

## **Progress Report for Ju-Woo Nho**

Receiving the 2024-2025 Seoul National University College of Medicine Alumni Association of North America's Chull Hi Lee, M.D. Scholarship has been an extraordinary honor and an invaluable opportunity in supporting my education at Brown University. I am currently a senior concentrating in Applied Mathematics-Biology and after my undergraduate years, I am thrilled to be matriculating into the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University as part of the 8-year Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME).

This scholarship has significantly alleviated expenses related to pursuing my education, allowing me to fully immerse myself in the medical research I conduct at the Cardiothoracic Surgery Laboratory at Rhode Island Hospital. It has also enabled me to continue my secondary computational genomics research at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. With this generous support to supplement out-of-budget costs, I was able to submit my first-author publication and present my research at international and national conferences in the Netherlands, San Francisco, and Chicago.

The belief that the scholarship committee has placed in me as a recipient has been a profound source of motivation. I aspire to become a cardiothoracic surgeon and physician-scientist, committed to both performing surgeries and advancing preventative health measures. I am particularly passionate about addressing population health disparities in cardiovascular care, and I believe that research is a critical tool to tackle these inequities beyond the operating room.

This scholarship has reinforced my determination to excel in all that I do and eventually give back to the community, especially in supporting future generations of Korean-American students in the medical field. It is my deep hope to make my ancestors proud and to contribute meaningfully to the legacy of Korean-Americans in medicine.

Once again, I am profoundly grateful for this opportunity and the trust that has been placed in me. I look forward to the day when I can give back to the community that has supported me along this journey.

