



### **Zayan Shamayeen (1995 — 2020) Biography** **Zayan Shamayeen Memorial Scholarship Endowment**

Zayan Shamayeen was a Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy (Class of 2022) who committed himself to the mission of improving the lives of those around him in any way he could. This was influenced by his childhood in his home country of Bangladesh, where he witnessed many political and economic struggles around him. He even experienced his own personal hardship managing chronic epilepsy, but he did not allow his special medical condition to limit him ever. Rather, he used it as motivation to help alleviate the suffering of others. His desire to search for cures to overcome political, economic and health-related hardships lead him to his interest in health care.

Zayan completed his BS degree in Biology with a minor in Economics from Emory University (Class of 2018). There he became an advocate of social justice and humanitarianism. He conducted research looking into the effects of family income on healthcare. Additionally, he became a founding President of the Bengali Association where he helped to create a safe environment for students of Bengali culture and promote initiatives that would help his home country. He enrolled at the University of North Carolina of Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy (Class of 2022) where his mission to help others and his advocacy for social justice and humanitarianism manifested in his desire to practice clinical pharmacy.

During his time at UNC, Zayan put into practice his desire to serve others through his participation in many organizations. He co-chaired the smoking cessation movement within Carolina Association of Pharmacy Students (CAPS) and worked in the inter-professional Student Health Action Clinic (SHAC) - a free outreach clinic for marginalized communities within the Chapel Hill-Carrboro-Durham area. As a member of the pharmacy fraternity Kappa Psi, he served as both the Sergeant of Arms and a member of the leadership development committee, where he committed himself to ensuring the safety and development of his fellow Kappa Psi brothers into community-serving pharmacists. He later completed a pharmacy internship at Johns Hopkins Hospital, working in the inpatient cancer clinic.

Zayan was an amazing son and friend who could always light up a room with his energy. He was always willing to go out of his way for others and was always proud of who he was and where he came from. He spoke proudly of his love for soccer, particularly Arsenal. He also loved music and was always ready to tell a joke to cheer a friend up. He was never one to shy away from speaking up for others and he did his best to make sure everyone around him felt included. We hope that his passion for healthcare serves as an inspiration for all in the years to come.