

Dear Prospective Medical Students,

I chose to train at SUNY Downstate because the college treats the underserved communities of Brooklyn. Downstate's willingness to treat the uninsured and large catchment area translated into caring for patients with advanced diseases complicated by the full host of social issues affecting the urban poor. In other words, Downstate prepared me to handle anything.

In my 4 years at Downstate, I was fortunate to learn from faculty dedicated to teaching medical students. In the pre-clinical years, faculty spent an enormous amount of time building and later revising curriculum to facilitate learning. These same professors were both approachable and easily accessible to answer questions and collaborate with on research projects.

During my clinical years, I was supervised by seasoned attendings who were often experts in their field of medicine. I learned how to build caring relationships while critically assessing patients in a variety of settings. Because of the autonomy and feedback I was given as a Downstate student, I am ready and excited to start treating patients as an Internal Medicine resident next year.

In addition to fantastic clinical training, Downstate prepared me to conduct basic science research. During medical school, I published a 1st author research article, received a full-year research scholarship, and presented posters at both local and national conventions. Downstate gave me a foundation in physiology and an exposure to medicine that will allow me to pursue research as resident and future physician-scientist.

I am extremely grateful for the education I received at SUNY Downstate and hope you consider Downstate for your medical training.

If you have any questions about SUNY Downstate, I am available by email. Just send an email to the Admissions Office ([medadmissions@downstate.edu](mailto:medadmissions@downstate.edu)) and they will put you in direct contact with me.

Sincerely,  
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