2026 Kelly Graham Memorial Scholarship Award Winner: Zain Banday

Zain Banday is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree at Western University and aspires to become an emergency physician. His goal is to return to Bruce County following his education and contribute to healthcare services within his home community.

Through volunteer service with Huron Shores Hospice, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Western University's Student Emergency Response Team, Zain has already demonstrated an exceptional commitment to helping others. His experiences supporting individuals and families during some of life's most challenging moments have shaped both his character and his desire to pursue a career in medicine.

During the interview process, Zain distinguished himself through his maturity, compassion, and thoughtful reflection on the impact he hopes to have through both medicine and community service. The selection committee was inspired by his empathy, integrity, and genuine commitment to improving the lives of others. His desire to return to Grey-Bruce to practice rural medicine and advocate for the healthcare needs of local residents speaks to a strong sense of community and a deep commitment to giving back to the region that helped shape him.

"What inspires me most about pursuing a career as an Emergency Medicine physician is the opportunity to be a compassionate pillar of support for individuals during their most vulnerable moments."

– Zain Banday