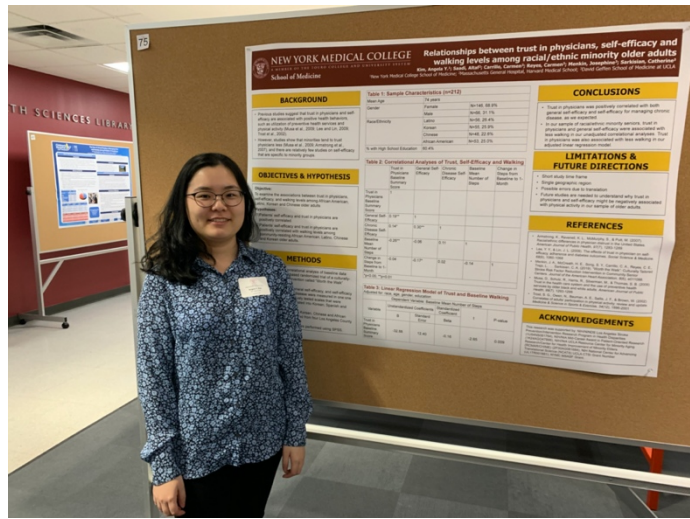


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SNUCMAA 김태웅 Scholarship Progress Report

I am currently in my second year of medical school, and this scholarship has relieved an enormous financial burden for both me and my family. The scholarship has allowed me to purchase study resources, which has been especially helpful as I am preparing to take the USMLE Step 1 exam at the end of second year. For example, I purchased *First Aid*, Sketchy and UWorld, which have been essential for my success in my classes. They have allowed me to understand course material better and to perform well



on course exams. I am grateful to have been able to access these resources with the scholarship funds and to be able to use them even more as my Step 1 exam approaches.

In addition to allowing me to purchase study resources, the scholarship has allowed me to better focus on my studies and extracurricular activities. I have taken a large amount of loans for my medical education, which had been worrisome for both me and my family. Being able to supplement my budget with the scholarship funds has helped alleviate our financial concerns. Additionally, knowing that I have the support of the SNUCMAA-NA has been very encouraging and motivating for me.

The scholarship and support I received from SNUCMAA-NA have allowed me to pursue many extracurricular activities. For example, as president of the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Interest Group at my school, I organized a “death-telling” event for students. We invited a physician to speak with students about how to tell a patient’s family that their loved one has died or is dying soon. We also collaborated with the No One Dies Alone Program at a hospital to allow medical students to volunteer. Some patients do not have anyone who can be with them at the end of life, and through NODA, students will be able to be with them. As co-president of the Internal Medicine Interest Group, I organized an ultrasound workshop so that students can learn basic ultrasound techniques from a radiologist. Lastly, I also presented the geriatrics research I conducted at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA at my school’s poster session. I would not have been able to be involved in all of these activities without the support and encouragement I received through SNUCMAA-NA.

As an aspiring physician, I am excited to be able to improve the health and well-being of patients in the future, especially those who come from low-income backgrounds. From personal experience, I understand the challenges of living with financial hardships, and I hope to use this understanding to empathize with patients and provide medical help. I look forward to applying my experiences and education in the clinical setting to connect with patients and build trusting relationships with them.