

*John Lee Scholarship Progress Report*

Dear SNUCMAA-NA Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Sechin Cho, M.D. and Mrs. Young Cho Scholarship, and I remain sincerely grateful to the Seoul National University College of Medicine Alumni Association of North America (SNUCMAA-NA) for their continued support of my education. As I progress through my training, this scholarship has played a meaningful role in allowing me to fully engage in my academic and clinical development.

The scholarship funds have been used to support my tuition as a first-year student in the Anesthesiologist Assistant program at South University in Savannah, where I am currently in my third quarter. At this stage in the program, I have been deeply immersed in both didactic learning and clinical experiences, gaining a stronger understanding of anesthesia principles, pharmacology, and patient management. My time in the clinical setting has been especially impactful, as I have begun applying classroom knowledge to real patient care situations. Each day in the operating room reinforces my ability to think critically, anticipate patient needs, and contribute meaningfully within the anesthesia care team.

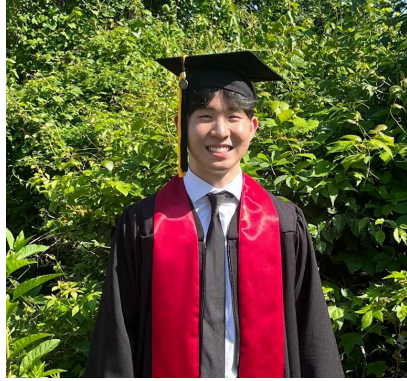
Importantly, this scholarship has significantly reduced the financial burden associated with my education. Without the constant concern of managing tuition expenses, I am able to dedicate more time and energy toward studying, preparing for clinical cases, and refining my skills. This freedom has allowed me to be more present in both my academic and clinical responsibilities, ultimately enhancing the quality of my training and growth as a future provider.

As I continue to gain clinical experience, I am beginning to understand the profound responsibility and privilege of caring for patients during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Whether it is helping to ease a patient's anxiety before surgery or ensuring their safety throughout the perioperative process, these experiences have been incredibly meaningful to me. Being able to play a role in supporting patients during these critical moments is deeply gratifying and continues to reinforce my commitment to this profession.

Looking ahead, I envision myself continuing to serve patients as an anesthesiologist assistant within the anesthesia care team model, providing safe, attentive, and compassionate care. I hope to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds and to continually learn from each patient encounter in order to grow as a provider. The lessons I am gaining now, both clinically and personally, will remain central to the way I practice in the future.

Once again, I am truly grateful to the SNUCMAA-NA for their generosity and for investing in my education. This support has not only eased financial stress but has also allowed me to fully immerse myself in my training, bringing me one step closer to achieving my goal of becoming an anesthesiologist assistant.

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Sincerely,  
John Lee