

Michelle A. McCook, Class of 2007

Scholarship recipient

Where did you earn your undergraduate degree?

Fordham University, where I majored in sociology with a minor in Spanish.

Why did you choose UB Medical School?

The curriculum allows for interaction with patients starting from the first year. I also liked the idea of having an organ/system-based curriculum—we were able to integrate the different subjects into one organ system from day one.

How did your scholarship make a difference?

I don't feel as much pressure about finances as I once did. I still have a significant amount of money to pay back, but part of the stress has been relieved.

What are your career goals?

General pediatrics (maybe a specialty). I would like to start out working in an inner-city hospital and eventually open my own practice. Also, I've always wanted to sponsor through a scholarship gift a student from high school who is interested in medicine.

What would you tell others who are interested in UB Medical School?

The program is GREAT! I have absolutely no regrets. If I had it to do over again, my decision would be the same. I feel that UB's strong point is clinical skills. Doing my summer internship at another hospital in New York City (between my first and second years), I felt well prepared and comfortable interviewing patients.



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