



OLIVER GOLDSMITH, MD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2010:

Manuel Campa (Hometown: Los Angeles)

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science/University of California, Los Angeles

Entering into his third year at the Charles Drew University (CDU)/David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), Manuel Campa is active in both medical school and community activities, while planning to pursue a career in Family Medicine. He is also fluent in Spanish.

Through his work in the Latino Medical Student Association, he has taken leadership roles to organize mentorship events and workshops for pre-medical students. Since January 2009, Manuel has been the community events coordinator for Advocates for Single Payer Reform, helping to educate health professional students about health care reform issues.

Manuel's consistent community service includes volunteering for the UCLA Mobile Clinic and the Harbor-UCLA Free Clinic, where he helps provide free accessible health care services for homeless and indigent populations. He has also been involved in promoting community health education and conducting health-disparity research.

Yelba Castellon (Hometown: Los Angeles)

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science/University of California, Los Angeles

Yelba Castellon is entering her third year at the Charles Drew University (CDU)/David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). She is fluent in Spanish and working towards a career in primary care that can combine health disparities research and serving underprivileged immigrant communities in South Los Angeles.

One of Yelba's goals is to conduct health disparities research in underserved Latino communities that will inform and impact public policy. To train for this, she participated in the Chief's Fellowship Program where she developed and carried out her own research project on the experiences of Latin American immigrant women with access to health care.

At school, Yelba is the fundraising chair for the CDU/UCLA Medical School Class of 2012. She also serves as the Outreach Services Chair for the UCLA chapter of the American Medical Women's Association. In that role, she arranges opportunities for medical students to provide health care services to low-income women.

Lynne Chang (Hometown: Los Angeles)

David Geffen School of Medicine/University of California, Los Angeles

Completing her second year as a student at the David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, Lynne Chang is pursuing a career in primary care with possible subspecialties in women's health, infectious disease, or oncology. Growing up in a poverty-stricken neighborhood, Lynne is grounded in solidarity with immigrant and underserved communities, and committed to living her dream to break down health care barriers and provide culturally responsive care in her future practice.

A member of the Asian Pacific Medical Students Association, Lynne organized bone marrow drives last year in the UCLA community. The drive successfully added 200 donor registrants to the National Bone Marrow Registry. Currently as a board member for the Koreatown Clinic, she has led monthly planning sessions for a

start-up clinic led by the Department of Family Medicine at UCLA. She has also participated as a board member and outreach worker for Homeless Health Outreach in San Francisco, where she has helped to provide food, hygiene kits, and education to many uninsured adults and children.

Nayiri Gharibian (Hometown: Glendale)

Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Completing her second-year as a student at Western University of Health Sciences COMP, Nayiri Gharibian is an active student leader who plans to pursue a career in Family or Internal Medicine. She also speaks Armenian fluently.

As an undergraduate student at the University of Southern California, Nayiri began volunteering at St. John's Well Child and Family Clinic in the heart of Los Angeles and taught inner-city high school students. It was there that she realized the immense disparities in health care and services among those of various socioeconomic status, educational backgrounds, and ethnicities. When she found her passion for medicine, she realized that she needed to be more than a physician: she needed to be an advocate for culturally responsive care.

She is also the clinic coordinator for Montclair Clinic, an award-winning student-run clinic that provides health care for patients without health insurance. She has also spent the last seven years as an event coordinator for In His Shoes, a non-profit organization that supports the community through food, toy, and blood drives.

Kevin Izquierdo (Hometown: Fontana)

University of California, Riverside/UCLA Thomas Haider Program

Completing his second year as a medical student at the University of California, Riverside/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences, Kevin Izquierdo is preparing for a career in Internal Medicine with a subspecialty in cardiology.

Kevin's growing interest in culturally responsive care began as an undergraduate while serving as the UC Riverside chapter director of "Best Buddies," which provides one-to-one friendship for people with intellectual disabilities, such as Down's syndrome and autism. He helped these students recognize their individuality and strengths, and to overcome communication obstacles that helped them develop rewarding friendships.

Founder and director of Street Medicine at UCR, Kevin connects medical students with the chance to participate in delivering medical care to the homeless through street outreach. As volunteer staff for a mobile clinic, the students manage the acute and chronic illnesses of many patients over several months while the patients strive to overcome some of the issues that contributed to their becoming homeless.

David Larson (Hometown: Los Angeles)

Keck School of Medicine/University of Southern California

Completing his third year at the USC Keck School of Medicine, David Larson is looking forward to caring for adults and children as a Family Medicine physician.

He serves as president of the International Medicine Student Interest Group, helping to reorganize the group to meet the health needs at USC and its global community. He also initiated a Global Health Awareness Week, and planned a monthly speaker series to inspire students to be knowledgeable and active in national and international health care needs.

