

Golfers Tee Off for Local Medical Students at AMEF Outing

The Academy of Medicine Education Foundation (AMEF) held its second Swing for Students golf outing on August 29, at Sand Ridge Golf Club in Chardon. Proceeds from the event primarily benefit medical school student scholarships.

Golfers checked in at the registration table as they arrived at the course, then visited the driving range to practice their swings. The booze putt was a hit again this year as well as the silent auction, which featured some incredible items, including prize packs from the Cavs and Guardians, a Capital Grille basket, a Cleveland Museum of Art package, and a Put-in-Bay getaway.

Lunch was served on the covered patio and inside, so golfers could dodge the fast-moving storm, and the shotgun start at 1 pm was slightly delayed because of the weather.

The sun did make its return while the golfers enjoyed their time on the beautiful course (an Audubon Signature Sanctuary). Many individuals and teams secured their place at the top of the leaderboard! Our congratulations to all for a great game.

- **1st place team:** Anthony Bastulli, Tom Froelich, John Bastulli Jr., Tommy Parran
- **2nd place team:** Dr. Mehrun Elyaderani, Dr. Conjuvareem Maheshwer, Adam Bogden, and Steve Myers
- **3rd place team:** Dr. John Bastulli, Marc Mingione, Irving Hirsch, Richard Garcia
- **Closest to the Pin:** Jacob Ehlers (on #4), John Bastulli Jr. (on #8), Bob McClosky (on #12), and Nicole Thorn (on #17)
- **Longest Drive:** Chad Rittle (on #6), Dave Bastulli (on #18)
- **Longest Putt:** Joe Zabukovec (on #9)

We would also like to sincerely thank all the sponsors and participants for their support.

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We were also pleased that two 2022 AMEF medical school scholarships awardees—Derrick Obiri-Yeboah and Joshua Tidd—attended the dinner. Following formal remarks by the AMEF Golf Committee Chairman Dr. John Bastulli, the top bidders for the silent auction were announced.

Thank you to all who participated in this fun outing! ■



Congratulations to 2022 AMEF Scholarship Recipients

By Anna Ruzicka, Health Policy Fellow

The Academy of Medicine Education Foundation (AMEF) presented eight local medical students with \$5,000 scholarships for the 2022 school year. Applicants are third- or fourth- year medical students with leadership skills and interested in participating in organized medicine and community activities. They must also demonstrate academic achievement and reside in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Portage or Summit County.

The AMEF Board of Directors reviews new applications each year. Applications for this year are now open until January 31, 2023 at www.amcno.org/scholarship.

More information about each of this years' recipients is available below. The AMEF and the AMCNO congratulates these exemplary recipients and wishes them success in their medical careers.

Rohit Anand

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Rohit is a fourth-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (CWRUSOM) planning to pursue a residency in emergency medicine. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, Rohit worked for Epic Systems and the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's office where he helped launch a novel program to combat the student debt crisis. In medical school, Rohit has focused on health advocacy efforts surrounding access to care. He has been involved in multiple advocacy campaigns from the local to national level. He is also a co-leader of CWRUSOM's Health Advocacy Organization which runs multiple electives to empower students in becoming future physician-advocates. He is currently on the national leadership teams for Students for a National Health Plan (SNaHP) and Doctors for America's Access to Affordable Care Committee. After residency, Rohit plans to pursue a health policy fellowship and treat underserved patients while advocating for vulnerable populations.

Michael Benson

Ohio University College of Medicine

Michael Benson is a third-year medical student at the Ohio University College of Medicine. After growing up in Akron and graduating from Revere High School in 2013, Michael received a bachelor's degree in neuroscience from The Ohio State University in 2017. He then earned a master's in physiology at Case Western Reserve University in 2019 before starting medical school. After graduating, Michael plans to pursue a career in anesthesiology. Michael remains very involved with his student body and surrounding area as Vice President of the Cleveland Class of 2023, a tutor, and a volunteer at the Greater Cleveland Foodbank and Community Garden. He is also a member of the medical honorary Sigma Sigma Phi and Gold Humanism Honor Society. In his spare time, Michael enjoys playing basketball, hiking, cooking, and exercising.

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Lidiya Sul
Ohio University
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Joshua Tidd
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Kevin Garven Northeast Ohio University

Kevin Garven was raised in Lakewood and attended St. Ignatius High School. He attended Saint Louis University where he participated in several medical mission trips to Honduras that inspired him to pursue a career in healthcare. After college, he worked as a registered nurse in Cleveland and Chicago before returning to Cleveland in 2018 to start medical school through the Northeast Ohio Medical University-Cleveland State University Partnership for Urban Health. As a medical student, he has volunteered at a student-run free clinic in Rootstown and a Federally qualified health center in Cleveland. He also served as the Medical Spanish Officer for the Latino Medical Student Association where he created medical Spanish workshops for his classmates. Kevin was accepted into the family medicine residency at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, South Carolina. In his free time, he loves cheering for the Browns, the Guardians, and the Cavs. Kevin looks forward to returning to Cleveland after residency and practicing as a family doctor in underserved urban communities.

