Every year the Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation gives talented young people with limited resources the opportunity to forge their careers in the field of medicine to shape the leaders of tomorrow.
“We believe that socioeconomic status should not prevent a young mind from making a difference in healthcare.”

Dr. Ramon Tallaj, MD
President
We Are Making a Difference

Dear friend,

I am honored to have a foundation named after me that has the support of generous contributors such as yourself. For the last five years, the mission of the Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation has been to ensure that the gift of an excellent medical education is a viable option for future generations. We support those students with high academic achievements and low financial resources by creating an endowment fund through fundraising programs that focus on key educational healthcare priorities.

Our mission is not limited to providing grants and scholarships, but also to making a difference beyond our financial contribution by informing about health care policy and practices to improve the wellness system as we develop future leaders in the medical industry.

As a result of all the support from the Board members and our donors, the Foundation has been able to offer scholarships to twelve students enrolled in healthcare-related courses. Following our vision about spreading Christian values, the Foundation has published a book about our visit to the Vatican for a private audience with the Pope and its impact on the lives of so many individuals in our Foundation. I want to express my deep gratitude to my editorial team for also publishing a book about my life experiences, challenges, and achievements in the professional and Christian arenas.

With your generous support, our Foundation has been able to establish a boat hospital in the Ozama River, in the Dominican Republic, to assist the underserved communities along its banks. This boat hospital will avoid that residents commute several miles to receive medical help.

Our grants and scholarships benefit outstanding academic students coming from milieus that have not been provided the opportunity to become healthcare professionals to improve the lives of our communities in the Dominican Republic and New York.

Your continuous donations and support are essential for the success of our mission: improving the healthcare system for the most vulnerable by educating the next generation of healthcare providers.

Thank you for sharing our vision.

In eternal gratitude,

Dr. Ramon Tallaj, MD
About Us

The Foundation was born from an initiative of Dr. Ramon Tallaj to contribute to the educational opportunities, vision, and dreams of talented Dominican/Latino students of low socioeconomic status, committed to public service leadership and the study of medicine and other healthcare related fields in all corners of the United States and the World.

The Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation offers a variety of grants, scholarships, and awards for students that have academic distinction. The Foundation is an entity that acts in a free, responsible, autonomous manner; guided by ethical principles and valuing human dignity.

The Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation supports the vision and dreams of talented Hispanic young men and women committed to studying medicine and other healthcare-related fields in all corners of the U.S. and the world.

The Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation scholarship recipients represent geographic, economic, social, and cultural diversity, mirroring the inherent dignity of the person as a fundamental human right. The dignity of an individual cannot be denied. In our foundation, we affirm the inalienable right to life, to family, to foster a social climate favorable to integral development, solidarity, and mutual appreciation.

Core Values

ENCOURAGE a greater number of highly qualified Dominican/Latino students to apply to medical schools.

COMMITMENT to provide the support that will make possible the dreams of talented Dominican/Latino students.

SUPPORT outstanding young individuals of low socioeconomic status in their dream to obtain higher education in healthcare-related fields.

COMPLEMENT the financial support offered by institutions (public or private) to carry out post-graduate studies in healthcare disciplines.

INSPIRE family, friends, and collaborators of the Foundation to challenge students to enhance their academic success.
Small gestures can change the world.

Testimonials

Yomari Araujo Santos
“I sent a form to the Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation. A few months later, they call me and tell me that I was awarded the scholarship. My happiness was immense... I couldn’t believe it, but yes, it was true! I thank God for giving me that opportunity and, of course, I also thank the foundation for the great help it has given me.”

Emmanuel Hidalgo
“I always had the goal of getting a scholarship to study medicine. I aspired to study at a university, like PUCMM, for having excellent academic quality, but it was expensive. I’m thankful toward God, my parents, and especially with the Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation for accepting to be a crucial part of my professional training.”

Michelle Beltrán Berbere
“The Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation has had a great impact on my life. It gave me the opportunity to study medicine. It has given me hope to make my dreams come true... This help for me was the calm in the storm that has been my life. God does not forget his children and has used the Dr. Ramon Tallaj Foundation as an instrument.”

Maria Rosa Rodríguez
“I give my most sincere thanks to this foundation, as the scholarship has given me the opportunity to transform myself and find hope to achieve my dreams. Thanks to the foundation, I realized that my education and the service that I will soon be able to provide is one of the greatest keys to success and happiness.”

Visit drramidontallajfoundation.org for more info.
**Dr. Tallaj** has received several awards on two different occasions, as the “Most Outstanding Dominican in the United States of America”; once by the Committee of Dominicans Abroad, and also by the Office of Hispanic Affairs for the Catholic Church in New York. Dr. Ramon Tallaj is the Chairman of the Board at SOMOS Community Care, which he founded in 2015. He oversees SOMOS’s network of over 2,500 health care providers and 650,000 patients from largely underserved communities across New York City, including many Asian and Hispanic immigrants - populations that face unique health challenges.

**Mr. Paredes** earned his Master of Philosophy at the Catholic University of Argentina, Masters in Religious Education at Loyola University Chicago and postgraduate studies at Georgetown University. Mr. Paredes invested in the “Knight of the Holy Sepulcher”. In 2018 he was awarded by the Government of Chile the Order of Merit Gabriela Mistral. In 2017, he received a “Doctor of Liberal Arts” degree from The Catholic University of America. Mr. Paredes created the Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem in 2012.

**Alexandro Damiron**, a native of the Dominican Republic, has been recognized by the minority health care community as an emerging leader in the health care community for the State of New York. Mr. Damiron specializes in implementing and managing new initiatives that support the education and progress of minority community physicians, including business development, team building, communications, customer service, and performance management programs. In addition, Mr. Damiron takes pride in his ability to establish strategic communication between primary care physicians and multi-cultural/multilingual patients, such as those in New York City. He earned a B.A. and an M.B.A. from St. Thomas University - Miami, Florida.
For forging the leaders of tomorrow.

This book is a tribute and a life lesson for everyone. It’s a book that pays tribute and homage to the life and work of Dr. Ramon Tallaj.

Compendium of the memories of Dr. Tallaj’s visit to the Vatican City in a private audience with Pope Francis.

Learn how the COVID-19 changed the world and how a group of doctors and essential workers fight against it.
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