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**LAYAN AL-SUKHNI**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I cannot express my thanks for your generosity. It truly is people like you that allow for students like me to attend such a wonderful school as TTUHSC. I am so grateful for the opportunity to go to school here and I cannot wait until I am able to go out into the world and pursue my passion of medicine. I hope that one day I am able to be as generous as you and help students follow their dreams as you have helped me.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am the oldest of seven siblings, so being able to support myself as much as I can is extremely important for me as an individual but also for my family as a whole. With this scholarship and your generosity, the financial pressures of medical school lessen, and I am better able to focus on my education and learning the most that I can from our amazing faculty and staff.

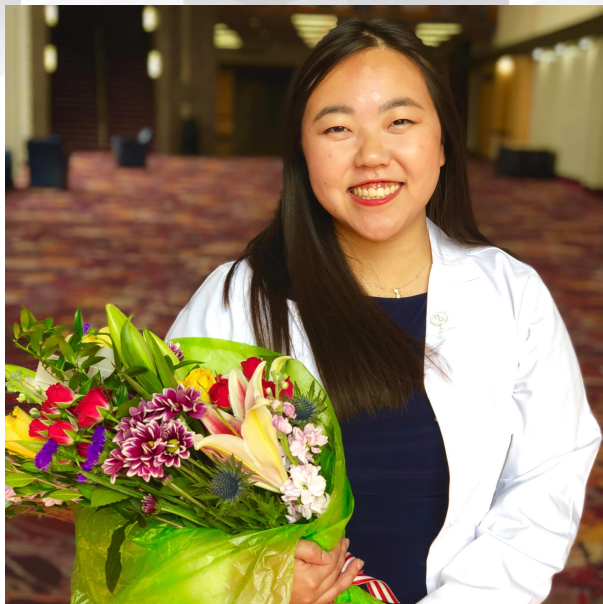
## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

There are numerous reasons why TTUHSC is a wonderful school, but the primary reason why it stood out to me on my interview trail was the kindness of its people. TTUHSC unquestionably has the kindest and most open faculty, staff, and students, and this is a quality I saw in the school immediately. It's why I chose TTUHSC and why I am grateful for every day I am able to attend this school.



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**VICTORIA CHU**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you to the Bob & Marcy Lawless Presidential scholarship program for easing my financial burden this upcoming school year. As a first gen. US medical student I am navigating the waters of what a medical career means and entails. Currently I am interested in heme-onc and deciding between pediatrics or internal medicine route. It is my hope in the future to combine both my MD and MBA degrees to be an advocate for patients and act as a voice for physicians when hospital administration decisions are made.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The funds from this scholarship will help cover some of the administrative fees for the 2020-2021 school year. As this is my third year of medical school I will be paying over 1k in board examination fees. I plan on investing in board prep materials such as AMBOSS that will help me streamline my learning experience and focus more on my clinical interactions.

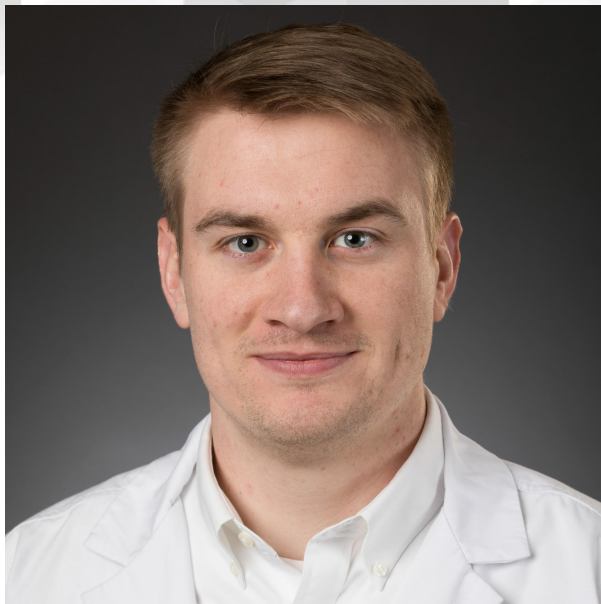
## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

When I interviewed for TTUHSC school of medicine December 2017 I felt extremely welcomed. It was a relaxed environment where upperclassmen were showing their support. Lubbock is also a unique environment where medical students can focus on their education without worrying about excessive traffic and distractions. Throughout these past two years at TTUHSC I have established close friendships with my future colleagues.



