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UVI Graduation 2020 Success Stories: Micaiah Bully

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From UVI: Micaiah Bully is graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Health Sciences from the University of the Virgin Islands. Micaiah is a first-year medical student at Boston University's School of Medicine. He enrolled at UVI in the Fall of 2016, with the intention of being accepted into the University's Boston School of Medicine's Early Medical School Selection Program (EMSSP). The EMSSP is a partnership between Boston University and UVI that is designed to provide an early and decompressed transition into the medical school curriculum through provisional acceptance into medical school at the completion of two years of undergraduate study. With this goal in mind, he dedicated a lot of time towards his academics, earning him top

scores in a number of his biology courses, being on the Dean's List for eight consecutive semesters, the Barnett Frank 'Best in Class Award' for junior male with the highest GPA in 2017, the Senior Biology major award, and Outstanding Student in French Award.

Growing up on St. Thomas, Micaiah always had an interest in STEM, however he wasn't quite sure what field of study would best suit him. It wasn't until he attended the National Student Leadership Conference on Medicine and Healthcare when he was a student in high school that his passion for a career medicine was born.

After completing his sophomore year, Micaiah applied for the Early Medical School Selection program. "The biology faculty and professors were very supportive throughout the application process," says Micaiah. Doing mock interviews and being advised by faculty in the biology program helped him to better prepare, he says.

After weeks of preparation and three interviews later, all of which he recalls being nervous about, Micaiah received acceptance into the Early Medical School Selection Program. "Opening my acceptance letter was one of the happiest moments of my life," he says. "Many consider getting into medical school one of the most challenging parts of becoming a physician, so it was a really big deal for me."

Now on the right track to pursuing a career in medicine, Micaiah began spending his summers in Boston taking pre-med courses and preparing for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). "I spent the summer of last year studying for the MCAT. I studied for two months straight," Micaiah recalls.

In September of last year Micaiah took the MCAT and received a perfect score. "I remember opening my results and, after seeing my score, there was just a feeling of relief. The MCAT is one of the biggest hurdles, so I was happy to have completed that requirement for matriculation," he says. After completing graduate level courses at Boston University in his senior year, Micaiah successfully matriculated into Boston University's School of Medicine.

Now as a first-year medical student, where is he is a part of a number of programs and organizations related to the field of medicine, Micaiah is anxiously looking forward to earning the title of Doctor of Medicine with the hopes of returning home and serving his Virgin Islands community. "I plan to relocate to St. Thomas and hopefully open a private practice, serving the community that I know and care for," he says.

Micaiah thanks his family and friends for their unwavering support and the University. "UVI has done a great job in preparing me for medical school." When asked what he would say to current students who are also aspiring physicians, Micaiah says to follow your dreams. "Have faith in the education that you are receiving because It will give you a solid foundation for medical school."