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Specialty: I'm keeping my options open, but certainly emergency medicine, general surgery, and several surgical subspecialties are on my short list. For now, I'm excited about moving forward and finding out more about what medicine has to offer.

Why UVA? I took a non-traditional path to medicine. Prior to coming to UVA, I served as a US Marine and worked in the business arena for several years. In some way or another, all of my experiences in these non-medical fields kept drawing me toward medicine. When my wife and I visited UVA, I knew immediately that this was the right program and environment for me. The students were genuinely open and welcoming, as were the faculty and residents.

Extracurricular Highlights: I've been involved with the Student National Medical Association, three championship winning intramural soccer teams, the med school's club soccer team, and a curriculum advisory committee for the 2nd-year psychiatry course. All of these opportunities have allowed me to give back to the medical community and stay motivated on the most difficult and challenging days.

Scholarship Support: I came to UVA with a family in tow—so when it came time to choose a program, financial considerations were important in making my decision. I was not expecting the generous support that UVA granted, and I was ecstatic when my award letter arrived. It made the transition to student life for me and my family much easier.