Derrick Obiri-Yeboah

Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine

Born and raised in Kumasi, Ghana, Derrick moved to the United States in 2015 to study chemistry at Hope College in Holland, Michigan soon after his mother was diagnosed with throat cancer. This experience led him to pursue medicine and thrust him into a lifelong learning journey in medicine. At Hope College, Derrick served as a resident assistant for incoming international students and mentored refugee high school students. He was inducted into the Hope College Klesis Society and received numerous awards for his service and excellence in chemistry and research. As a medical student, Derrick continues to mentor high school students in collaboration with an on-campus organization called HOPE4 that works with youth in the juvenile justice system to improve their emotional awareness through mindfulness exercises. He also volunteers at the Lutheran Men's shelter by providing essential physical exams to the medically underserved. In his free time, Derrick enjoys journaling, cooking, interacting in his community, spending time outdoors, and walking/hiking in the Cleveland Metroparks with friends.

Gustavo Roversi

Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine

Gustavo was born in Venezuela and grew up in Miami, Florida with his parents and three sisters. He is a third-year medical student at the Lerner College of Medicine. After completing medical school next year, Gustavo is interested in applying into the field of obstetrics and gynecology or urology. He is interested in pursuing the academic areas of female pelvic medicine, voiding dysfunction, and LGBTQ+ health. At Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, Gustavo is involved in research, the LGBTQ+ curricular review action group, admissions committee, and the Urology Interest Group. In his free time, he likes to run, cycle, and dance.

Lidiya Sul

Ohio University College of Medicine

Lidiya Sul immigrated to the greater Cleveland area from Ukraine in 2003 with her mother and siblings. In the U.S., Lidiya watched her mother work multiple jobs to support their family while studying to become a geriatric nurse practitioner. Her mother's love of medicine and compassionate care of the elderly in the Cleveland community inspired her to pursue her own journey in medicine. Lidiya went onto graduate from The Ohio State University in 2016 and is now a fourth-year student at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. Throughout her medical education, she showed great dedication to the advancement of research by studying the diagnosis and treatment of heart arrhythmias and cardiac amyloid. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys participating in community service projects including traveling to Lima, Peru to provide primary care to underserved populations. In her free time, she loves to snowboard, play euchre with her friends, and watch musicals at Playhouse Square. After graduation, Lidiya is excited to begin her internal medicine

residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and hopes to pursue a career in cardiology or critical care. Mostly, she is enthusiastic to be serving the community she grew up in.

Andrea Szabo

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Andrea Szabo grew up in the Northeast Ohio area and attended high school at Lake Ridge Academy. She majored in biomedical engineering at Boston University and worked in Boston for two years after graduating as a research technician at Massachusetts's General Hospital. She then returned home for medical school at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). During her time at CWRU, she dedicated much of her time to the Student Run Health Clinic and CWRU's chapter of Primary Care Progress. For the first six months of the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and helped build their contact tracing and cluster investigation program. She also shared her main hobby of dancing with her classmates by choreographing CWRU's annual Doc Opera show throughout medical school. Andrea matched at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for an Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency. Following completion of her residency, Andrea is eager to bring the knowledge she learns back to Ohio to continue working with underserved populations and incorporating public and global health into her primary care practice.

Joshua Tidd

Northeast Ohio University

Joshua is a current third-year medical student at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). He grew up in Lima and attended The Ohio State University where he majored in finance. At NEOMED, has held leadership positions in student organizations such as Business Leadership in Medical Practice, Orthopedic Surgery Interest Group, and the Student Impact Committee. Joshua was also selected by Governor Mike DeWine to serve as a student trustee on NEOMED's Board of Trustees. He has served as a peer advisor to his classmates for the past two years, and he is also a peer tutor. He was inducted this year to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. He is currently working with the NEOMED Bench to Bedside program and hopes to create an innovative and marketable medical device. Outside of his studies, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Samantha, running, baking, and spending time outdoors. He plans on pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery.

The AMEF is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2022-23 school year. To learn more, visit the AMCNO website at www.amcno.org, and click on the AMEF tab.

To contribute to scholarship funds, visit <https://www.amcno.org/donate-to-amef>.



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