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The Julie Patel Foundation,

Thank you so much for selecting me as the first recipient of the Dr. P.J. Devereaux Award. I am truly honored and deeply grateful for your generosity and support.

I am a first-year medical student at the Cape Breton Medical Campus. I grew up in the rural community of Maryvale, Nova Scotia, and I am incredibly proud to be part of the inaugural class at CBMC, helping to build the foundation for medical education in Cape Breton.

This award will make a meaningful difference by easing the financial challenges of medical school and allowing me to fully focus on my studies and clinical learning. Your generosity reinforces my commitment to pursuing a career in family medicine in a rural area, where I hope to contribute to improving access to care and strengthening the health of communities like the one I grew up in.

Thank you again for your belief in students like me and for investing in the future of rural health care in Nova Scotia. Your support is deeply appreciated, and I am grateful to have been selected as the first recipient of your award.

With much appreciation. First -year student, Cape Breton Medical Campus - Class of 2029