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### Local Medical Student Receives Lycoming County Medical Society (LCMS) Scholarship

*HARRISBURG, Pa.* — The Lycoming County Medical Society (LCMS) Scholarship of \$3,000 was awarded to Kenan R. Rajjoub by The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Kenan currently resides in Arlington, VA, as a third-year medical student at George Washington University School of Medicine. He is the son of Rodwan & Zokaa Rajjoub of Williamsport, Pa.

While in Syria for a summer vacation, Kenan gained an invaluable impression of his father as a physician, and recognized the demanding hours and physical applications of a physician. After lending a hand with awaiting patients, and observing the bustle of the waiting room, his father's unwavering demeanor and the patient interactions were inspiring. "My father greeted me with a smile and patted me on the back, thanking me for the much needed assistance. When we left several hours later, I was exhausted. My father on the other hand was invigorated and glowed with happiness. Later that night, I reflected on all the positive and appreciative patients I met. Those moments sparked my passion for medicine."

Since returning to the United States, Kenan began to make the most of his time before college. He wanted to expand his skill sets and diversify his experiences through volunteer work at a local hospital. "I spent every moment of my spare time in the patient rooms to offer any assistance I could. As I became more experienced, I started to work with other hospital units such as the ICU, inpatient psychiatry, and the operating room. It fascinated me to see how much information medicine encompassed and the many ways I could assist patients."

In addition to mentoring with his father and making the most of his volunteer work, Kenan underwent a surgical procedure himself. He was surrounded by a trusted medical team and close peer support. Although the operation went well, restlessness of recovery time provided him with even more incentive to learn about medicine. "I decided to make my recovery as productive as possible and began shadowing and ENT specialist. I observed technically challenging surgeries including thyroidectomies and parotidectomies, where I observed the exposed facial nerves. I

later shadowed an endocrinologist. It was fascinating how simple symptoms, which I never thought were significant, indicated that someone had diabetes.”

It appears that the experiences Kenan has been exposed to have positively impacted his passion and career goals. “I aspire to become a dedicated, selfless, and caring physician. Through my interactions with patients, I have come to learn that I possess a deep-rooted desire to help others. I plan on helping people in underserved communities, while also pursuing research in order to further medicine. My profound appreciation of the human condition has pushed me toward a life in the medical field since my early exposure to it as a young boy.”

In 2002, LCMS began awarding the scholarship to benefit medical students from the county. Contributions from area physicians support the scholarship, and The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society administers the funds. LCMS also provides member physicians with educational presentations, networking opportunities, and legislative and administrative support. It serves as a community resource for public health information and communication.

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.

For more information about this scholarship, or other scholarship opportunities, please visit [www.foundationpamedsoc.org](http://www.foundationpamedsoc.org). For questions, contact the Foundation’s Student Financial Services Director, Deborah Monko at (717) 558-7854.



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