Meet Bryan Broderick . . .

Bryan was raised in the blue-collar town of West Keansburg, located in central N.J. and attended Raritan High School. After high school, he attended Caldwell College in Caldwell, NJ. Bryan’s decision to attend Caldwell was largely based on the opportunity to be a member of the Intercollegiate Men’s Soccer team, where he was a star player for 4 years. Although he excelled on the soccer field, Bryan was unsettled academically because he did not know what he wanted to do with my life. Thanks to a supportive professor, Bryan decided to switch his major to biology during the second semester of his sophomore year and decided to apply to the Northeast Regional Alliance (NERA) MedPrep Program at New Jersey Medical School, to which he was accepted.

After finishing the first six-weeks of the program, Bryan was certain that he wanted to be a doctor. He began his junior year with a re-focused attitude and a crystal-clear goal and his hard work has since paid off. Bryan’s grades improved significantly and he graduated from Caldwell College magna cum laude with a B.A. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Additionally, Bryan received Caldwell’s Frederick W. Neumann II Award, which is presented to one outstanding science student annually for meritorious work in the biological sciences. Most notably, he is proud to say that he is a member of the New Jersey Medical School Class of 2017.

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About the Program

The Health Careers Opportunity Programs (HCOP) are authorized under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act. Together with the Centers of Excellence (COE), HCOPs function to increase the representation of minority and disadvantaged students in the health professions.

Program activities include an intense reading and science enrichment program during Phase 1, MCAT preparation during Phase 2, and research during Phase 3. Each phase is supplemented with clinical experiences.

More information on the HCOP program activities is available on the program website: http://njms.umdnj.edu/education/odace/NERA/index.cfm

According to Bryan…

The NERA MedPrep Program removed any doubt of what I wanted to do with my life. Not only did the MedPrep program provide the skills I needed to tackle successfully any science course, but it also provided insight on what it is like to be a physician. I had the opportunity to speak to several doctors and medical students about medical school and careers in medicine.

The program effectively uses enrichment courses, MCAT review, research, clinical exposure, and individualized attention to mold each student into a competitive medical school applicant and future compassionate physician. In addition to many facets of the summer program, the staff and teachers – some of who are accomplished medical students – provide year-round advice and mentoring to ensure the success of each student.

Before I began the MedPrep program, I questioned whether or not I’d be able to attend medical school and chase my dreams of becoming a physician. After completing all three phases of the program, I know I have all the tools necessary to succeed in medical school and beyond. I can say with complete certainty that I would not be where I am today without the opportunities afforded to me through the MedPrep program.