

Where are you from?

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Well, I was born in Germany, and I grew up there for until like Middle School. And then I moved to San Antonio. And so I went to high school in college in San Antonio. So I guess I'm from San Antonio.

Describe your education so far.

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When I was 16 years old, I graduated early from high school. And then I started college. And I finished in about three years. So I was 19 years old, and I worked at a hospital for about a year and then I moved all the way to Philadelphia to pursue a master's degree from Villanova. And then I moved back.

How did you graduate high school at 16 and college at 19?

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I remember being in high school and they offer dual credit courses, and I thought, like, I could do this or I could also just go to college. So I just graduated early, and I started going to UIW, the University of Incarnate Word, and I finished there in three years. So I did it very quickly. And it was fun. And honestly, it was some of the best years of my life.

How long have you been interested in science?

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Definitely my whole life. I remember being like a child and like reading, like, textbooks for fun health tech anatomy, and I would like write it down into my little science journal. And it's like, as a child, I was fascinated by it, because it's so like, immediate because I'm a human too.

What made you interested in medicine?

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Oh, well, yeah. As a child, I was always really interested in science. And my dad was in the healthcare field. So I was also very interested in medicine and healthcare. And so like anything, I think it's very much like a vocation that you discern. So like, it started off with the interest and the exposure, but then I had to like, think about it, think about my strengths and like, how I am as a person like analytical and critical and I thought that it fit very nicely with like making diagnoses and things like that.

What made you choose TTUHSC?

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A lot of things definitely the research that goes on here at the cancer center is amazing, as you may know, and other departments as well. And also like in terms of like, the environment that I want to be in during medical school, definitely, this is the ideal environment where it's like a family here and already like, I haven't seen many of my classmates in person, but there were like talking to each other every day. And it's like, very, like, we're supporting each other and that's the environment that I would want to be in and that's the environment I can thrive in.

How has the School of Medicine worked to provide education through the pandemic?

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I think that they have put a lot of consideration into it. And I can like tell because of the way that they're in touch with us and they want our feedback. But also I will say I was super impressed when I started in my lab rotation that everyone is being super considerate about the masks being super considerate about the distance and it's just so nice to see that people care.

How will you feel after receiving your stethoscope?

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Getting my first stethoscope will be very exciting. Yeah, I remember like looking at the list and it says like, the things that you need to buy but then like I heard from other students like oh, well like alums donate it. And I was just like, That's amazing.

Anything to say to donors?

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I would, I would want to say thank you and I'm very grateful. And I think it's a very meaningful gift, especially from a previous class.

How have donors affected your overall education?

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I guess when I got my master's degree, I experienced like the other side of it of struggling to pay tuition and struggling to pay living expenses. And that can definitely have an impact on how you're able to succeed as a student. So to be able to attend here with a stipend and with a scholarship. It is incredible because I feel like I have unlimited potential as a student now.