



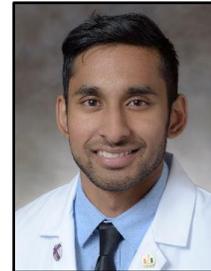
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Dear Dr. Lee,

The Urology Care Foundation, the official foundation of the American Urological Association, sincerely appreciates the support of the Florida Urological Society, which enables us to offer the Florida Urological Society Summer Medical Student Fellowship. This award has funded two outstanding medical students at institutions within the state of Florida, and we are delighted to announce that we have selected the 2019 awardee.

Congratulations to **Manish Kuchakulla**, currently a second year medical student at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Mr. Kuchakulla's project, titled "Therapeutic role of nitric oxide in regulating CRPC tumor," will be conducted this summer under the mentorship of Ranjith Ramasamy, MD. His basic science research seeks to determine the impact of increased nitric oxide levels on the tumor microenvironment in castration resistant prostate cancer mice models. This important work will help us better understand nitric oxide's clinical significance and therapeutic potential in patients suffering from this disease.



Kush Panara was the inaugural recipient of this award in 2017 for a research project in infertility at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Mentored by Ranjith Ramasamy, MD, Mr. Panara utilized state-of-the-art genetic sequencing to better understand azoospermia and elucidate any novel genes implicated in infertility. His work culminated in two poster presentations and an abstract submission to the AUA Southeastern Section Annual Meeting. Mr. Panara will graduate medical school in 2020.



We are also delighted to report that **Vincent M. Roth** recently completed his 2018 Fellowship. Mr. Roth explored patient outcomes and cost savings associated with the implementation of a new reprocessing protocol for flexible cystoscopes at the Malcom Randall VA facility in Gainesville, Florida. He was mentored by Benjamin Canales, MD, MPH at the University of Florida. Mr. Roth presented his work at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Urological Society and plans to submit abstracts for the AUA Southeastern Section and AUA Annual Meetings. He also plans to submit a manuscript for publication. Mr. Roth will graduate in 2021.



As a direct result of the Florida Urological Society's commitment and engagement with the AUA and the medical student community, we have seen a substantial increase in applications received from students in Florida. In the three years that we've had the Florida Urological Society's award available, the total



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applications have increased from one application before the award to six applications between 2017 and 2019. We hope that the Florida Urological Society will renew their support of this award with a commitment to fund an award for the next three years to ensure the continuation of the progress made and to support future investigators.

Again, you have our thanks for your leadership and the support of the Florida Urological Society for enabling the Summer Medical Student Fellowship Program to offer this award. We hope to grow this partnership and continue to recruit and develop the best and brightest young investigators into urologic research. Please contact Erik Siedow at esiedow@auanet.org or (410) 689-3767 should you have any questions related to the medical student or mentors. Please contact Emily Boyce at (410) 689-4034 or eboyce@auanet.org with any questions related to renewing your support and the financial management of the award.

Sincerely,

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