



CAPE BRETON MEDICAL CAMPUS

Dante DeGiobbi

Class of 2029

Born and raised in New Waterford, Nova Scotia, Dante DeGiobbi's path to medicine began with curiosity and compassion. "My interest in medicine started with a simple question: how does the body work—and how can I help when it doesn't?" While studying at CBU, Dante's passion for neurobiology, physiology, and anatomy deepened. But it was his mother's mini-stroke that truly shaped his calling, showing him how vital medical knowledge can be and inspiring him to care for others in their most vulnerable moments.

The Morning Everything Changed

Dante still remembers the day he found out he'd been accepted to the Cape Breton Medical Campus. That evening, surrounded by his girlfriend and two stepdaughters, he read the words he'd been dreaming of: Congratulations.

He immediately called his family and his grandfather—his biggest supporter—and took a quiet moment to thank his late mother for guiding him along the way.

"I was teaching at Glace Bay High when the email came through. My heart jumped, but I promised my girlfriend I wouldn't open it without her. When I finally opened it, I just sat there in disbelief. It didn't feel real."



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A Future Rural Family Physician

Why Rural Medicine Matters

For Dante, rural family medicine is deeply personal. “I’ve seen what happens when people can’t get the care they need. It affects every part of their lives.” Growing up and working in Cape Breton, he’s seen how limited access to family doctors can lead to preventable health struggles. He believes rural physicians play a vital role—not just as caregivers, but as advocates who understand the social and economic realities their patients face.

Studying Close to Home

Being able to study medicine in Cape Breton means everything to Dante. “On August 19, 2023, my girlfriend and I welcomed our son, Matteo. Knowing I can be here for him—and for my stepdaughters—while pursuing my dream is an incredible gift.” Staying home allows him to learn from and serve the same community that raised him—a place he hopes to one day practice, offering compassionate and continuous care to Cape Breton families.

Why Your Support Matters

As he begins this new chapter, Dante is eager to learn, grow, and give back. “I can’t wait for the first time I sit across from a patient, knowing I’ve started the journey toward making a real difference.” He hopes to inspire others from small towns to chase their dreams. “Coming from a rural community isn’t a limitation—it’s a strength. Carry that with you.”

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