

Two Receive New Violet A. Bradley Memorial Scholarship Established by Alumna



Dr. Tomika Coleman



Violet A. Bradley

On July 16th, NYCPM received a check for \$3,000, the first installment of the new annual Violet A. Bradley Memorial Scholarship, established by alumna Tomika Coleman, DPM ('12). Named for Dr. Coleman's beloved grandmother, \$1,500 will be awarded yearly to each of the two APMSA representatives entering their fourth year. This year's scholarship was awarded to Monique Dyquiango (2021) and Sarah Taslima (2021).

Dr. Coleman graciously answered some questions about the scholarship for *Footprints*.

Why did you name the scholarship after your grandmother Violet A. Bradley?

My gram would tell everyone I was her doctor long before I obtained my undergraduate degree. I found it to be embarrassing and would sometimes get upset thinking I would have to continue this fib. Yes, I planned to go to medical school but I was many years off from being a doctor. She passed away two years before I enrolled at NYCPM. What I realized several years later was that she was not telling a lie or trying to embarrass me, she was speaking it into existence. Her unrelenting faith in me is why the scholarship is named for her.

We're very grateful that your generosity was directed toward the College and future podiatrists. Why honor your grandmother's memory with support of podiatry students this way?

Anyone who has asked me why I chose podiatry has heard the story of how my grandmother would see her podiatrist every three months for foot care, so the connection was made long before I realized it. My grandmother was a social worker who spent at least thirty years of her life in service of others. The APMSA delegates spend four years in service to their classmates and naming the scholarship in her name continues that legacy.

Tomika Coleman, DPM, Biography:

I trained under Guido Laporta, DPM at Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton, PA. After residency, I joined a private practice in Butler, PA after residency. I soon longed to be closer to my mom and friends and moved to Maryland where I joined the Mid-Atlantic Physicians Medical Group which is associated with Kaiser Permanente.