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OMEF's 2021 Future of Medicine Leadership Scholars

Portland, OR – 26 January 2022 – The Oregon Medical Education Foundation (OMEF) is proud to announce the recipients of our newest scholarship, the Future of Medicine Leadership Award. This award celebrates the student leaders who go above and beyond for their communities, and its purpose is twofold: first, to provide a significant level of financial assistance to help reduce stress around the rising cost of a medical education, and second, to add value to their learning journey through a personalized program of mentorship and time with healthcare and thought leaders. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our Board members, donors, corporate partners and friends at the Oregon Medical Association.

Initially, the Scholarship Committee planned to recognize a total of three students across Oregon's MD, DO and PA programs. However, due to the quality and quantity of applications the award was expanded to recognize seven students. Please join us in congratulating these exceptional students!

2021 OMEF Future of Medicine Leadership Scholars:

Josè Manuel Carrillo-Castro, OHSU School of Medicine, MD Candidate 2024

Madeleine Stack, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest, DO Candidate 2024

Carolina Regalado Murillo, OHSU Physician Assistant Program, PA Candidate 2023

2021 OMEF Future of Medicine Special Awardees:

Afsoon Ghafari-Saravi, OHSU School of Medicine, MD Candidate 2024

Amy Jones, OHSU School of Medicine, MD/MPH Candidate 2022

Mary Trumble, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest, DO Candidate 2024

Natasha Warikoo, OHSU School of Medicine, MD/PhD Candidate 2026

But wait, there's more...

OMEF understands the tremendous challenges today's students face – for example, a staggering 40% face food insecurity on a regular basis. To help meet this need, the OMEF committed *an additional \$50,000* which was given away during our customary random drawing at our annual "Student Party" event on December 3rd, held virtually again to an audience of over 500 students, donors and high-level volunteers.

In 2021, OMEF's Future of Medicine Scholarship Program disbursed a grand total of \$100,000 which is an increase of one-third over last year. Since its inception in 2012, over \$550,000 has been awarded to Oregon's MD, DO & PA students.

Meet our 2021 Leadership Award winners and learn more about how OMEF is helping shape a bright future of medicine for Oregon at www.theomef.org/scholarships.

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About the Oregon Medical Education Foundation (OMEF)

OMEF exists to help set Oregon's MD, DO & PA students on a path for success through financial assistance and programs that help offset the rising cost of a medical education, tackle urgent issues such as food insecurity, wellness and burnout, and create opportunities for students to expand their professional network. We proudly partner with organizations that help inspire prospective students to pursue a career in healthcare, and others that help make public health education more widely available. OMEF is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization and was founded by the Oregon Medical Association in 1961. Visit www.theomef.org for more information or to get involved.

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