Volunteer spotlight

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My favorite memory volunteering

I've volunteered in the oncology clinic over the last 2 years which makes it difficult to pick one instance. What always resonated with me was seeing the patients ring the bell upon completing their treatment. The bell reads "Choose hope and anything is possible." I feel like I've seen so many faces ring that bell and in each one I can see a strength that truly inspires me.

My inspiration to volunteer

I decided to volunteer while I was working my pre-med degree at UNO. I knew I wanted to become a physician and volunteering gave me the opportunity to help people while I was still in school. It's kept me motivated on my path and gave me the opportunity to help the staff at the hospital and have meaningful experiences with the patients.

My favorite part of volunteering

The people are my favorite part of volunteering. From the hospital staff to the patients, every person has their own interesting story to tell. I feel like helping others is my purpose in life and volunteering allows me spend my time in a meaningful way. While volunteering, I feel like I am contributing to something bigger than myself, and I am always eager to do my best to help wherever I can.

My little something extra

I really do try to go to every Saints game! My wife and I are huge Saints fans so we use the games as an opportunity to leave our two kids with their grandparents and head to the Superdome for a Saints game date. Win or lose we always have fun going out to the dome and losing our voices!



Why I'm extra-ordinary

I would say that my self-motivation and perseverance are my extraordinary characteristics. Being a native of New Orleans, I am not unfamiliar to hardships. I believe that these qualities have helped me overcome obstacles and allow me to show up the best that I can for others.

My day job

For the first two years I volunteered I was going to school and working in Production and Sales for a Mardi Gras company. I left the company in 2021 to continue my studies and prepare to take the MCAT. In May, I completed my Bachelor's degree, and I will start Medical School at LSU New Orleans in August.



