



2011 Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship Recipients

Laura Blinkhorn

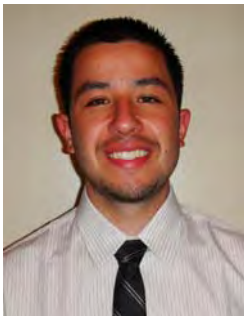
University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine



- Graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Princeton University.
- Served as Peace Corps member in Guinea, West Africa.
- Worked as a reporter for the *Congressional Quarterly* in Washington, D.C.
- Led the creation of service projects on the South Side of Chicago and mentored high school students there as well.
- Selected as one of four medical students nationally to serve as fellows at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Lambarene, Gabon.
- Served in leadership roles at the Washington Park Free Children's Clinic and the Psychiatry Interest Group.

Manuel Campa

Charles Drew University/UCLA Medical Education Program



- Led numerous volunteer projects within the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) and the Student National Medical Association and received the LMSA Community Service Excellence Award.
- Taught elementary school and worked with low-performing students.
- Received the Harbor-UCLA Summer Urban Health Fellowship, researching primary care for low-income families.
- Earned the second highest score on the USMLE National Boards Step 1 in his cohort of Drew/UCLA medical students.
- Served as medical school class of 2012 President for 2 years.

Preethika Ekanayake

UC Davis School of Medicine

- Served in leadership roles in the American Medical Women's Association UC Davis Chapter.
- Is a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army National Guard, working with the Army medical department to ensure the health of deploying and returning soldiers.
- Served as co-director of the student-run free clinic.
- Planned the Power of Know Conference, teaching Sacramento's Asian Pacific youth about intimate partner violence.
- Worked as a caseworker for the UCLA Mobile Clinic, connecting patients with community resources, including mental health and needle exchange programs.
- Received clerkship honors and is a member of the AOA Honor Society.

Sean Figy

The University of Toledo College of Medicine



- One of six students to earn election to both medical honor societies - AOA and the Gold Humanism Honor Society.
- Received the Gold Humanism Award as a student who has shown compassion to others.
- Served as a member of a medical mission team to Honduras.
- Served as a volunteer emergency medical technician.
- Volunteers at the Community Care Clinic at the Mildred Bayer Clinic for the Homeless.
- Provides leadership for AMA on local, state and national levels.
- Tutors preclinical medical students and is a group facilitator for the school's peer mentoring program.

Minjoung Go
University of Illinois College of Medicine



- Conducted research on diabetes, digestive and kidney disease.
- Serves as a School Student Ambassador.
- Received the Lange Student Award, given to the top two students demonstrating academic excellence during the first year of medical school.
- Actively participated in the medical school's Changing Heart Project, educating the community about hypertension and cardiovascular disease and measuring blood pressure.
- As a Research Committee Member, selects abstracts for Research Day and advocates for research opportunities.
- Obtained an MPH at the University of Southern California.

Joshua Goldman
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine



- Initiated the medical school's Medical Ethics & Humanities Society and serves on the Educational Policy Committee.
- Volunteered for Hospital Buddy Program and Youth Special Olympics.
- Received the 2011 AMA Foundation Leadership Award, serves as a Foundation Student Ambassador, and is the Vice-Chair of the AMA-MSS Committee on Bioethics and Humanities.
- Member of both AOA and Gold Humanism Honor Societies.
- Conducted numerous research projects, including an evaluation of pre-hospital care in rural West Texas.

Kymberly Gonzalez
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas



- As a research fellow for the medical school's Department of Family Medicine, developed a community-based childhood obesity intervention program (FIT) specifically for Latino and African American communities.
- Received the city's "Hero of Health" award for FIT project.
- Served as a clinic manager to a student-run uninsured clinic.
- Organized a multicultural awareness week, led a bone marrow drive and served on the Latino Medical Student Association board.
- Served as a mentor for underserved students in the Joint Admission Medical Program, preparing them for medical school.

Michelle Jung
Washington University School of Medicine



- Serve in leadership roles with the American Medical Women's Association.
- Set-up mobile mammogram program to help underserved people in St. Louis
- Wrote for the Harvard Science Review and served as design editor.
- Named to the USA Today All-USA Academic Second Team in 2004.
- Active member of the Forum on International Health and Tropical Medicine.
- Completed research regarding physical activity and benign breast disease; published in September 2011 in *Cancer Causes and Control*.

Jenna Klotz

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

- Serves as a Peer Advisor for the student wellness committee.
- Volunteers as a fitness instructor for overweight and obese children.
- Organized a medical school event to raise funds for pediatric cancer research.
- Has held leadership positions in the Pediatrics Club and Medical Students for Choice.
- Volunteered as a lab technician at the George Washington University free medical clinic.
- Earned a masters degree in physiology and received the Snowdon Award, granted to the top 2 students in the program.

