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176 Storer Ave, New Rochelle, New York, 10801

Obesity Research Lab

Dr. Aleman

Dear Dr. Aleman,

I am writing to express my interest in your Obesity Research lab at NYU Langone Center. I am a first-year medical student at the Sophie Davis/CUNY School of Medicine program, graduating in 2022 with a B.S. degree in Biology, and lastly an M.D in 2026. I'm interested in the United States' national Obesity Epidemic as a career path and hope to successfully tackle it by getting a perspective of the clinical work needed to do so as a pathway to transitioning that work into the public health atmosphere.

I have clinical experience at the Samuel Freidman Performing Center clinic shadowing Dr. Pesigan in New York City as well as hospital volunteering at White Plains Hospital in Westchester County. These experiences served as foundations to my career aspirations—but my real inspiration came from a reflection of my childhood. Growing up as a kid, I understand what it felt like to be the “odd-man out” being overweight and obese; I hope to change that for kids all across the United States.

I wholeheartedly believe in the importance of connecting to patients affected by obesity and showing that it's possible to take control of your health and improve your quality of life. I am looking forward to discussing with you my fit for their lab and seeing if I can contribute anything of value to your work.

Please contact me at (914) 351-3699, or at rbartol000@citymail.cuny.edu. Enclosed is my resume. Thank you for taking the time to consider my request.

Sincerely,

Raphael Bartolome

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EDUCATION

CUNY School of Medicine

Accelerated 7-Year BS/MD Program, U1 Student, 3.7/4.00 GPA

Present-2026

New York, NY

Fordham Preparatory School

Graduated with Distinguished Academic Award, Principal's Honor Roll, 3.84/4.00 GPA

2015-2019

Bronx, NY

EXPERIENCE

Philippine American Organization

Freshman Class Representative

Oct 2019-Present

New York, NY

- Integrated freshmen members into the club and reached out to potential members.
- Fostered sense of community as a cohort by announcing club events and encouraging attendance.

Concourse House

Teaching Assistant

Sept 2018-April 2019

Bronx, NY

- Tutored kids on basic level math and English.
- Provided a nurturing learning environment for kids whose families are at-risk of becoming homeless.

Mt. Sinai's Samuel Friedman Center for the Performing Arts

Observer

July 2018

New York, NY

- Clinic providing clinical services to the performing arts community of New York City.
- Shadowed with Dr. Ramon Pesigan, M.D., Internal Medicine.
- Experience led to professional foundation in establishing a patient-doctor relationship.
 - Emphasis on treating not just the illness, but also the person.

UNICEF Club at Fordham Preparatory School

Service Coordinator

Sept 2017-May 2019

Bronx, NY

- Organized high school's first ever service trip to the Cebu, Philippines.
 - Sites include Everlasting Hope, Operation Smile Clinic in Mindanao, and community barangays.
- Captured photography on all sites.
- Sought to make lasting impact on communities.
 - Fundraising for fishing boats allowing for self-sufficiency among families.
 - Raised book drives for literary access for kids.

White Plains Hospital

Volunteer

Sept 2017-January 2018

White Plains, NY

- Liaison between patients and nurses in providing basic needs of patients.
- Emphasized the importance of patients' care experience by providing time for conversation for those without family in the area.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Skills:** Active listening and communication skills through empathy. Ability to teach and mentor. Creative and academic writing.
- **Interests:** Jazz, RnB, guitar, piano. Ultimate Frisbee player in high school and college leagues. Fluency in Tagalog and Spanish. Cooking (not very good). Exploring cultural foods, as well as meeting new people.

