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What are your career goals?

A career as a physician-scientist focusing on therapies for hematologic malignancies

Why did you choose MD Anderson?

It is a very large cancer hospital with a focus on pushing the field forward through basic science and clinical trials. In addition, it is very close to where I was born.

How has MD Anderson helped you in achieving your goals?

At MD Anderson, I have had the privilege of meeting several mentors from whom I can learn both clinical oncology and laboratory science.

What do you like best about MD Anderson's fellowship program?

It is very flexible. Fellows are treated with the goal of helping us become the type of physician we want to be. Nearly every imaginable career training and opportunity is available to us.

What do you like about living in Houston?

Life is fairly easy in Houston. Traffic is not terrible outside of a few sections of the highway at rush hour, there are plenty of parks, restaurants, grocery stores. And it is a very diverse city.

What has surprised you most about living in Houston?

Just how diverse of a city it is. I don't know if it is still the case, but at one point I remember being told that Houston was one of the most diverse cities in America. It is truly lovely to live in such an environment.

What do you like to do outside of medicine?

I used to rock climb a lot in San Francisco. Houston does not have the same access to outdoor climbing but there are still gyms which have a climbing set up.