



Michael Ali

*recipient of the
Future Gator Doc Scholarship*

"Your generosity means that the financial burden of medical school is less, such that I can focus on my studies to eventually pursue a specialty that means the most to me."

My name is Michael Ali, and I'm a third-year medical student who grew up in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. I earned my undergraduate degree from the University of Florida, where I studied chemistry. I decided to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine because of the close-knit community, the emphasis on patient-first care, the opportunity to get involved in all kinds of research, and the ability to stay in Gainesville, a town that I had grown to really enjoy living in during my undergraduate years.

My fondest memories of medical school have been the positivity and humor that many of our professors have brought into the classroom. I chose to pursue a career as a physician because of the opportunity to continually learn and stay up-to-date with science, to be challenged daily, and to reflect on the wisdom that comes from empathizing with and treating patients of all backgrounds.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution. I am very grateful for not only having been accepted to the UF College of Medicine, but for the privilege of being awarded a scholarship. As a lifelong Gators fan and the first person in my family to attend medical school, know that your contribution means so much to me and will allow me to fully pursue my passions!