Bausch Health's Ortho Dermatologics Announces the 2026 Aspire Higher Scholarship Winners

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This year's Aspire Higher scholarships are awarded to six students who have been affected by dermatologic conditions.

LAVAL, QC, Aug. 27, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Bausch Health Companies Inc. (NYSE:BHC) (TSX:BHC), a global, diversified pharmaceutical company, and its dermatology business, Ortho Dermatologics, today announced the recipients of its 2026 Aspire Higher Scholarship Program. Since launching in 2013, the program has awarded 87 scholarships, totaling over $1 million, to students who have been treated for dermatologic conditions. This year, six inspiring students will each receive up to $10,000 to support their undergraduate or graduate studies.

The 2026 scholar recipients were selected based on essays that described their educational journeys while managing dermatologic conditions and reflected on the role healthcare professionals played in their treatment. The Aspire Higher program recognizes students nationwide and offers scholarships in two categories: Undergraduate Scholar Awards and Graduate Scholar Awards.

"It's always a privilege to be able to support exceptional students as they work towards achieving their academic goals," said **Aimee Lenar, President, US Pharma, Bausch Health**. "The stories shared by this year's scholar recipients, shaped by their educational experiences and the dermatologic care they received, are truly inspiring. We're honored to be part of their journey through the Aspire Higher program."

The 2026 Aspire Higher Scholarship Program recipients are as follows:

Undergraduate Scholar Awards

- Riddhi Patel – Loyola University Chicago
- Maria Pervez – University of Southern California
- Connor Proefrock – Purdue University

Graduate Scholar Awards

- Joshua Lewis – Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Patrick Molluso – Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University
- Demilade Oloyede – Harvard University

"Thank you for this incredible honor and for investing in my future. I am deeply grateful for Ortho Dermatologics generosity and encouragement, and I look forward to representing the Aspire Higher Graduate Scholarship program throughout my medical training."–Joshua Lewis

To learn more about the Aspire Higher Scholarship Program and to read stories from previous scholarship recipients, please visit www.AspireHigherScholarships.com

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For more information about Bausch Health, visit www.bauschhealth.com and connect with us on LinkedIn.

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