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I was born in Cincinnati, OH and moved to Madisonville, KY after the second grade. Although I wasn't born in Kentucky, I do consider myself a Kentuckian. I love this state and would never dream of living anywhere else. I met my husband in high school and we were married after my second year at Bellarmine University. He is a critical care nurse at Jewish Hospital and together we have a dog named Annie. We enjoy spending time with our family in Western KY and taking our dog for walks at Tom Sawyer Park. We also love to travel to many different places, but our favorite vacation place is Destin, FL.

I graduated from Madisonville North Hopkins High School in 2004 then attended Bellarmine University where I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology in 2008. I am now fresh out of graduation from the University of Louisville School of Medicine, May 2012. I'm very excited about my new title as M.D., as I have wanted to be a physician since I was four. Why four you might ask? Well that is when you receive your myriad of shots to enter kindergarten. I know it may sound strange but I HATE shots, even to this day, and that particular day was no different. As the nurses released me from their death hold to administer the shots I announced, "one day I will be a doctor and make a shot that doesn't hurt."

I chose Family Medicine because I truly enjoyed every rotation during third year. It became a running joke between my husband and I where, about a week into the rotation, he would say, "so you're going to be (insert rotation type; Cardiology, OB, etc.) now?" I want a hand in every part of a person's life; from welcoming a new child into the world to caring for those moving on, I don't want to miss one part. I enjoy really getting to know the whole person, not just one organ.

I'm at University of Louisville's Family Medicine residency because as stated above, I love Kentucky and didn't want to be anywhere else. With my options narrowed to Kentucky residencies there were four choices which boiled down to stay in Louisville, move to Lexington, move back home, or move to a very rural place. Evansville, IN was also on my list even though I would be a "Hoosier" it was close to family. I decided on Louisville because I love it here. I've lived here for eight years now and it has become our home. My husband loves his job and will be starting school to become a nurse practitioner in the fall. We love our home and our neighbors and our family enjoys coming to visit and reaping all the excitement of a big city. Most of all, the people I came to know in the residency, those who I would be working with and learning from helped me make my decision. I'm looking forward to sharing the next three years with such a great group of physicians. Louisville also has an opportunity to do missionary work during your second year which I am very much looking forward to experiencing.