University of Missouri School of Medicine

*2012-2013 Recipient Profile*

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Why did you choose Mizzou Med? Mizzou has an excellent curriculum that combines many aspects needed for success in medicine. Additionally, I really enjoyed the idea of PBL and it has been one of the high lights of the program. The clinical teaching and engagement of the faculty has been outstanding. Finally, the administration has been response and has desired feedback for improvement since day 1. All of these things have made my time at Mizzou great.

What is unique about you? I enjoy spending time in the outdoors. I spend my free time reading about global health and engaging in opportunities that further develop this interest. I enjoy running when I have time and like to cook. My wife and I enjoy traveling and visiting new places.

Describe a memorable moment for you in medical school. During my third year I helped admit a patient with progressive HUS. After several days of declining condition, her platelets dropped to 15. The team was very concerned and we monitored her very closely over the next several days. She gradually started to improve and the situation became less worrisome. Throughout this whole process, I was able to see how truly useful it is when an entire health care team works together. From the attendings, residents, and students, to the pharmacists, nurses and social workers, all were necessary for this severely ill girl and her family.