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**DANIEL VINSON**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

The primary thing is to say thank you very much! I really do appreciate your generosity in assisting me in my pursuit of medicine as a career. Since coming to TTUHSC, I have been struck by the way in which those who have graduated from here do their best to continue to be involved with the school. I am convinced that a program that can engender that level of commitment and pride must be worthwhile!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am planning to continue my training in ophthalmology, which is a field that is highly dependent on technology and specialized equipment. I need to purchase some of that equipment in advance and this scholarship covers about 85% of the cost of the lenses I need. This scholarship money will give me the way to see inside my patients' eyes, into the doorways to their souls.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

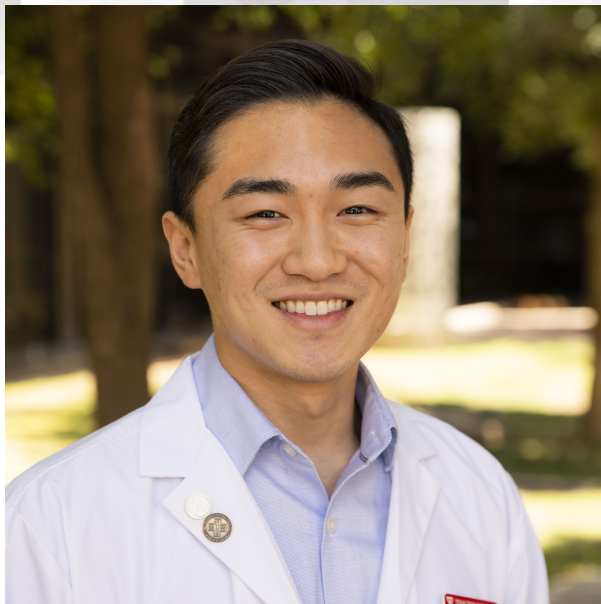
I finished my undergraduate studies at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, a university two hours south of TTUHSC in Odessa, Texas. Texas Tech has a terrific reputation, particularly in this part of the state, and I knew that I could get an excellent education here. I applied to medical schools all over the state and the response I got from TTUHSC after my interview was extremely positive. Since matriculation, I have received an excellent training and am proud of being from TTUHSC School of Medicine.



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**NATHAN CHOW**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for your generous contribution! It allows me to focus a little less on the financial burden of medical school and more on reaching my goal of being a physician in an underserved area. I absolutely love what The Free Clinic at TTUHSC has offered me as a student and I hope that I have significantly helped the patients that I have encountered. Free Clinic has helped me develop such strong friendships with my classmates who share the same dedication to tackling health care disparities in the local community. I feel welcome and grateful to be here!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me purchase a new stethoscope, a new pair of scrubs, and learning technology resources for my 3rd year. With clinicals starting, I want to be sure that I can perform accurate physical exams with a Littmann and perform well on each rotation's final exam with the most helpful lecture videos. Furthermore, I will be purchasing a better chair that I can use while studying at home.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of The Free Clinic and how receptive administration is to our feedback. I have been involved in service organizations for underserved communities so I knew that the medical school I chose needed to have a strong Free Clinic. I was on leadership for TTUHSC's free clinic last year and plan on continuing to go during my 3rd and 4th year to help provide health care to the uninsured community. TTUHSC is also special to me because it has opened my eyes to rural health care and the importance of staffing doctors in West Texas.



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**CRISTINA DURAN**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

It was not until my grandfather fell sick and I began to take care of him at the bedside that I considered a journey of medicine. This experience drove me to wanting to understand and learn about different health journeys. Therefore, I began volunteering at free clinics, reading to and offering painting classes at senior memory care homes, shopping for the home bound, working in molecular medicine research for breast cancer, and tutoring children with learning disabilities. This scholarship will enable me to continue a fulfilling journey in medicine. Thank you!!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

First I would like to let you know how much I appreciate being given this scholarship. I spent a few years after college working 3 jobs at a time to support my family and because of this experience I am grateful for any help as I continue to pursue my studies. This scholarship fund will be directed towards helping pay tuition and thus will lessen financial burden.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

When I first visited Texas Tech I was drawn in by the warm close knit community it has to offer. Today I can confidently say coming to study medicine at Tech was the right choice. I have seen how our dean and administration listens to and supports its students especially in times such as the COVID crisis. We have been informed and given all necessary study tools to succeed. I have seen how involved we have all become throughout our community and school and it is a community that I am truly grateful for being a part of.



