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Where are you from and what made you want to attend medical school?

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So I was born upstate New York. But I think I'm a Texan through and through now from College Station, Texas. And what made me go into medicine. I was injured playing football in college. And I think I was, you know, sitting on sitting on a bed after surgery, not knowing really what I was going to do. And during my rehab process, I just noticed this the impact that it had on me, for me to be at a point where I couldn't really lift my left leg to a point where I'm back running sprinting, again, playing with my teammates, I wanted to be in a position where I can do that for other people too.

Why did you choose Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine?

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When I came to Texas Tech, it was we were doing in person interviews at the time, I'm sure people can't really remember what those are like. But I just remember coming here, and everyone seems so supportive, and the culture here was just the best of any place that I had seen. So that's why I chose Texas Tech. And I knew that I could be in an environment where I could thrive and have the support I need to pursue whatever I wanted to pursue.

How would you describe the culture of TTUHSC?

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The culture is friendly, it's a culture of I have your back faculty has your back, your fellow students have your back. And administration listens a lot of times. And that's what I would say is how I'd describe the culture.

What do you remember about your white coat ceremony?

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What I remember about that day, and it was probably the most monumental was probably the days leading up to it. I was able to be part of the developing the Hippocratic Oath, that's something unique about Texas Tech is you and your classmates develop your Hippocratic Oath. And I thought that was the coolest thing to be reciting that that was created by us for us and said, by our entire class simultaneously, and also getting to meet Caroline, I think that was also a really cool thing. I say meet her. I met her in MBA program, but giving me more of her family and those sort of things on that day, which is great.

Why did you choose to do a dual degree program and what specialty are you hoping to match in?

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So the MD MBA program MBA happened first before medical school in the two summers before first year and then before second year. And I mean, I chose the MBA program just because I was working for a little bit before medical school and medicine itself is very intertwined with business and having an understanding of how to have conversations with administrators is extremely important to future practice. And for me personally, I felt as though our medical system functions best when it is operated

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and ran by physicians, and not by just strictly business people, because physicians are on the ground floor and I was part of that ground floor with having an MBA and with respect to specialty. I tried to keep an open mind obviously I alluded to the fact that I had some surgeries during undergraduate for football. So I try to be open minded, but when it came down to it, looking at outcomes and interventions and things you could do for people and how that influences the outcome and trajectory of someone's life. And orthopedics was the one I felt like had the biggest consistent, most consistent outcome on people's lives.