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The South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society Presents Alyssa Breedlove With 2023 Student Scholarship

Spartanburg, S.C. – The <u>South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society</u> presented Alyssa Breedlove with its 2023 Student Scholarship on June 8 at its Annual Meeting.

Alyssa is a second-year medical student at the <u>Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Carolinas</u> (<u>VCOM-Carolinas</u>) in Spartanburg. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the <u>Clemson University Honors College</u> in 2019.

This scholarship honors a current DO student who has completed at least 50 hours of volunteer work/community service in the last three years and plans to practice medicine in South Carolina upon completion of training.

Alyssa has been extremely active with volunteer organizations during her pre-clinical training time at VCOM-Carolinas. She has also been involved in Spartanburg to provide medical treatment to those most in need, including work at the Free Clinic of Cherokee County and at <u>St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic</u>. She has also provided countless hours of tutoring for fellow students at VCOM-Carolinas Campus.

She is drawn to the sense of community that exists in Southern rural communities. Her ultimate goal is to practice family medicine in rural South Carolina where she can make a meaningful impact on the lives of her patients. Alyssa is passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of those who are often forgotten and overlooked and appreciates the importance of community engagement, cultural humility, and patient-centered care.

"I have had the privilege of interacting with Alyssa during the past two years and I can see her empathy as well as medical knowledge shine through while she is volunteering at St. Luke's," said Dr. Ronald Januchowski, associate dean for preclinical curriculum at VCOM-Carolinas. Alyssa possesses the attitude, skills, and knowledge to become a great physician, one that will not only medically care for her patients but also genuinely care for her patients."



Alyssa's enthusiasm for Family Medicine has really been a shining light to students and even faculty. Her selflessness in the service of others should be an excellent asset for her as she continues to grow into becoming a physician.

About SCOMS

The South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society (SCOMS) is the voice for osteopathic medicine in the state of South Carolina. Membership is comprised of physicians, residents, medical students, and associates who have an unwavering passion for the osteopathic profession.

The purpose of SCOMS is to promote the osteopathic medicine profession and to provide valuable services to its members such as advocacy, networking opportunities, CME sessions to maintain compliance requirements, updates on legislative issues, and opportunities for research collaboration.

With nearly 2,000 DOs practicing across the state, SCOMS works tirelessly to advocate for these physicians and to promote a greater understanding of the osteopathic profession.

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