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KEYNOTE LECTURE

Lauren Law

2023 CMHF Award Recipient | MD Candidate 2025, Memorial University of Newfoundland



Lauren was raised from humble beginnings in inner-city Vancouver, British Columbia. Motivated by her lived experience with poverty and health inequities, Lauren chose a career in medicine with the aim of supporting vulnerable populations.

Throughout her medical studies at Memorial University, Lauren has actively participated in initiatives focused on reducing health disparities. In 2022/2023, she spearheaded an advocacy campaign alongside her peers to expand language interpretation services across Newfoundland and Labrador to increase access to health care for refugees and migrants. Lauren is passionate about improving cultural competencies in the medical school curriculum and during her tenure as co-president of the Indigenous Health Interest Group at MUN, she collaborated with the Indigenous Student Resource Centre to design the university's first-ever Indigenous Language Learning Series for medical students. Lauren also serves as the student liaison on the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment Regional Committee and has helped launch the province's first family medicine nature prescription program. Her innovative work has earned her numerous scholarships, including the Dean's Building a Healthy Tomorrow Award.

Apart from her medical pursuits, Lauren enjoys coaching subsidized youth sports and is a competitive ultimate frisbee athlete, proudly representing Newfoundland and Labrador at national and international competitions.