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I2CRP Class of 2025

**Share a story about an experience that shaped your commitment to working with medically underserved populations.**

During the pandemic, I scribed in the ER in an underserved area south of Richmond. I was shocked by the basic primary care needs that brought patients to the ER. I also saw how better community programs and more primary care physicians might have prevented so many of the hospitalizations we saw. This experience motivated me to pursue working with underserved communities to help them achieve better outcomes.

**What fueled your decision to apply to the I2CRP program?**

So much of disease is caused by factors that we have little impact on during a 15-minute office visit. I2CRP offered the opportunity to immerse myself in communities that need our help as physicians. Only by learning more about these communities outside the clinic can we start to make actionable changes that will positively impact all our patients.

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

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**“Long-term, I am interested in practicing in a rural community. I hope to attend a residency in a rural area that has strong procedural training to prepare me to handle a broad spectrum of medicine.”**