

Where are you from?

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So I'm originally from Arlington, Texas I grew up and in a small house in a small house with my grandmother sharing it with my mom, my brother, me and my aunt, my cousin. And dealing with that single mother household, I played basketball all my life, took that with me, decided to go to college at Texas Tech, University of Texas Tech University, and then decided to get for the foundation in medical sciences and go to ttuhsc to get my master's in biomedical sciences.

What made you want to pursue medicine?

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So it all goes back to my mother. My mother was a huge inspirational factor for me. Just growing up while raising two kids, me and my brother, just seeing her and how and in her work in the healthcare field, as a medical assistant has really motivated me to get the education that I needed and seeing her work with her patients how she served her patients and educated and inspired them definitely made me want to go into medicine.

Which position did you play in basketball?

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I was definitely the point guard all my life I was, you know, the shortest person on the team but that definitely didn't stop me from because that was my that was my passion. While growing up my mom taught me that told me that and playing that it gave me the discipline that I needed to focus on my schoolwork and that gave me what I needed for to to get my passion for science, and then pursued that medicine once I got to college.

What did you study at Texas Tech?

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At first, I came here to do a biology major, a biology degree because that's what everybody was doing. Later, I found out like sophomore year that I should be doing that chemistry was what really sparked my passion before medicine, because you might as well do something that you'd like before you go into medical school or any professional school so it was definitely chemistry.

Why did you pursue your master's degree?

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So being a first generation student, I did believe that I was prepared for medical school with the degree that I was given. But there was a part of me that I knew medical school is going to be hard I have no idea how it's going to be so I might as well let's get a an extra trial run before I actually start when I heard about this program, and so that's why I decided to pursue the program to get that strong foundation.

Why did you choose TTUHSC?

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I decided to stay here because the Health Sciences Center was the best that advertising their school.

How does it feel to be involved in the scrub party parade?

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I think it's really just a blessing that they're working so hard and diligently to have the celebration scheduled for us, even though we could have just had nothing but to know that they're working hard for us this past summer and short notice of the pandemic. I think that's really an honor.

How will you feel after receiving your items from the parade?

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It'll definitely feel surreal to be able to have a stethoscope for the first time to have the white coat, have the scrubs and then it'll hit me that, I'm actually going to be a doctor. What I aspire to be.

Anything to say to donors?

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A very special thanks to the school of medicine for the parade and I know we're all very appreciative to the donors for the stethoscope donation because I know this tool definitely be valuable as we start medical school.