



Grace Milad

UVA School of Medicine, Class of 2012

Hometown: Centreville, VA

Specialty: Internal Medicine/Pediatrics (combined residency)

Why UVA? The faculty members are absolutely great, and the academic environment is extremely supportive. There is a great sense of camaraderie among my class—which makes spending each day at the library preparing for the Boards that much less painful!

Extracurricular Highlights: Last year, I was vice president of my class. I coordinated the Cadaver Memorial Service, a true honor, and helped plan other class activities, like the anatomy lab practical and the school talent show. I have also been on the executive committee for the International Medicine Club and helped coordinate lunch talks with attending physicians who have experience abroad. One summer, a classmate and I conducted research on maternal health in a slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh, with faculty from the Department of Infectious Diseases. It was an unforgettable experience. At the International Center for Diarrheal Disease and Research, we observed a variety of cases, including cholera and typhoid, in addition to tetanus, tuberculosis, leprosy, hepatitis E, HIV/AIDS, and diphtheria (at the nearby infectious disease hospital).

Scholarship Support: Knowing that I had part of my tuition covered through a scholarship for four years was a great feeling, although it didn't play a part in my decision. I knew I wanted to come to UVA regardless of funding. However, it is a real blessing to have a scholarship as one funding source. Taking out big loans is a burden, especially in medical school, when our bills look like we're playing with Monopoly money.