

Celebrating the Class of 2021 with Mrs. Norma Lerner

On April 20, Mrs. Norma Lerner hosted her annual luncheon with CCLCM's first-year students. Each member of the class of 2021 shared their stories and what being a student at CCLCM means to them.

"I remember hearing about CCLCM in college, knowing that it would only be a dream if I could study at a place that fuses medicine and research, supports full tuition scholarships and was a dynamite institution close to home," said Selena Pasadyn. "I am grateful every day I walk the halls of Cleveland Clinic and am honored that the Lerner family and Cleveland Clinic has made this all possible."

Chan-Mi Lee also had dreams of attending medical school but thought that coming to the U.S. to pursue that dream was out of the question. "I thought that my ideal, wishful-thinking version of medical school could never exist." Today, Chan-Mi is living the reality she imagined. "The support I have received here, especially as an international student, has been amazing. I can't thank Mrs. Lerner enough for this opportunity."

With a passion for clinical research, Bryan Hair is especially grateful for CCLCM's unique curriculum. "There is abundant access to mentorship from world-renowned physicians that, with the aid of our innovative core curriculum, can help me develop into a successful physician scientist."

In addition to honing his research skills, Bryan also looks forward to developing the competencies necessary to become an exceptional caregiver. "Cleveland Clinic teaches us to place the patient first in all our efforts, and I desire to maintain the highest levels of compassion, dedication and integrity so that I can continue to do this throughout my entire career."

"Being a part of the CCLCM family is a tremendous honor," says Jaret Karnuta. In his first year he's already received hands-on experience that will make him an exceptional physician investigator. "CCLCM will set me up for success wherever I go to do my research and wherever I do my residency. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend this school, and I am sure that my future patients will be grateful as well."

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Lerner for welcoming CCLCM's incoming class and for her philanthropic legacy that continues to train the next generation of physician investigators.

