

## Khal-Hentz Gabriel

recipient of the Hugh M. Hill Scholarship Mark Gold Family Scholarship

"I have been able to be less worried about postgraduate finances and can have an open mind when it comes to exploring specialties."

My name is Khal-Hent Gabriel, and I'm a second-year medical student who grew up in Winter Haven, Florida. I earned my undergraduate degree from Harvard University, where I studied chemistry and french.

I decided to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine for several reasons. First, I wanted to be in Florida, closer to family as I have not lived in Florida since graduating high school. Second, I wanted to attend a school that had a welcoming and friendly culture among students and faculty. Lastly, I was looking for a school that had a long-standing reputation and history of preparing students for residency and beyond.

My fondest memory of medical school has been getting to know some of my classmates outside of classes through activities like intramural basketball and volleyball. I chose to pursue a career as a physician because I wanted to have a career in which I could incorporate my desire for continuous learning, love of service, interest in science, need to create tangible changes in the lives of others, and goal of advocating for and educating others.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your financial support in my medical education. It truly means a lot and goes a long way toward being able to exclusively focus on my studies!