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Cultivating a Positive Learning Environment



WILLIAM MCKAY

MS2 Student

PITT MED STUDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S
Student of the Month
July 2026

"In just four to six weeks, William helped me grow from feeling like a newcomer to genuinely finding my footing in the 3D Printing lab. Being only a year ahead at Pitt, he understood exactly where I was starting from and met me there. Will taught me the practical skills that no one really hands you upfront, like how to build clean figures and how to actually structure and write a paper. What stood out most, though, was the way he mentored. He gave me real independence and trusted me to own my work, while always being available for guidance when I needed it. He was consistently kind and never demanding, which made the whole experience feel less like being trained and more like being welcomed. Because of that, I felt at ease taking responsibility for my own progress, and I came out of those few weeks far more confident and capable than I went in. I'm grateful for his generosity and patience, and I couldn't have asked for a better guide as I got up to speed."

Submitted by a Medical Student (DSRP)

UPMC Eye and Ear - 3D Printing/Ghodadra Lab, Spring 2026

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