Meet Moorice Caparo…

Moorice was born in the city of Callao, Peru. At the age of 14, he came to the U.S. with his mother and sister and settled in Paterson, NJ. Coming to America signified leaving his whole life behind, learning a new language, and adapting to a foreign lifestyle. Moorice attended Panther Academy, an inner-city magnet school that focused on science and technology. Thanks to the help of his family, teachers and peers, he was able to quickly learn English and achieve a good academic standing. During his junior year at John Hopkins University, Moorice became part of the Northeast Regional Alliance (NERA) MedPrep Summer MCAT Program at New Jersey Medical School.

Through various activities, Moorice was exposed to the medical field, felt confident that he wanted to pursue a career in medicine and made medical school his goal. Moorice is currently a senior at Johns Hopkins University as a Bloomberg Scholar and reside in Baltimore. He has been accepted to NJMS as an early decision to the Class of 2016.

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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 Moorice…

When seeking medical care, many Hispanics are challenged by linguistic and cultural barriers. It is even harder for a Hispanic person considering medicine as a career to find effective guidance into this field. In order to alleviate these constraints, there are programs such as the NERA Med Prep program which provide assistance to the Hispanic population. I attended the NERA program at NJMS during the summer of 2011. Back then, I wasn’t sure whether I had what it takes to become a doctor. The NERA program provided me with plenty of support from faculty and students who mentored me and helped me study for the MCATs. They inspired me and gave me the confidence I needed to apply to medical school.

The NERA Med Prep program also gave me the opportunity to shadow medical students, residents and attending physicians at the University Hospital in Newark. During this experience, I learned the importance of critical thinking and attention to detail in health care. I also was able to experience firsthand how empathy is a critical quality a doctor must have in order to interact with a patient's loved ones. The NERA program gave me an insight of the challenging yet fulfilling life of a doctor and strengthened my medical aspirations.