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Local Medical Student Receives Siegfried-Vigilante Scholarship

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Myrtle Siegfried, MD, and Michael Vigilante, MD, Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Miranda Haslam by The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Miranda currently resides in Philadelphia as a first-year medical student at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. She is the daughter of Raymond Haslam, Jr. and Deidre Haslam of Hamburg, Pa.

Miranda's passion for clinical learning started at an early age. Her interest in the sciences and independent research created opportunities for answering unique questions, and reaching accolades as she participated in her school's science fair. These events influence her future goals and drive to make a difference. "As I explored career opportunities available in the sciences, I realized a career as a physician would allow me to translate my passion for scientific inquiry into a tangible impact on the lives of others."

In addition to her love of science, Miranda says that there are additional characteristics that compliment her goal of becoming a physician. "I am encouraged to continue my pursuit of a career as a physician by my desire to develop increasing compassion and leave a positive impact on my community. Throughout my various clinical experiences as an undergraduate at the College of William & Mary, and in my brief tenure as a first year medical student thus far, I learned that serving others is multifaceted and can be accomplished in diverse ways."

Sometimes regularity of work flows and responsibilities, which are not typically maneuvered, require some adjustability. Through one experience in which a patient was unable to look after her daughter because she was receiving treatment herself, Miranda learned that although she was not providing physical care, she was still providing a valued service. She said, "I realized in that moment that, despite lacking the training and knowledge to help treat the mother's illness, I could still contribute to her care by keeping her daughter happy and safe." She goes on to say, "While my interest in medicine originated in my passion for science and love of learning, the personal

growth I experienced in compassion and service to my community throughout my clinical experiences leaves me certain in my pursuit of a career as a physician.”

To help local medical students offset the cost of education, former Foundation trustee, Elena Pascal, and her sister, Carla Vigilante, established this scholarship in 1999 in memory of their parents who were Allentown physicians.

The Foundation, a nonprofit affiliate of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, sustains the future of medicine in Pennsylvania by providing programs that support medical education, physician health and excellence in practice. It has helped finance medical education for more than 63 years.

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