David's community involvement extends to third world countries, traveling to Guatemala to serve as a Spanish interpreter and medical assistant with a crisis medical team. He has also participated in international research

projects as a board member of USC's AIDS clinical trials group, and earned a Fulbright Fellowship in Spain to study innovative models of sustainable health programs in the developing world.

Lawrence Lipana (Hometown: Sacramento)
University of California, Davis School of Medicine

Completing his second year as a student at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, Lawrence Lipana is pursuing a career in Family Medicine. He is fluent in Tagalog.

Involved in several leadership roles at UC Davis, Lawrence is president of the Christian Medical Fellowship. As part of this group, he has arranged and accompanied a team of 40 students, doctors, nurses, and dentists to visit six clinic sites in Honduras. During a trip in 2009 and 2010, the team treated more than 1,200 patients, providing medical, optometry, and pharmaceutical services.

Immigrating to the United States from the Philippines in 1992, Lawrence is involved in several community efforts that enhance the health and well being of this population. As president of the Filipino Americans in Medicine organization since 2008, Lawrence has provided mentorships for UC Davis undergraduates, has coordinated community health events, and has volunteered at a student-run clinic.

Marizabel Orellana (Hometown: Riverside)
University of California, Riverside/UCLA Thomas Haider Program

Marizabel Orellana is entering her third year as a medical student at University of California Riverside/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences. She speaks Spanish fluently and hopes to serve as an advocate for people who are disadvantaged and have unequal access to quality health care. Her sensitivity to this issue stems from growing up in Southern California without health insurance.

Since 2008, Marizabel has served as project manager and medical student officer for the Student Run Health Clinic in Riverside, where she and other medical students help provide care to the homeless and indigent populations.

Marizabel also works tirelessly to make sure students from disadvantaged backgrounds stay in school and pursue careers in the science field. She is the founder of the Mentor/Mentee Program at the University of California, Riverside, which is a mentoring program for undergraduate students interested in medicine.

Samuel Phang (Hometown: Temple City)
Keck School of Medicine/University of Southern California

Samuel Phang is beginning his third year as a medical student at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine. Active in both his school and community, Samuel is working towards a career in Family Medicine.

Samuel, who is fluent in Mandarin, is founder and program director of the Medical Chinese Program, which helps train future medical providers to better serve the large Chinese population in Los Angeles. Samuel, along with four other medical students who are fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese, designed a language curriculum that is used to teach their peers patient interviewing skills and medical terminology in those languages.

Samuel is also the Hepatitis B and Bone Marrow co-chair for the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association. Since 2008, Samuel has helped educate and raise awareness about Hepatitis B and its disproportionate effect on Asian populations by hosting lectures, workshops, and volunteer screenings. One of Samuel's most significant community service experiences has been with the Skid Row Ministry through his church, Christian Assembly. He has been serving the homeless every Sunday since 2006.

**Rachel Rosenheck (Hometown: Manhattan Beach)
Keck School of Medicine/University of Southern California**

Just completing her second year as a student at the USC Keck School of Medicine, Rachel Rosenheck also holds a Masters of Science degree in Population and International Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

While working as an emergency medical technician one summer, Rachel witnessed patients with health conditions that might not have occurred at all with earlier treatment, prevention, and education. She realized that the barriers to accessing quality care were keeping underprivileged people sick. Since that summer, she has been committed to minimizing health disparities in both the local and global community.

Rachel participates in Serving Underserved, a community outreach project focused on screening local high school students for hypertension, obesity, pre-diabetes, asthma, depression, and even gang violence risk. Her global focus includes her work as co-president of the International Medicine Student Interest Group, where she ensures medical students receive a broad exposure to global health issues.

**Brooke Vuong (Hometown: Sacramento)
University of California, Davis School of Medicine**

Completing her third year as a student at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, Brooke Vuong is pursuing a career in Internal Medicine to help underserved adults and children navigate the health care system.

For the past few years, Brooke has participated in numerous outreach activities through her work at the UC Davis School of Medicine Admissions & Outreach Department. She has also helped local high school students, encouraging them to pursue a health care profession.

In the community, Brooke has served as co-director and has, as a medical student, provided care at the Imani Clinic in Sacramento. The clinic serves African-American and Latino children and adults. Brooke worked with patients to improve their management of diabetes and hypertension, and to brainstorm safe ways to exercise.

**Andrew Wai (Hometown: Loma Linda)
Loma Linda University School of Medicine**

Completing his third year at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Andrew Wai is involved in leadership positions in medical school and in the community while pursuing a career in Internal Medicine.

Since 2007, Andrew has served as vice president of the Young Adult Board where he coordinates a 50-member team to travel and provide medical care to nearly 4,000 patients in rural areas of Southwest China. Closer to home, he helps coordinate weekend clinics at local Chinese churches and health centers. Andrew strives to help patients navigate the often confusing health care system and help them overcome barriers to services.

Since 2006, Andrew has served as a counselor and camp doctor at Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times. This free camp provides a respite for children affected by cancer – many from low income or disadvantaged backgrounds.