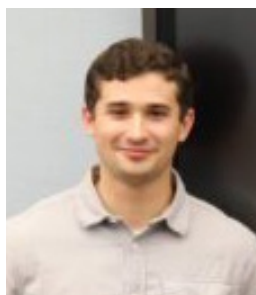




GRADUATE RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



JACK PATTERSON

Tau Epsilon (*Clemson University*)

Medical Doctorate (M.D.)

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

Lewis Finkelstein, Omicron 1983 Award

Jack Patterson has consistently demonstrated his dedication to excellence throughout his education. He is driven by a strong academic prowess and an intrinsic motivation to excel in all facets of learning. The 4.00 GPA that he has held strong through a rigorous Health Science curriculum is expected to earn him the distinction of Summa Cum Laude at graduation, and has led to several awards from his department. The 97th percentile he scored on the MCAT has earned him a seat at MUSC, where he will begin studying in August in order to pursue a career as a physician. He has participated in research teams and conferences, and his first-author manuscript on healthcare adherence is currently under review for publication.

Jack shadowed physical therapists and surgeons at MUSC during his time as student at Academic Magnet High School in North Charleston, South Carolina. As an undergrad, Jack volunteered for nearly 200 hours with Clemson Rural Health, providing healthcare services to those in need and gaining crucial insight into primary care and public health disparities. He also gained considerable clinical experience working as a Patient Care Technician in MUSC's hospital wards on 12-hour shifts in an acute care surgical unit. He is caring and compassionate in his approach to patient care and spends time getting to know and forming positive relationships with his patients. He has taken on the role of preceptor for many new patient care technicians, and is responsible for teaching the skills necessary to be successful on the unit and in the role. The Nurse Manager at the Medical University of South Carolina says that "Jack has been a

major part of the elevated quality of care we have seen on ART 6 East." He is currently interning at an orthopedic surgery research center, and is eager to explore fields like surgery, orthopedics, and primary care through the lenses of research, community leadership, and public health.

Jack demonstrated exceptional leadership and responsibility as Risk Management Chair for the Tau Epsilon Chapter of Psi Upsilon. He served during a time of unprecedented growth and change. His wisdom and accountability ensured safe, fun, and meaningful experiences for his fellow students during a record-setting pledge season. He also served as deputy to the judicial board, where his professionalism, diplomacy, and sense of good judgment were invaluable assets to his chapter. Jack has helped countless brothers with applications to post-graduate education and has secured internships for junior brothers through the strength of his reputation. In his time with the Chapter, Jack has organized various service events

around campus such as litter removal events and luncheons for Fire and EMS personnel, as well as participated in joint event planning with other Greek organizations.

Throughout his education, Jack has consistently demonstrated keen analytical ability, surprising intellectual dexterity, and robust leadership skills, including but not limited to remarkable sensitivity in both observation and communication. His professors are struck by how purposefully and methodically he undertakes even coursework outside of his field of study. Jack is described as "...illuminating the space around him and those in it". He is known among his peers for his sensitivity to language and nuance, willingness to question himself and accepted information, broad-mindedness, and genuine humility. All of these are necessary qualities that will serve him well as a physician, and throughout the rest of his education.

"I have a great interest in effecting positive change on my community through medicine, and I am eager to continue pursuing excellence and virtue through a career as a physician."