El Paso Counties Medical Society is helping to create a healthy future for more Texans by providing generous support to one of nine students with the dream of becoming a physician. Jo-Anna Palma will start at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine this fall thanks to a $5,000 scholarship provided through the TMA Minority Scholarship Program. Additional donors to Ms. Palma’s scholarship include Hidalgo-Starr County Medical Society.

The TMA Educational Scholarship, Loan, and Awards Committee chose winners from a competitive field of promising future physicians who were selected for their academic achievement, commitment to community service and deep desire to care for Texas’ increasingly diverse population.

TMA created the Minority Scholarship Program to help diversify the physician workforce to fulfill the needs of Texas’ diverse population. The scholarship encourages minority students to enter medicine by lightening their medical school financial burden. Since 1999, TMA has awarded 92 scholarships totaling $460,000, thanks to a grant from TMA Foundation which is made possible through gifts from generous physicians and individuals and institutions who are friends of medicine.

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