

Stephanie Chow, Class of 2009

John J. and Janet H. Sung Scholar

Where did you earn your undergraduate degree, and what did you major in?

I attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where I earned a bachelor of science degree in brain and cognitive sciences, with a minor in Spanish.

Why did you choose UB Medical School?

The first thing I liked about UB was the people, especially in the Office of Medical Education. If I had to do it over again, I would choose UB, not only for the people and student organizations, but for its new high-tech facilities, the physician-mentors, the diverse and interesting patient population, and Elmwood Avenue.

How did your scholarship make a difference?

One of the most humbling things about being a medical student is opening up your loan letter and seeing the cumulative amount in medical school tuition jumping out at you. It's like buying a brand new car, every year, for four years. I am extremely grateful for UB's scholarship program because it made a difference in helping me decide where to attend medical school. When I learned that I was a Sung Scholar, my first thought was of surprise that a Buffalo physician could have such faith in my abilities as to provide me with financial assistance to encourage my medical training. I felt honored.

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

Students may be concerned that UB does not have a university hospital. From what I've heard from upperclassmen, this, in fact, turns out to be an unexpected strength. Third- and fourth-year students are trained to adapt to a variety of different hospital settings and staff, and so they become prepared to excel in any future medical environment. If you come to UB, in four years you'll leave a well-trained physician.



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