



Hannah Burris

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My name is Hannah Burris, and I'm a third-year medical student who grew up in Concord, North Carolina. I earned my undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where I studied psychology. I decided to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine because my interview day here was so different from any other school I visited, a common theme you'll hear among UF College of Medicine students. It started with reflection about the intersection between art and medicine and we heard from a patient about how the care they had received affected their health and life long-term.

This was my first exposure to what is now a cherished aspect of my medical education. UF's dedication to students learning from real patients and their experiences as well as prioritizing and valuing those perspectives are part of what makes UF so unique. It is truly patient-centered in its effort to train future physicians to excel not only in the science of medicine, but also in connecting with patients and understanding their perspectives and barriers to care.

Thank you for your choice to support UF College of Medicine and its students! It has been meaningful to me to feel supported by someone who has been here before. UF truly feels like a family and has supported me in so many ways. I am thankful to be a part of this family and to help pass it on in the future.