

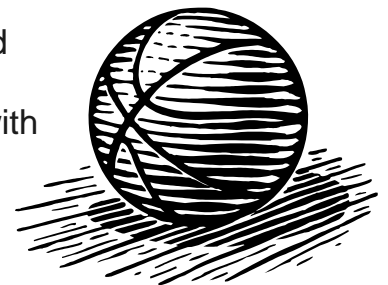
A Miami native, entering my junior year at the University of Florida's School of Business, my career path focus shifted to medicine. Fulfillment for me comes from giving, not receiving. It became clear to me that my real ambition, my real interest, my purpose in life, was to dedicate myself to help others by practicing Family Medicine and not preparing tax returns.



My name, perhaps a lucky coincidence, quickly became an integral part in shaping my character. To this day, introducing myself to peers and strangers alike, often leads to a friendly and memorable moment. Given my sharing the same name, Michael Jordan, with the greatest basketball player of all time, introducing myself usually warrants a joke, chuckle and smile. This universal familiarity gave me the confidence to be the outgoing and engaging person I am today and thus enabled me to gain trust from others, setting the foundation for me to become the best Family Physician I can be.

From the start, I knew pursuing a career in Family Medicine was for me, but the question was where and why. The instant I met the staff here at University of Louisville, I knew this is where I belonged. The Family Medicine 'family' here at U of L is like no other program, unique in its own way, with the most wonderful, passionate and friendly faculty, staff, residents and patients.

I have always maintained the desire to impact just as many lives as basketball's Michael Jordan, with the same hard work, dedication and willingness to succeed, no matter the obstacle, yet always keeping a humble attitude. Being a physician means that people will trust me with their lives; it's more than just going to medical school, it's my lifetime commitment, dedication and promise to future patients as I honor the physician's oath. I know that University of Louisville Family Medicine will provide me with the opportunity in growing as the best physician I can be, while having an impact in the community, primary care, women's health, and patient education.



Certainly I am excited to be a part of the program here in Louisville, but I also love living here. Louisville has a diverse population and cultures, with many opportunities to explore the city. To name a few, such as collegiate sports, live music and art galleries, farm-to-table restaurants and local shopping. You'll never have a hard time conversing with a stranger here in Louisville. I look forward to what the future holds for me here in Louisville.

Michael Jordan