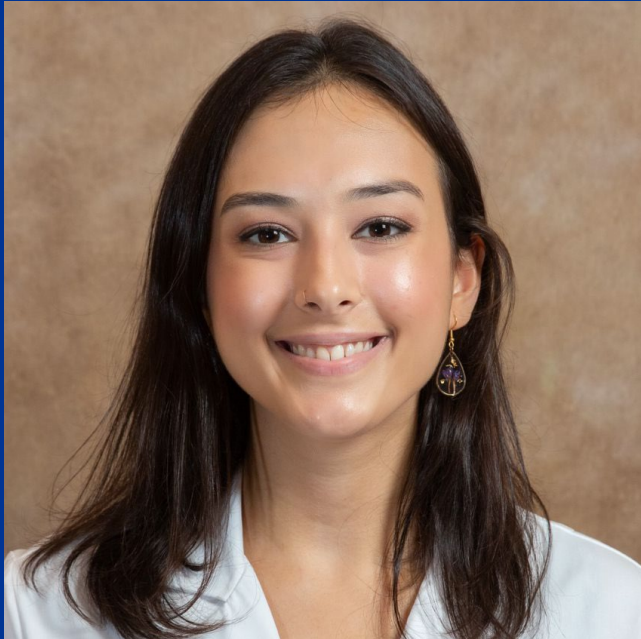


Pitt Med Professionalism Accolade

CONGRATULATIONS!



Siddhi Shockey

MS1 Student

Siddhi's unwavering commitment to advocacy and greater inclusion in healthcare is inspiring and worthy of recognition. One example that illustrates this dedication was the crochet octopus drive she recently organized, entirely on her own, to support Western Pennsylvania Fund for Choice. Despite being heavily involved in research, countless interest groups, and shadowing, Siddhi spent close to 40 hours collectively crocheting dozens of miniature octopi for our classmates, and was ultimately able to raise several hundred dollars to donate towards safe and affordable access to abortion care in our community. Rather than taking a break once the octopus sale was done, Siddhi immediately began planning another, and even co-founded an interest group called Knitt Med to teach her classmates how to crochet and maximize support for this important cause. This fundraiser is just one of countless examples of Siddhi's initiative and the way she fiercely advocates for her peers and patients alike. She is a ray of sunshine of a person, with a deep and natural empathy that is felt by all those who interact with her. I feel grateful to have such a compassionate advocate for a classmate and there is no one more deserving of this accolade than Siddhi.

**-- Submitted by a medical student
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