Bio:

My name is Jimmy Rekowski. I am a Senior Chemistry Major on the Bioscience Track. On campus, I am involved in the Blue and Gold Society as an ambassador and the Pharmaceutical Contributor to the American Chemical Society at Pitt Newsletter. As a part of the 2022 UPMC Summer Research Internship Program (SRIP) Cohort, I worked under the direction of Dr. Cecilia Lo to identify markers of congenital heart tissue in mouse and human heart tissue. In Summer 2023, as a Browne Fellow I worked with Assemble, a nonprofit in Garfield, Pittsburgh, to aid in STEAM education for children in the summer.

Additionally, I am a board member for TRY – A Special Needs Organization, a nonprofit organization in Pittsburgh working to provide free recreational and social events to special needs populations across the region. Through this work I have learned the gap between these populations and individuals that make decisions on their behalf. As a future physician, I hope to continue to advocate for these populations and use my experience in the Elsie Hillman Scholar’s program to aid in my knowledge of Civic Engagement.

Description:

At the Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh, I will conduct an analysis of all of the services available, their use, and room for growth and development. I will explore services, policies, and financial backing for these populations of people. I know that this will give me important insight that will aid me in my future advocacy work as a physician.