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"The future of medicine is in the hands of the next generation of medical students I have come to know. They are bright stars, and I am confident in their medical careers" says Laura Bonnell, the CEO of the BonnellFoundation: Living with cystic fibrosis. "I was honored to meet Atef Choudhury and Naim Mashni when they volunteered to raise awareness about The BonnellFoundation. The co-founders of Cure Found, a student organization that originally started at MSU, asked me to speak about our Foundation to approximately 50 of their pre-medical/pre-health undergraduate students who are committed to CF and Cure Found. Atef and Naim are organized, smart and doing wonderful work for the CF community and pre-medical/pre-health students." Thanks to their mentor at MSU, Dr. Ryan Thomas for the introduction (he's also on The Bonnell Foundation Advisory Board).

This means that undergraduate pre-medical students will be exposed to and learn about CF, a rare disease, and hopefully work as future healthcare professionals to better the lives of individuals affected by Cystic Fibrosis.

"We are thrilled to announce the start of a new Cure Found chapter at the University of Michigan, 2.5 years after founding the Michigan State University chapter. We are eager to witness the incredible contributions UM students will make, dedicated to raising Cystic Fibrosis awareness and offering unparalleled medical opportunities for the next generation of healthcare leaders." says Atef Choudhury and Naim Mashni, Cure Found Co-Founders, and MSU Chapter Co-Presidents. University of Michigan adult CF pulmonologist, Dr. Yvonne Huang will mentor the new chapter. Dr. Huang is on the Bonnell Foundation Advisory Board and committed to the future in research and future specialist in the rare field.

Bhumika Kale and Roxana Tipurita, are the Cure Found UM Chapter Co-Presidents. "We are so excited to have the opportunity to introduce the mission of Cure Found at the University of Michigan! Cystic fibrosis awareness is something that is not prominent amongst our undergrad population, which makes us even more excited to bring it to our medical students. We are ready to raise awareness as well as related premedical opportunities to all those interested at UM."

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