

*The first letter was written by one of Jason's friends from Miami University*

Hi Mrs. Madachy

It's really great to hear from you.

I just finished my second year at Wright State University. Med School has been far harder than I've ever could've imagined, but I have an amazing group of friends that have supported me and encouraged me every step of the way. This past Tuesday I took the USMLE Step 1 Board Exam, which is required in order to start 3rd year in the hospitals. It tests you on the basic sciences that you learn the first two years of medical school, and for the most boring 5 weeks of my life, I did my best to prepare for it. I had some pretty okay feelings about it coming out of the test, so hopefully everything went well- I don't get my scores back until late July. (I wore my Jason bracelet for good luck- I'm pretty sure he was helping me out!)

I'm very excited to be out of the classroom and in the hospital interacting with patients this year. I went to medical school to impact people and affect change in their lives, and the first two years definitely did not fulfill that. Hopefully the next two years prove more to my liking. I start out with 6 weeks of family medicine, 6 weeks of psychiatry, and then 12 weeks of internal medicine before we break for Christmas. Afterward, I have 8 weeks of pediatrics, 8 weeks of surgery, and 8 weeks of women's health. If 3rd year goes by anywhere near as fast as 2nd year did, I will be a 4th year in no time, applying and interviewing for residencies. Right now I am most interested in Pediatrics and Psychiatry, although I haven't had much of a taste of either and I am keeping an open mind going into 3rd year.

Jason is with me everywhere. I think of him when I'm stressed out, I remember him when I'm feeling down, and I celebrate with him every completed step towards my degree. I will continue striving to be the kind of doctor that Jason would've been, and the kind of person Jason was- laughing, caring, and inspiring.

In two short years, I will be a doctor. It is exciting as it is scary. But, with Jason in my heart, in my mind, and on my wrist, I know that I can and will do great things in his memory.

All my best,

Justin Leung, MSIII