medical student and will not be the traditional physician; she will be a healthcare leader who will influence the health of patients around the world,” stated Ellie J.C. Goldstein, MD, Clinical Professor of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Andrew Yew

University of Michigan Medical School



Andrew Yew is a leader in the United Asian American Medical Student Association, writing funding proposals, mentoring pre-medical students and promoting Asian American health issues through health fairs and lectures. He is also an active participant in the American Medical Student Association and organized health fairs that promoted awareness of glaucoma and provided free eye screening exams. His research includes a retrospective analysis describing the natural history of clinically diagnosed pediatric arachnoid cysts. “I look forward to watching Andrew progress through the graduate medical education process, contributing avidly to the medical profession of tomorrow and enhancing the lives of his patients, his

colleagues and his learners,” stated Joel J. Heidelbaugh, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Departments of Family Medicine and Urology at the University of Michigan Medical School.