



**Ted Obi, 2nd Year Medical Student
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS)
2019 Manhattan Central Medical Society Scholar**

A second year medical student at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Ted Obi, has a passion and commitment for diversity, innovation, and service. In 2014, Ted received a Posse Foundation Leadership and Merit Full-tuition Scholarship to the University of Virginia, where he earned a BA in Psychology with distinction. While an undergraduate, he served on the student advisory board to the University of Virginia Office of Admissions, where he assisted in finding novel ways to attract diversity among the student body. Ted is the current Chief Operating Officer of Melanin Doc, a social media platform that seeks to increase the participation of persons of color in the field of medicine by telling first-hand, unique, and relatable stories from URM healthcare professionals. Additionally, he is the co-founder of Yedea, a funded social enterprise in Ghana that seeks to create more accessible healthcare for people living in rural Ghana with the use of telemedicine and telecommunication technology. In addition to being accepted into the FlexMed Early Assurance Program, which guaranteed his spot at ISMMS as a sophomore in college, Ted was also given a merit scholarship to attend ISMMS. As a medical student, Ted is a co-founder for the Diversity Innovation Hub, a Mount Sinai venture dedicated to fostering innovation that addresses social determinants of health and increasing the representation of women and minorities in healthcare innovation. Ted is a case manager at the East Harlem Outreach Partnership free clinic. He is the current president of Students for Equal Opportunity in Medicine and a Student National Medical Association (SNMA) board member at Mount Sinai.



**Shahid Dodson, 4th Year Medical Student
CUNY School of Medicine (CSOM)
2019 Empire State Medical Association Scholar**

A fourth-year medical student at CUNY School of Medicine (CSOM), Shahid Dodson exemplified an early commitment to medicine by undertaking a 7-year BS/MD program out of high school with a mission to provide quality health service to communities historically underserved by primary care practitioners. Shahid hopes to inspire future physicians through his extensive mentorship and tutoring of high school, undergraduate, and medical students. He was featured in CUNY Matters and the Daily News for his commitment to improving healthcare in underserved communities. Shahid rises up as a leader to make positive change. He has served as a founder and co-president for the Emergency Medicine Interest Group at the CUNY School of Medicine and Vice President of the Student National Medical Association undergraduate and graduate chapter at CSOM. He has facilitated numerous events with the mission of increasing the number of culturally and socially competent physicians. Throughout his undergraduate and graduate education, Shahid has conducted neuroscience research focusing on gene expression after spinal cord injury to improve health outcomes for patients with debilitating movement disorders. His research has resulted in a series of fellowships, poster presentations, and a publication in Experimental Neurology.

