BLOSSOM DHARMARAJ - CONDENSED CV

EDUCATION

Doctor of Medicine, 2023-2026

Medical Doctor Candidate

Michael G DeGroote School of Medicine, McMaster University

Masters of Education: Developmental Psychology and Education

Graduated with High Distinction University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Honors Bachelor of Science: Life Sciences

Graduated with High Distinction University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

SOCRA Certified Clinical Research Professional (CCRP)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Ontario Regional Director, Canadian Federation of Medical Students 2024-2025 Council Member, Ontario Medical Students Association, 2024-2025 National Officer of Communications, Canadian Federation of Medical Students 2023-2024

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Mac Anesthesia High School Education Club, McMaster University Medical School, Kitchener ON, Canada, December 2023- Present
 - Co-created a club in which medical students go to high schools in the community and teach them about the field of anesthesiology and medical school. Goals to inspire high school students interest in medicine and specifically anesthesia.
- 2. **McMaster Mentorship Program, McMaster University Medical School, Kitchener** ON, Canada, Aug 2023- Present Assigned to mentor an undergraduate student who wants to pursue medicine.
- 3. MACgic School Bus, McMaster University Medical School, Kitchener ON, Canada, Aug 2023- Present Go to different schools within my school community and host day events where we present different medical systems to children with hands on activities and live demonstrations.
- 4. **Speakers Bureau, McMaster University Medical School,** Kitchener ON, Canada, Aug 2023- Present. I go to different schools in the Kitchener Waterloo region and speak to high school students about applying to medical school at McMaster
- 5. **Sosa Food Bank,** Toronto ON Canada, January 2019 Present. I pick up food from different grocery stores, and pizza restaurants that donate to the food bank. I drop them off on Saturday's when we have our food bank open. I serve the food to the individuals who come, and help them with packing and selecting food.
- 6. **Toronto City Mission,** Toronto ON Canada, January 2019 Present
 This organization works with students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. I am assigned to tutor 1-1 with students with learning disabilities every week. I teach Math, Science and English. I assisted in group actives, fund-raising events and preparing meals for our students.
- 7. Scarborough Family Academic Health Center, Toronto ON Canada, January 2018 Present I volunteer with a family physician once a week. In this role I stay with physician in consult room with patients, assist with taking heights/ weights and talking with the patients. I have the opportunity to build relationships with patients over time, and be able to see their progress.
- 8. **Toronto Police Community Liaison Committee**, Toronto ON Canada, September 2011 Present Through this organization I celebrate cultural differences and working with my home community. In this role I assist in community outreach events and work with diverse group of community partners to promote neighborhood safety. I received an award for my years of service.
- 9. **Scarborough Extendicare,** Toronto ON Canada, September 2011 Present Through this program I visit the seniors home once a week on Sundays and sing to them, play the piano, organize activities and be a general companion to them. I learned the sills needed to be able to work with an elderly population.
- 10. Accessibility Services University of Toronto, Toronto ON Canada, September 2013 April 2016 As a volunteer with accessibility services at my university I took detailed lecture notes from my university courses and uploaded them to be used for students with disabilities or in need of specialized accommodation.
- 11. **Educational Outreach Trip** Kigali, Rwanda, April 2016- April 2016
 I was part of an organization called the Sowers Fund which aims to help individuals experiencing poverty in different parts of the world. In this activity I spent 3 weeks teaching students, running food and medical drives for homeless population of children and women. From this experience I learned the importance of access to education globally.
- 12. **Educational Outreach Trip,** Dominican Republic & Haiti, April 2015- April 2015
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EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

1. VP Research, Canadian Anesthesiology Interest Group

- On the board of the CAIG I manage all research projects and initiatives in the CAIG.
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- 3. Ontario Regional Director, Canadian Federation of Medical Students

 This elected position I oversee the management of all Ontario medical schools, host events, lead advocacy events and serve as the liaison between medical schools and the governing body of the Canadian Federation of Medical Students.
- 4. **National Officer of Communications, Canadian Federation of Medical Students**. In this elected role I oversee communication for the CFMS and work with a committee and represent medical students across Canada
- 5. **Piano Lessons,** Toronto ON, Canada. started Piano lessons when I was in the second year of my undergraduate degree and continued till my Masters. I was able to learn additional skills outside of school, and was able to have a creative outlet. I used this skill when volunteering at my church and at the seniors home and was able to share the joy of classical music with their community.
- 6. **Biology Students Association**, Toronto ON Canada,
 I joined this group to delve more into biology and contribute to the community. I was able to plan biology interest events, communicate with stakeholders and promote interest in biology outside of the classroom.
- 7. **South Asian Alliance**, Toronto ON Canada, September I campaigned as was elected the Event's Coordinator for this group aimed at celebrating and promoting South Asian Culture through a variety of different events. I was able to connect with other students and plan events for the greater school community to engage and learn with others.
- 8. **Doctors without Borders**, Toronto ON Canada,
 I was apart of this student club raising awareness and support for the lifesaving work of Doctors Without Borders. I was able to be the voice of this group on campus, working hard to raise awareness of the work done by this organization in expanding and providing global healthcare. I participated in organizing events, fundraising and speaking on behalf of people caught up in emergencies and epidemics.