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**SUMMRE BLAKELY**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to say thank you so very much for this scholarship money! As a first generation medical student, I had no idea what I was getting into with this career path. Funding the education myself by taking out student loans has been very stressful and having some extra funds has helped ease my stress immensely. I'm so excited to become a doctor, and I truly feel that this passion was ingrained in me from birth - it is my true calling. I promise to always do right by my patients and my Lubbock community whom I love.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

With this generous scholarship, I will be funding study resources, such as Step Up textbooks for each rotation, a penlight to use on my rotations, and additional study resources like Online Med Ed and Physeo. I am so grateful for the extra funding to purchase these resources, as they can be quite draining financially and add up quickly. With these tools, I will be more prepared and knowledgeable for my rotations, bettering the care of my patients as well as my education towards becoming a decent physician.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC was a no-brainer for me! I'm a fifth generation Red Raider, and after obtaining my Bachelor degree from TTU and Master's degree from TTUHSC, I knew there was nowhere else to attend medical school but TTUHSC SOM. There is no other school with the familial, altruistic community that we are blessed with here. As a tour director in Dean's Ambassadors, I often get comments on how friendly all of the students seem towards each other. I tell interviewees that this is a natural part of being a student here, and I truly mean it.



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**MERRIT CRUMP**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am very grateful to receive the funds from this scholarship. I never turn down the opportunity to let people know that TTUHSC SOM is the most affordable medical school in the nation, but regardless of what medical school you attend, it is never cheap. Your generosity will help ease my worries about the finances that come with pursuing a career in medicine, allowing me to better focus on the reason I am here, to learn. Being awarded this scholarship reminds me why it will be necessary for me to give back later in my career. I am so thankful.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

All funds that I received from this scholarship will go towards purchasing of resources to further my education in medicine and prepare me for Step 2 CK/CS in my third year. I already know from experience how expensive study resources for the Step exam can be, and this scholarship will help me greatly when I begin purchasing the materials that are necessary for me to succeed in my third year of medical school.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

It is safe to say that I was born and raised to be a Red Raider. Both my parents and my only sibling attended TTU for undergrad, with my older sister now working as a physical therapist at UMC Lubbock. My uncle graduated from TTUHSC SOM and my late grandfather completed his Doctorate of Education at TTU. Along with that, my brother-in-law is in the same class as me in medical school. TTUHSC has always felt like where I belong, and I feel so grateful to attend the school in the community that I plan on practicing medicine in.

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**BROOKE WALTERSCHEID**  
School of Medicine

#### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Thank you for your investment in medical education. I will be applying to dermatology residency programs come this fall. It is my sincere hope to fill a desperate gap in care as a pediatric dermatology who is also versed in telemedicine. I grew up in rural North Texas, where specialty care came with the additional burden of time and travel. So I hope to return the investment my community made in me by establishing telemedicine clinics in the area.

#### **WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...**

These funds will help relieve the financial burden of my medical education. As I am entering my fourth and final year of medical school, this year comes with the additional cost of residency applications. I am thankful for additional assistance in offsetting these costs and know that by limiting debt incurred in school that I may sooner invest in medical practices that will widen my scope of care.

#### **WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

I was admitted to the SOM through the TTU Honors College early acceptance program. I come from a family of Red Raiders, so West Texas has always felt like home. I am additionally grateful to learn from an institution whose values align with my own- as they work to provide innovative solutions to mitigating obstacles to care. I have enjoyed witnessing the power of telemedicine in granting medical care access to those with geospatial barriers, as I too grew up in a rural area.



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**BLAIR BUSCHMANN**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for all of your help! I still have several months to decide on what specialty I am interested in, but I am leaning towards OBGYN or Orthopaedic surgery. This is because I was a gymnast in college, and I had multiple injuries along with multiple health problems during those few years. I was very thankful for the doctors that helped me to have the best athletic career and helped me with my overall health during a trying time. My goal is to be able to help others in the same way that I was helped!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me to purchase more study resources to help me with STEP 2. I am someone that requires multiple different resources to help me learn the material to the best of my ability so I am so thankful to have help with this! I want to become the best doctor that I can be, and that means that I need to learn as much as possible.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of the family environment. During my interview day, I remember Dr. Mitchell going around the room and asking each of us, where we were from and where we went to undergrad. Taking this time to get to know each of us was truly amazing. Also, all of the students were so friendly. At TTUHSC everyone is looking out for each other and wanting you to succeed. I am so grateful to be at such a caring school and thankful for the help in making me an amazing future doctor.

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**PATRICK BETTIOL**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Without donors like you, my education through undergraduate and in medical school would not have been possible. I have always earned scholarships to support my education due to my academics and athletics. I did not grow up with a lot as a kid and have always appreciate the support of donors like you. Thank you.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

As I transition to third year, one of my goals is to read more books for leisure. I will use much of these funds to purchase some new books like the Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, An American Sickness and Gene. I believe these funds will be integral to self growth outside of the clinic.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

The community here was why I came to TTUHSC School of Medicine and the support I receive here has been reinforced every year I've been here. This support expands not only from faculty to my fellow student colleagues. I have made some of my best friends here and, to Dean Berk's delight, met my first long term girl friend.



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