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I grew up in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky with my parents, Frank and Linda, and my two brothers, Greg and Jonathan. Growing up I loved playing sports, mainly basketball and soccer. I attended Beechwood High School where I played basketball and remain the school's all-time leading scorer. I continued my basketball career throughout college and graduated from Hillsdale College, a small liberal arts school, in Michigan.

I majored in Psychology in college and had planned on becoming a child psychologist. Upon graduating, I was accepted to graduate school at UofL where I obtained a master's in Physiology and Biophysics. I then accepted a job at the James Graham Brown Cancer Center as a research assistant investigating potential treatment modalities for breast and ovarian cancer. It was during that time that I decided to apply to medical school and become a physician. Louisville became home to me and was my first choice for medical school – fortunately, it worked out!



During medical school, sports medicine became the obvious career choice for me – UofL is the perfect environment for this. I plan on doing a sports medicine fellowship after residency and, ultimately, divide my time between primary care and sports medicine within a university setting (that is, of course, unless my dream job opened up and the Bengals asked me to be their team doc).

I spent my third and fourth years of medical school in Madisonville at UofL's Trover campus. This was a tremendous opportunity, providing vast amounts of hands-on experience. I gained a great amount of appreciation for rural medicine and would highly recommend this experience.

In my spare time, I love traveling and attending sporting events. Each year I try to go to a different Reds and Bengals away game which combines both of my loves! I am a huge UofL basketball and football fan, as well, which provides some significant family tension as my brothers are fans of that other Kentucky school. I recently celebrated a birthday (age will not be announced) in Key West which is definitely ranked up there as one of my favorite vacation spots. That being said, it's no big surprise that I also enjoy travelling to various locations for Jimmy Buffett concerts. I have 2 nephews and a niece back home in Fort Mitchell and there isn't anything I enjoy more than spending time with them, as well as with my sister-in-law,

Amy. My roommate is my blind miniature schnauzer, Carson, and she's a pretty good travel companion, as well.

UofL holds a special place in my heart and I can't think of any place I'd rather be (and not only because they gave me both the Sugar Bowl and National Championship titles this year!). I've spent the past 7 years here and various faculty and colleagues have become like family to me. I'm so excited to embark upon a new journey here and look forward to all of the future opportunities and experiences!

