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I would say family medicine chose me.

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So I was on the process as a third year trying to figure out what I wanted to do.

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I started off with my OB rotation.

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Love delivering.

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Did my psychiatry rotation Love to take care of patients there.

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Pediatric patients had a near and dear space to my heart.

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So really when I did family medicine, I found that it was the specialty and really rotation that really put everything together.

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I also was impacted by COVID.

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So it was my last year and when COVID hit, I actually was a part of the Black Doctors COVID-19 consortium.

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And with that organization we provided care to patients and vaccinated patients and really the people who were the forerunners and the people who were doing all the work were family medicine physicians.

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So I found myself identifying with each person that I met with.

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I didn't feel like I was just a medical student.

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No, they respected me as part of the team.

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So really felt that family medicine was the the perfect space for me to grow and develop.

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If you are in a space, when you're trying to figure out what should I do, I'm not sure which direction to go.

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Family medicine is the choice for you if you feel like you want to make an impact in the world, not only in medicine but from a governmental, national, International Space.

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Family medicine is it for you.

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If you find yourself eager to take care of pediatric patients, take care of patients in their wisdom years, take care of patients who are very critically, I'll take care of those who just need preventative healthcare, family medicine is it for you.

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The specialty is just a blessing and a a superpower if you will and it really equips you for the world ahead.

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When it comes to family medicine, my true goal is to strengthen the pipeline.

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So I grew up in Brooklyn, NY and there weren't, there weren't too many physicians around me.

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But what I did see was the over the need for medicine.

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I saw the need for medicine and really thought that, you know, while there wasn't many people around me, I wanted to provide the position and the space for others to grow in medicine.

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So for me that meant becoming a physician but also remembering those who follow behind me.

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So as I am planning to, you know, finish residency, my plan is to go into academic medicine and to become faculty with the goals of really strengthening the pipeline through medicine and providing a space for those who identified as underserved low resource to know that they can do it in medicine.

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Because I was able to do it.

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I would say that, you know, I learned about the AFP while I was in medical school and I was able to go to my first conference actually virtually.

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And after that I was like, how can an organization be so infectious just through the screen?

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And when I went to my first national conference, was just in love with not only the people but the resources that were provided for me.

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So when I went to national conference, I was able to speak with different residents, speak with Co colleagues who are also applying.

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So for me it created community and I think that's what AFP does.

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It creates community and and it does so in a very interesting and enlightening way.