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SAMUEL "SAM" BERHANU

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"Sam Berhanu is considerate, patient, and an impactful addition to the Pitt Med community. With his passion for teaching, he has consistently provided educational support to any classmate in need of clarity and understanding of course material—without hesitation. For example, two weeks before the Keystone Fundamentals 2 Summative, he dedicated at least two hours each day to walking some of his classmates through histology material. Not only that, but he also takes the time to explain challenging concepts in a way that aids both understanding and application of the knowledge to medical scenarios. He does all of this without ever making anyone feel inadequate.

Through his help and encouragement, I felt more confident and prepared to answer exam questions and to integrate the medical knowledge I have learned thus far. I believe I can speak on behalf of all the students Sam has helped in saying that he has played a vital role in our academic success. With his thorough understanding of medical knowledge, I am confident in his ability to become an outstanding physician who will continue to educate, support, and uplift those around him."

Submitted by a Medical Student
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