



During my internship experience, I aspired to become a general surgeon and explored the field of medicine to find the best career for myself. With the opportunities given by the AnnieRuth Foundation, I received the chance to connect and rotate with several medical mentors who helped me obtain a better understanding of healthcare. At the start of my first week, I worked with the entrepreneur Dr. V. Dunbar at the Center for Confidence, then for the next two weeks, I worked with Dr. Ralph Ryzk at Bahri Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Clinic, and for my last two weeks, I worked at Baptist with a research team.

While working under each mentor, I took on several projects and acquired many new skills sets that helped me expand my knowledge in medicine and business. When first starting out with Dr. Dunbar at the Center for Confidence, her goal was to smoothly transition her business to ecommerce, which involved creating a marketing plan to establish a line of action. This would involve finding platforms on social media to advertise her shop, using graphic designs to create eye-catching ads, and making small goal markers for the business's progression in the long run. During this process, I helped with organizing the inventory and categorizing the goods into groups such as self-care, office decorations, or handbags for the website; this would make the search easier and more navigable for consumers when exploring the and purchasing products. Additionally, while I spent my time at the clinic with Dr. Ryzk, I was given the opportunity to explore what is like working in a health care setting by interacting with patients and viewing imaging studies of patients' joints and brains. Once I went to my final location at Baptist with the research team, I was given the chance to really explore different areas of the hospital and view the operating rooms while surgeries took place.

Being selected as a 2023 award recipient for the AnnieRuth Foundation has been very beneficial to me as it has helped me acquire many new skills to bring into the work world. With each opportunity to participate in business seminars and engage with experts from different professions, I became more familiar with business etiquette and learned more about my own career.