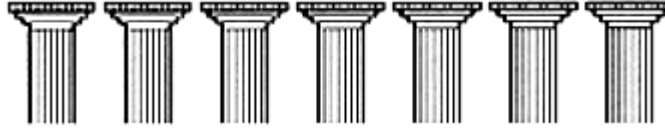


# PISACANO LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION



*The Philanthropic Foundation of the American Board of Family Medicine, Inc.*

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The Board of Directors of the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, Inc. (PLF) is pleased to announce its selections for the 2010 Pisacano Scholarships. Each recipient is noted as an outstanding medical student who has made a commitment to enter the specialty of Family Medicine.

The 2010 Pisacano Scholars are:

Allana Krolikowski - University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Matthew Malek - University of Rochester School of Medicine

Alicia Overstreet Galeano - University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Rohan Radhakrishna - University of California - San Francisco School of Medicine

**Mark Stoltenberg - Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine**

The scholarships, valued up to \$28,000 each, are awarded to students attending U.S. medical schools who demonstrate a strong commitment to the specialty of Family Medicine. In addition, each applicant must show demonstrable leadership skills, superior academic achievement, strong communication skills, identifiable character and integrity, and a noteworthy level of community service. Since 1993, the PLF has selected 100 outstanding medical students. Approximately 1900 applicants representing more than 120 medical schools competed for these scholarships.

Each Pisacano Scholar received an endorsement from his or her medical school prior to being reviewed by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee is comprised of the distinguished members of the PLF Board of Directors and over 300 participating family physicians. The Scholarship program provides educational programs, leadership training and funding for outstanding 4<sup>th</sup>-year medical students who have been identified as the future leaders in the field of Family Medicine.

The Pisacano Leadership Foundation, Inc. was created in 1990 by the American Board of Family Medicine in tribute to the founder and first Executive Director of the ABFM, Nicholas J. Pisacano, M.D. (1924-1990). Dr. Pisacano is acknowledged around the world as one of the leaders in the effort to recognize Family Medicine as a major specialty. His perseverance was finally rewarded in 1969 when the American Board of Family Medicine was designated as the sole agency responsible for the certification and recertification of family physicians. The American Board of Family Medicine continues to serve this role and is considered a leader in assuring primary care to all Americans.

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**For more information concerning the Pisacano Scholars program and the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, please contact Jane Ireland, Program Coordinator; or Robert J. Cattoi, Executive Director of the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, Inc., at 859/ 269-5626.**

## More about Mark Stoltenberg

**Mark Stoltenberg** is a 4<sup>th</sup>-year medical student at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, where he is also earning his master's in bioethics and health policy. He graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion. Mark has been actively involved in community service both nationally and locally. From the age of 13 through college, he volunteered at a children's hospital. During his senior year, he participated in service trips to Salem, West Virginia and Managua, Nicaragua, both poverty stricken areas. An experienced soccer player himself, Mark also served as the head coach for a youth soccer team each summer during college.

As a medical student, Mark has continued his academic achievement and commitment to service. He has received a number of scholarships, including an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship. Additionally, Mark was chosen for a Dean's scholarship to complete his master's degree at Loyola. During his first two years of medical school, Mark created a family advocacy program that connects local underserved families with medical students through a new service-learning curriculum. In addition, Mark and a few of his classmates chose to move into the underserved community in which the families reside. Along with two other classmates, Mark also developed a survey-based research study in conjunction with the department of preventive medicine to better assess the community of Maywood. Mark will conduct focus groups, and paired with the survey results, hopes to give the department a better understanding of the local community that will more accurately direct future projects and initiatives.

Mark most recently began a year-long fellowship, a project which he designed for himself. This fellowship will allow Mark to commit a year to act as the medical coordinator for a 13-village clinic system in rural Bolivia which was started by a Loyola attending physician and her husband nine years ago. During his year there, Mark will be coordinating the public health projects conducted by the clinic, fostering communication between the clinic and the 13 villages it serves, and also assisting in patient care alongside visiting attending physicians. Once instituted, Mark plans to make his position a permanent Global Health Fellowship where one student between their 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>- years of medical school will hold the position on an annual basis in order to provide the clinic with consistent, continuing support.

Following residency, Mark plans to remain in academic medicine and continue working with the various projects and communities he has connected with while in medical school. He hopes this will include teaching students, caring for the urban underserved, and writing within the field of bioethics while still finding a month or two every year to continue his work in Bolivia.