

Student Profile



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From a young age, I felt I was destined for a career in medicine. Growing up, I frequently visited my doctor's office for allergen immunotherapy, and gradually, they began to feel like family. The physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and everyone else helped me to accept the pain and inconvenience I experienced as a trade-off for the medical benefit I received. They were all great role models, and they sparked my interest in health care. My experience with science, especially biological and health sciences, only supported these feelings. I began to feel confident that I wanted to become a doctor and every subsequent step confirmed my decision to pursue a career in medicine.

The journey to medical school was challenging, but what kept me going was my desire to help people. For as long as I can remember, I have had a passion for social justice and showing compassion. Inspired by famous philanthropists and philosophers, I want to leave this world in better condition than I came into it, and try to positively impact as many lives as I can. At Morehouse School of Medicine, I am constantly reminded by our faculty that the most valuable thing I can do for my community and the world is to become a doctor and give care to those who need it most. This motivates me to strive for excellence, even in an educational program as challenging as medical school. I want to be the best doctor I can be, and I want to use the skills I learn at Morehouse School of Medicine to improve my community. This is why I am currently pursuing a career in primary care, so I can serve many people and develop meaningful long-term relationships with them, which I believe will ultimately improve their health.

I feel strongly that health equity is a crucial part of social justice in our society. I feel blessed to attend an institution that values the creation of health equity both within our communities, and also within the world. Nothing would make me happier than to leave my footprint at the Morehouse School of Medicine, and to use what I am taught here to serve my community. Through its focus on public health, social justice, and health equity, Morehouse School of Medicine provides a unique perspective from wonderful faculty, who offer so much wisdom and incredible mentorship to help me reach my goals. One day when I have the means, I would love nothing more than to help improve the school even more and help even more doctors succeed in their journey. I am very thankful to be here and to be part of the Morehouse School of Medicine family. Thank you for helping me work toward my dream.