November 9, 2021

Dear Charleston County Medical Society Foundation,

Thank you so much for your generosity in selecting me as a recipient of the 2021 Charleston County Medical Society Foundation Scholarship! I am incredibly honored to be the recipient of this scholarship award to help fund my medical school education.

I am a native of Sumter, South Carolina, and an alumna of the College of Charleston, where I earned a BA in Psychology. I am currently in my final year as a medical student at MUSC College of Medicine, learning patient care by being a contributing member of the health care team. I am pursuing a career as a family medicine physician, and I am in the full swing of residency interviews! My interests include medical education, underserved care, women's health, and behavioral health. After residency, my goal is to become a faculty member of a medical school and ultimately have a leadership role within medical education. I look forward to continuing this journey in medicine so that I can make a difference in the lives of patients and the next generation of physicians.

Again, thank you for reducing the financial burden from my family and I with this generous award. I gratefully recognize that through the assuring support of MUSC and its partnering organizations I have been given the opportunity to continue to be an pursue my calling and achieve success beyond my circumstances. With the help of this scholarship, I am able to reduce the amount of my student loans and focus on the direction of my career that will afford me the greatest opportunity to help my patients achieve optimal health. I am honored and blessed to have been afforded this opportunity and I look forward to making CCMS proud throughout my career and continuing to embody the meaning of this award.

My sincerest apologies for my absence at your Annual Meeting. It truly would have been an honor to meet you all and I hope to have the opportunity to do so soon.

Sincerely,

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