TALLAHASSEE — Stephanie Nicole Williams, a 2008 graduate of Gibbs High School, is one of five second-year students at the Florida State University College of Medicine chosen as a Chapman Humanism Scholar. Williams will be honored in a ceremony at the College of Medicine in September. Recipients of the Chapman Humanism Scholarship are being recognized for their ability to relate to patients with compassion and empathy. Humanism is sometimes called the art of medicine. It's the often-indefinable quality that leads you to point to a medical student and say, “That's the doctor I'd want for my loved ones someday.” Patients often know best. So it's fitting that the College of Medicine's standardized patients played a key role in nominating these students.

The Chapman Humanism Scholars Fund was established in 2015 by the Jules B. Chapman, M.D. and the Annie Lou Chapman Private Foundation.
“Many of us believe the ‘art’ of medicine remains at the heart of becoming a great physician,” foundation trustee Robert Watson, M.D., wrote in a note to the first scholarship recipients. “This scholarship validates that you are already practicing the ‘art.’ I hope you receive this scholarship with the pride it deserves.”

The daughter of Clyde and Faith Williams, she graduated from Florida State University with a degree in biological science before completing a Master of Science in Medical Sciences degree at the Indiana University School of Medicine in 2016. At the FSU College of Medicine, she serves as community service co-chair of the Student National Medical Association and vice president of the Allopathic Integrative Medicine Interest Group.

Congratulations from The Weekly Challenger!