

My interest in medicine started at a very young age, when I was interested in everything that went on at my doctor's office. While at Butler University for my undergraduate studies (Go Bulldogs!) several experiences spurred my interest in primary care specialties, but it was while I was

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in medical school at Wright State University that I chose to become a family physician. My medical school was primary care focused and we had an excellent family medicine



department. I was blessed to be mentored by many of our faculty who were Family Physicians and saw first-hand, the important role they played in their patients' lives. I loved the variety of patients that they saw as well as the immense variety of problems. When third year rotations came around, I enjoyed all of them, but felt that I was most happy and engaged when I could deal with all ages and body systems. What better way to encompass all my interests than family medicine? When I began looking at residencies, I looked into several Midwestern cities and Louisville. Louisville was a top choice as my husband Dan was already living there. I came to U of L for an away rotation and was impressed with the program. The residents and faculty worked hard and were constantly striving to improve their

medical knowledge and the program as a whole. Having almost completed my intern year, I can now say that all these things are true. We have high quality residents and faculty and we want to leave the program as strong family physicians who will make a difference in our communities. We also want to leave the program better off than when we came into residency. I have seen the respect that other programs have for our residents and I love it when I am rotating on another service and hear, "Hey! I worked with your colleague last month. He/she is a great resident!"

Our residency is also focused on serving, and we have several opportunities for medical mission work during residency. I was able to serve in Jamaica and with Indian Health Services in Arizona while in medical school and I hope to take part in a medical mission trip during my second year. There are also numerous opportunities to volunteer here in Louisville in free clinics, at health fairs and community events such as free school and sports physicals.

Originally from Pensacola, FL, I have always thought of myself deep down as a southern girl, although I have lived in Ohio or Indiana since the age of 10. Now that I am back living in a southern city for residency, I've really enjoyed the southern hospitality, friendliness of the people, and of course the warmer weather. Louisville has become a wonderful city to call home and after a year of living here I am still discovering new restaurants, places and activities to try all the time. When I have free time, my husband Dan and I love to cook, spend time with family, try new restaurants and garden. We are also active members of Clifton Christian Church.