Lia Losonczy

John Hopkins University School of Medicine



- Program Director for Sunnah Foundation, a homeless outreach organization.
- Earned an MPH at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.
- Coordinates multiple volunteer service projects through her role as Student National Medical Association Vice President for Community Service.
- Serves on the medical schools admissions committee.
- Conducted research on gender disparities in trauma mortality, intimate partner violence, secondhand smoke exposure and the West Nile virus.

Shaw Natsui

University of Michigan Medical School



- At Harvard, served as teacher, mentor, community organizer, summer camp leader and president at a student-run nonprofit dedicated to social service and social action.
- Received a fellowship to travel to Peru, involving work at an HIV/AIDS clinic, a tuberculosis reduction program and youth development initiatives.
- Worked with Physicians for Human Rights to advocate for incarcerated youth.
- Involved in Univ. of Michigan's Student Biomedical Research Program, traveling to the Dominican Republic to research policymakers' attitudes towards HIV/AIDS interventions.
- Obtaining a Masters in Public Policy at Harvard.

Alana Otto

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine



- Serves as VP of External Affairs for the Student Executive Council and as an interviewer for medical school applicants.
- Volunteered at the Women's Center and a shelter for abused women.
- Involved in the University of Students Acting Against Cancer and Student Society for Stem Cell Research.
- Chosen for the Deans Summer Research Program, working in the Pediatric Surgery Division, which led to publication of a peer reviewed manuscript in the journal *Surgical Endoscopy*.
- Worked in the Division of Hematology/Oncology on a project regarding children with sickle cell disease.

Maria Rivera

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

- Volunteers at a free clinic serving the Hispanic population of South Philadelphia.
- Co-chairs the Boriqua Latino Health Organization, which includes promoting medical school minority recruitment, developing a mentoring program for inner-city minority students and planning a national conference.
- Established an Operation Smile chapter, participating in five international medical missions which provide free surgery to children with facial deformities.
- Co-founded the Elizabeth Blackwell Society whose mission is to inspire, empower and connect women physicians and medical students.
- Conducted independent research in reconstructive surgery, as well as renal research which was published in the journal *Transplantation*.
- Participated in a global health elective in Buenos Aires and served as an intern in their largest pediatric hospital.

Jared Thomas

Mount Sinai School of Medicine



- Serves as Vice President of Mount Sinai's Student Council and Co-President of the Orthopedic Surgery Interest Group, and was Past-President of the Student Liver Transplant Team.
- Selected to serve on the LCME Accreditation Subcommittee on Education Technology.
- Worked as a teaching assistant for medical school courses including Physiology and Gross Anatomy.
- Spoke as motivational speaker at school assemblies during minor league baseball career.
- Mentors minorities interested in health care careers.

Jonathan Seavey

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

(Dr. Lin and Minta Hill Alexander Scholarship)



- Served in the U.S. Navy and was deployed as an Operations Officer on a hospital ship, traveling on humanitarian missions to 12 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Earned two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal Awards for his performance as a division officer and training officer.
- Coordinated a lab coat drive to help incoming medical students.
- Serves as Vice President of the Medical Student Council, and coordinated Tars Wars, an anti-smoking campaign, and Doctors Back to School, encouraging youth to enter medicine.
- Received the Podlarian Award from his peers, granted to the student who best represents the ideals of medicine.

Margaret Moore

University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

(Hammond Scholarship)



- As a physician-writer, is working on a poetry collection describing her third year medical school experiences.
- Her poem "Cadaver Memorial" was published in AOA's *The Pharos*.
- Volunteered at a clinic serving homeless women and children living on the South Side of Chicago.
- Led group runs for elementary school girls through Girls on the Run, promoting self esteem and healthy lifestyles.
- Earned a masters degree in Society, Human Development and Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.
- Traveled to the Dominican Republic as part of the Global Medical Scholar Program.

Matthew Morrison
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

(Hammond Scholarship)



- Worked as a staff writer for the Cape Times Newspaper in Cape Town, South Africa, covering public health, politics and national news.
- Contributing writer for The Onion.
- Worked in a pharmacology lab at Cornell Medical College.
- Volunteers at the student-run East Harlem Health Outreach clinic which provides primary care to uninsured residents.
- Participated in the Summer Research Training Program through the Department of Emergency Medicine, studying emergency department-based palliative care service delivery.
- Serves as co-chair of the Emergency Medicine Interest Group.

Chrystal Obi
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

(Hammond Scholarship)



- Awarded the Stanford/NBC Global Health Media Fellowship producing segments with Nancy Snyderman, MD for the NBC TODAY Show, Dateline, MSNBC and the Nightly News.
- At the University of Ghana Medical School & Korle Bu Hospital, delivered supplies to impoverished areas and helped patients with immunizations in the sickle cell clinic.
- Serves as a leader in medical student government and the Student National Medical Association.
- Published a Guide to the Clinics to prepare medical students for clinical clerkships.
- Serves as class representative to the Curriculum Committee.
- Educates African American men about Hypertension, traveling to local barbershops.