

## SNUCMAA-NA Progress Report

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I can't believe that it has already been almost a year since I applied to the Seoul National University College of Medicine Alumni Association of North America (SNUCMAA-NA) Scholarship. Becoming a recipient of the 2025-2026 Il Young Kim, M.D. Scholarship has been a great honor, and it has definitely alleviated some financial burden for me and my family.

I recently completed my first semester at the University of Georgia, and the scholarship played a significant role in my academic success. Most of the scholarship funds were used to cover essential academic expenses including textbooks and course material as well as the remaining expenses on my laptop and iPad purchased at the start of the school year. The scholarship also helped support some of my housing and dining costs, allowing me to live comfortably in a dorm on campus and enjoy meals at UGA dining halls whenever I needed.

Beyond academics, this scholarship has allowed me to invest in my personal and spiritual growth as I was able to join different organizations on campus. During my first semester at UGA, I joined SOON Movement Global, a Korean American Christian organization. I am currently participating in SOON's disciple training program so that I can become a SoonJang, a spiritual leader, in hopes to guide future underclassmen as they grow their faith in Christ and adjust to campus life. I also joined UGA's Global Medical Missions Alliance (GMMA), where I plan to use scholarship funds to support my participation in future overseas medical missions, serving communities in need through both medical and spiritual care.

I plan to use the remaining scholarship funds to enroll in a CRNA program in the summer, where I will earn a CRNA certification. With this certification, I hope to work at a local clinic in Athens and apply my training to serve nearby communities while continuing my studies at UGA. This opportunity will allow me to gain valuable exposure to a clinical environment and help prepare me for my future career in the medical field.

As I continue my education at the University of Georgia with my new major in Biomedical Physiology, I hope to deepen my understanding of the human body and build a strong academic foundation for my future in healthcare as a Nurse Practitioner. With my family currently facing financial challenges, the SNUCMAA Scholarship has provided significant support for my education, giving me the stability and confidence to fully pursue my academic goals and learning opportunities. I am deeply grateful for this support and look forward to opportunities it will continue to provide as I strive toward my goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner and making a positive and lasting impact in my community.