

I am so glad I chose to come to Downstate for medical school. It's been a terrific experience in a number of ways. For one, Downstate attracts great people. It's no secret that compared to other NYC programs, Downstate is less famous and more geared toward working with the underserved. The folks who choose to train here are often very mature and down-to-earth. I've made lifelong friends to be sure. I've also had the opportunity to live in some of the most desirable neighborhoods in Brooklyn, which is by far my favorite borough in New York City. Brooklyn is cheaper, calmer, cooler, prettier, and more diverse than Manhattan. No comparison if you ask me! It's pretty amazing to live in Park Slope and then hop on the train for a short ride to a neighborhood with a very different socioeconomic makeup. It is the New York experience at its very finest.

The education I've received here has also been terrific. I've only been to one medical school so I don't have much to compare to, but I feel like my preclinical education and clinical education have prepared me exceedingly well for the next step. Because the need is so great here, Downstate med students are integral parts of the health care team. We are not just glorified shadowers. I've had a number of experiences and gained proficiency in several procedural skills that are fairly unique. If my residency interviews were any indication, Downstate has set me up well for the next phase of training. I interviewed at the top programs in my chosen specialty on both coasts and am looking forward to a successful match in just a few days time!

Sincerely,

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