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

As a child of immigrants, I grew up seeing my parents struggle to navigate a health care system that was foreign to them. As I grew older, I realized that their experience was not isolated and spoke to how the current health system does not cater to non-English speaking individuals and immigrants. I realized that I can go into medicine to provide more safe spaces for non-English speaking populations and underserved communities that have often been neglected by traditional medicine.

What fueled your decision to apply to the I2CRP program?

I applied to I2CRP because I believed that this program would give me the tools to care for the diverse and unique individuals that make up urban, medically underserved populations. Not only would the didactic sessions give me a better grasp of the social determinants of health affecting my patients, I2CRP will provide me with valuable hands-on experiences during my clinical rotations. I will be placed in underserved communities so I can learn more about the unique problems they face.

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

Apply!!! I2CRP is a wonderful program that allows you to delve deeper into your interests beyond the medical school curriculum with a group of like-minded individuals. The discussions and experiences you will have will help you grow into a physician who thinks about the larger context in which you are serving your patients and what you can do not only to care for their health but also uplift the community.