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**AMA Foundation Presents \$10,000 Scholarships to Promising Medical Students**

CHICAGO - The American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation awarded *Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarships* to eighteen rising fourth-year medical students. Recipients were nominated by their medical schools and chosen based upon their academic standing, financial status and community involvement. Each student will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to help defray medical school expenses. There are three different categories of scholarships. The recipients are:

AMA Foundation Scholarships

**Laura Blinkhorn**, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

**Manuel Campa**, Charles Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program

**Preethika Ekanayake**, University of California, Davis School of Medicine

**Sean Figy**, University of Toledo College of Medicine

**Minjoung Go**, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford

**Joshua Goldman**, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

**Kymerly Gonzalez**, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

**Michelle Jung**, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

**Jenna Klotz**, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

**Lia Losonczy**, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**Shaw Natsui**, University of Michigan Medical School

**Alana Otto**, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

**Maria Rivera**, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

**Jared Thomas**, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Dr. Lin and Minta Hill Alexander Scholarship

*Supporting an individual attending an Oklahoma medical school*

**Jonathan Seavey**, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

Johnson F. Hammond, MD Scholarships

*Supporting medical journalism*

**Margaret Moore**, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

**Matthew Morrison**, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

**Chrystal Obi**, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

“These medical students represent the very best of the next generation of physicians,” said AMA Foundation President Owen Garrick, MD, MBA. “Their academic achievements, public health initiatives and volunteer activities illustrate their commitment to assume leadership roles in the medical community and improve healthcare in the United States.

The AMA Foundation has made it a priority to assist medical students in handling the rising cost of medical education by providing high impact tuition assistance scholarships. On average, medical students in the U.S. graduate with a debt load of nearly \$158,000. A large debt burden may deter many from practicing in underserved areas of the country or practicing primary care medicine.

The AMA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation, is committed to improving the health of Americans through philanthropic support of quality programs in public health and medical education. Visit [www.amafoundation.org](http://www.amafoundation.org) to learn more.

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