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## Spotlight on Grant Recipient: Tom Rubino

*Carrying Forward Dr. Charles Tripoli's Legacy  
of Compassionate Care*

The Tripoli Foundation is honored to highlight Tripoli Foundation awardee Thomas Rubino, a medical student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, the same medical school Charles Tripoli attended. Tom's career path and personal journey reflect the very ideals that inspired the Foundation's creation — service, education, and a deep commitment to humanity.

Like Dr. Tripoli, Tom's deep-rooted foundation in family values instilled in him a strong sense of purpose and compassion. He also developed a profound understanding of the patient experience, which strengthened his desire to help others. Now in his fourth year of

medical school, Tom has decided to pursue a career in Family Medicine — a field that will allow him to build lasting relationships with patients and serve people of all ages, all characteristics that Charles Tripoli embraced in his medical practice.

And even more fitting to the life experience of Charles Tripoli, who served the poor of Honduras for several years as a medical volunteer, Tom's call to serve the medically vulnerable was further reinforced through his participation in a medical mission to El Negrito, Honduras, with the organization Shoulder to Shoulder, where his team treated more than 100 patients a day in resource-limited conditions. The experience highlighted the versatility and impact of family physicians and solidified Tom's passion for comprehensive, community-based care. Tom's dedication to service and his global perspective echo the values and accomplishments of Dr. Charles Tripoli, who championed compassion for all.

Dr. Charles Tripoli once said, "I may not be remembered as the smartest physician, but I want to be remembered as the most compassionate." Despite that prediction, he is fondly remembered by his patients as having both deep clinical acumen and compassion, as does Tom. As Tom interviews for family medicine residency programs, the Tripoli Foundation celebrates his achievements and looks forward to seeing how his career continues to embody Dr. Tripoli's enduring legacy of compassion and care.

## We're Back: Grant Awards are Officially Underway!

We are thrilled to share that the Tripoli Foundation has received clearance from the IRS to distribute grant funds. This milestone marks a significant step forward for our mission, and we are grateful for your continued support and patience during this time. With this approval in hand, our selection committee is proud to announce that we have awarded \$5,000 grants to the top five scoring applicants.

Each of these recipients embodies the values of service, inclusion, and education that guided Dr. Charles Tripoli's life and legacy. We look forward to sharing their incredible stories with you in the coming months, starting with our first Spotlight On: Thomas Rubino.

## Looking Ahead: A Focus on Fundraising

With the first round of grant awards dispersed, the Tripoli Foundation is turning its focus to the future. Following the disbursement of five \$5,000 grants to our inaugural group of recipients, we will be dedicating the remainder of 2025 to fundraising efforts that will ensure the continued growth and sustainability of our mission, including a strategic partnership benefitting Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. We are deeply committed to honoring Dr. Charles Tripoli's legacy by supporting educational opportunities for students who exemplify his values. To do that, we must take time to build a strong foundation —both financially and strategically—for the years ahead.

We anticipate announcing next steps and future grant cycles in early 2026, including information on when new applications may be accepted. In the meantime, we invite you to stay connected through our website, Facebook, and LinkedIn pages, support our ongoing efforts, and follow the inspiring stories of this year's grant recipients. Thank you for your continued belief in our mission.

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