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I decided to attend Lawrence because of its strong science program and small class sizes. The science classes challenged me and helped me build a strong foundation to do well on the MCAT and feel prepared for medical school. Small class sizes allowed me to work closely with my classmates while engaging in thoughtful and critical conversations about class material. One of my favorite science classes, Cancer Biology, was primarily taught through classroom discussions and student presentations. I learned how to better work collectively with my peers and how to become a better communicator. In every class, I felt supported by my professors and classmates; Lawrence does a great job creating an academic environment that encourages cooperation.

Furthermore, I truly appreciated my professors for having an open-door policy. Whether I had questions on coursework or needed guidance on career planning, I knew I could ask my professors. By building close relationships with advisors, I found research opportunities and planned for my career after Lawrence. Even though it is more than five years since I graduated, I still seek out advice from my Lawrence professors.

While at Lawrence, I participated in Habitat for Humanity, two Honor Societies, Interfraternity Council, Phi Kappa Tau, Lawrence International's Cabaret, and I volunteered in St. Elizabeth's Emergency Room. I especially appreciated my time working with Habitat for Humanity as it provided me the opportunity to help build homes in the Appleton community and to travel to El Salvador where I practiced my Spanish and learned how homes are built in a country that has been devastated by earthquakes. As President of my fraternity, I honed leadership skills that I still use on a daily basis. My extracurricular activities gave me the opportunity to work outside of Science Hall, push my boundaries, travel, work with others, and problem-solve.

After graduating from Lawrence, I attended Rush Medical College and am finishing a residency in Internal Medicine in a joint program between Cook County Hospital and Rush Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. Each day I work as part of an interdisciplinary team that helps take care of patients in the inpatient and outpatient settings. I love being a physician because I learn something new every day and make a positive impact in my patients' health.