



# 2023 Scholarship Recipients Say "Thank You"



"There are no words to convey how honored and privileged I feel to have been selected. As a previous volunteer at the Neighborhood Health Clinic, I had the opportunity to meet Nancy Lascheid and see how the Clinic benefitted and changed the lives of many individuals in the Collier County community. This scholarship will help ease the financial burden of medical school and motivates me to continue my journey in becoming a physician committed to educating and elevating patients from marginalized and underrepresented backgrounds."

– **Stephanie Galindo**, Naples, Florida State University College of Medicine, class of 2027

"My healthcare experiences in Collier County serve as a lasting reminder of the impact taking care of our community can have, coupled with large shoes to fill to become a part of the world-class physicians right here in Collier County. With the assistance of the Foundation, I remain committed to succeeding in medical school, and to the people of Collier County, wherever our healthcare endeavors shall take us."

– **Michael Grossi**, Marco Island, Florida State University College of Medicine, class of 2027



"As I look upon past recipients, I see individuals from different backgrounds. I am honored to be part of such a group. Collectively, we can better serve the diverse population that is found in our community. To any first-generation students who may happen to read this, it is possible! I am proof. Do not give up and know that there are people in your community rooting for you."

– **Dulce Morales**, Immokalee, University of Florida College of Medicine, class of 2027

"In each of my experiences with medicine, the physician embodies all the roles I wish to fulfill: mentor, caretaker, and scientist. This scholarship has reduced my financial load and allowed me to carry on with my purpose of compassionately serving patients via the healing and restorative abilities a physician possesses."

– **Thais Martinez**, Naples, FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, class of 2027

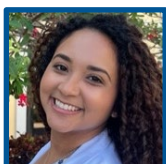
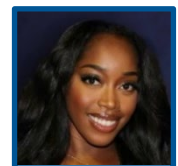


"I feel so grateful and blessed to have received the Healthcare Scholarship. I am determined to be a representation to young girls and boys of all the possibilities they can achieve. Thank you for bringing me one step closer to changing the world with one smile at a time!"

– **Rebecca Paul**, Naples, Lincoln Memorial University College of Medicine, class of 2027

"I am incredibly honored to be selected. As a first-generation immigrant and student who has experienced socioeconomic barriers, I feel extremely fortunate to have been awarded this scholarship. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my dreams. Thank you!"

– **Andrea Ducasse**, Naples, Howard University, class of 2026



"Thank you for supporting my efforts to become a PA and for believing in my aspirations. I can't wait to move back to Naples, where I grew up, and collaborate with medical professionals to advocate for change, raise awareness of the healthcare needs of the underserved, and assist them in leading more sustainable lives"

– **Elianis Rill**, Naples, South University West Palm Beach, class of 2025

**2024 FCCMS Scholarship Applications Deadline March 31<sup>st</sup>**

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