



**CAPE BRETON MEDICAL CAMPUS**

# Grace Pimentel

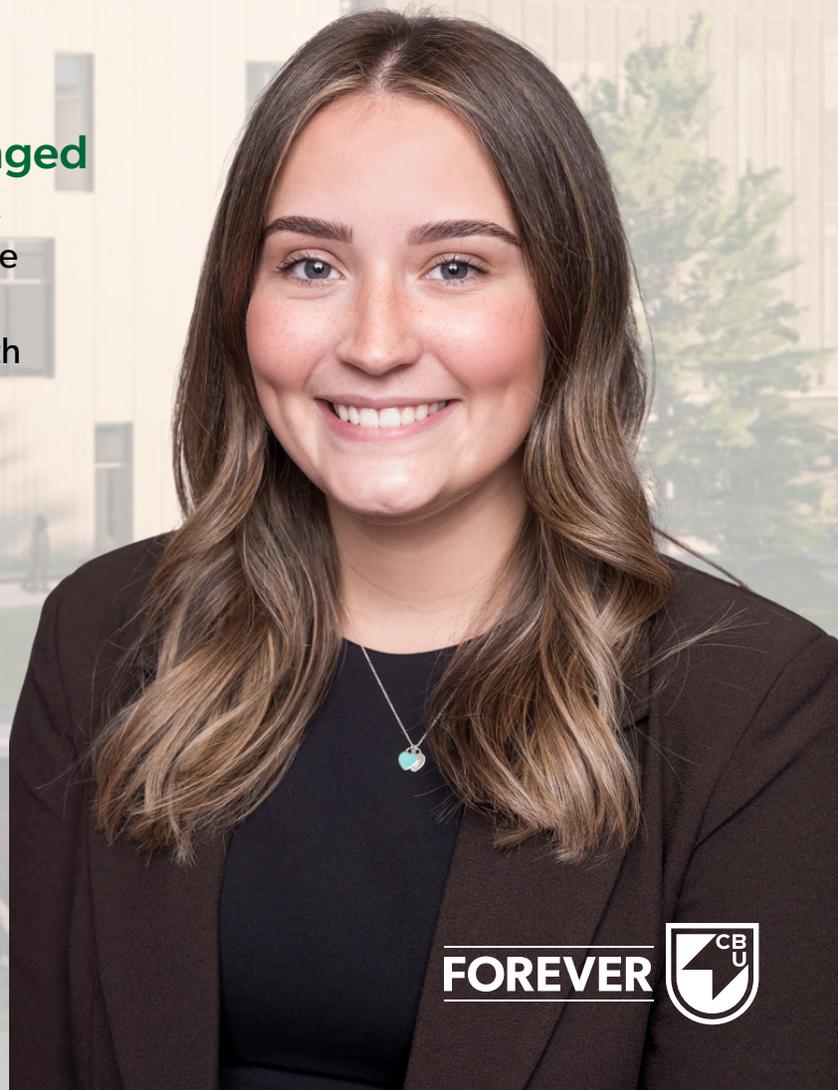
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Born and raised in Glace Bay, Cape Breton, this future physician is deeply connected to her community. Inspired by her mother, a registered nurse, she always knew she wanted to enter healthcare. Drawn to the diagnostic and investigative side of care, she set her sights on becoming a doctor - **her dream job**.

## The Morning Everything Changed

Surrounded by her parents and partner, she opened the email that would change her life: an acceptance to medical school. She quickly shared the news with her two younger sisters and grandparents—her biggest supporters.

*"When I saw 'Congratulations,' I felt everything - disbelief, joy, excitement. I'll never forget that moment. It's an incredible privilege to study in the community I'll one day serve. I understand its needs because I've lived them."*



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A Future Rural Family Physician

## Why Rural Medicine Matters

Growing up in rural Nova Scotia, she knows the reality many families face without access to a family doctor. “I’ve seen people struggle to manage chronic health issues because they don’t have a physician. Thousands of Nova Scotians are in the same situation.”

Rural family doctors play a crucial role—often managing conditions that would otherwise be referred to specialists. For Grace, choosing rural family medicine is a way to give back to the community that raised her.

## Studying Close to Home

Staying in Cape Breton to study means staying close to her support system—her family, her community, and the place that shaped her. Learning in a rural setting gives her a front-row seat to the challenges and strengths of rural healthcare, preparing her to serve with empathy and purpose.

## Why Your Support Matters

Like many students, she carries significant financial debt from years of undergraduate education—and now medical school. “A scholarship would be life-changing. It would ease financial pressure and allow me to focus on becoming the best physician I can be.”

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