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12CRP Class of 2027

What fueled your decision to apply to the I2CRP program?

I was interested in a longitudinal program to augment my learning to include social and structural aspects of patient care. I thought the basis of the program would be beneficial to anyone interested in caring for the whole person instead of just a disease. I knew that it would give me a support system as I explore what kind of physician I want to be.

How has your participation in I2CRP impacted your experiences as a medical student?

I2CRP has not only given me a basis for exploring deeper topics related to structural inequity and healthcare, It has also given me a community of likeminded individuals who are always ready to listen and chat. I feel like I have a network of people who have similar guiding principles, and these individuals will stay a part of my network as I move forward to patient care.

What advice do you have for students who are considering applying to the I2CRP program?

When you are looking at applying to I2CRP, while it is a commitment during your time in medical school, the program at its core was designed to help create a more caring and aware physician. It is a bonus to our education, and you can shift your engagement depending on what time and energy you have to give.