

Student Profile



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I have wanted to work in medicine since I was a little girl. As the daughter of immigrants, I was raised experiencing the complexity of health behavior in underserved communities. My great-grandfather, grandfather, and father were migrant farm workers and so the stories I heard growing up involved hard work, sacrifice, and the visible health effects of dangerous pesticides and other environmental toxicants. As a child, I understood this type of injustice was not fair and I vowed to empower my community by aspiring to become a public health practitioner.

I saw firsthand a need in my community for compassion, understanding, and change. This experience ignited my purpose to become a healthcare professional and my personal fascination of biomedical sciences fueled my education to pursue medicine. Determined to become part of the change, I worked diligently and conscientiously to prepare myself for the opportunity of studying at an institution that would foster that purpose.

The opportunity to take my interest in public health from the theoretical frameworks of a classroom to the field work in our neighboring underserved communities seemed rare, in my head. However, I soon discovered that the public health program here at Morehouse School of Medicine not only encouraged this type of opportunity, but prepared me for it. The professors have an immense amount of experience in what they are teaching, which creates a deeper level of trust and respect between the faculty and students.

As a public health student, my education has been a holistic experience. I have interacted hands on with the community and have been able to personally see the impact that community participation has on collaborated projects in order to provide services to better the community. I am grateful to be a part of the Master of Public Health program at Morehouse School of Medicine, and truly recognize that the type of interaction I am participating in will ultimately leave a significant and sustainable mark on my cultural community, as well as a myriad number of underserved communities locally and regionally.