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Outstanding medical student honored with AMA Foundation Minority Scholars Award

(CHICAGO) – The American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation honored Andrés Felipe Ramírez Zamudio with a Minority Scholars Award at the AMA’s Annual Meeting in Chicago, on June 15, 2013.

Andrés was one of only eight medical students in the country selected to receive this award, which was given in recognition of his academic achievement and commitment to the elimination of health care disparities. As an AMA Foundation Minority Scholar, he received a \$10,000 scholarship.

Nearly 30 percent of the U.S. population is African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Native Hawaiian or Alaskan Native, yet only about 9 percent of all U.S. physicians are from these racial and ethnic groups. Meantime, racial and ethnic disparities in care continue to plague the U.S. health care system, according to a federal [report](#).

Andres received his B.A. from Harvard and his MPH from EHESP French School of Public Health in Paris. As a part of his MPH curriculum he served as an epidemiology intern for the French Red Cross. He was awarded highest honors for his MPH senior thesis “The People living with HIV Stigma Index in Lao PDR: Disentangling the layers of HIV-related stigma and discrimination in marginalized populations.” He is a first-year medical student at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

As a junior clinician at the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership, which provides free care to uninsured residents, he serves as a medical interpreter for Spanish speaking patients and is a member of their Quality Improvement Council. He also serves as the co-coordinator for Medicina en Espanol which aims to train culturally and linguistically competent clinicians. Fluent in four languages, he is passionate about public health issues that affect underserved populations. An emerging scholar in infectious disease research, he has been selected to conduct research related to TB infection and prevention at the Institute for Translational Epidemiology this summer.

“The AMA Foundation is proud to support these exceptional medical students,” said Clarence Chou, MD, AMA Foundation President. “Their outstanding academic achievements, leadership experience, and service in their communities speak to their commitment to make a difference in the health of minority populations.”

The AMA Foundation’s Minority Scholars Awards are given in partnership with the AMA Minority Affairs Section, with support from Pfizer, Inc.

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