

Andrew Louis DiMatteo: Giving back to the community

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On the move with: Andrew Louis DiMatteo, a second-year medical student at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia.

AMA member since: 2018.

What inspired me to pursue a career in medicine: Being a patient myself, I knew what an impact a great physician can have on patients’ lives, intentionally and unintentionally. Giving back to patients in that way is what inspired me to pursue a life in medicine.

How I move medicine: By advocating advancements in health care is a big way to move medicine forward. Whether it is advancements in policy, culture or just the efficiency of the health care system.

Career highlights: I am truly proud of participating in the U.S. Army’s Health Professions Scholarship Program. I get a chance to do something bigger than myself for those who do more than what is asked as a citizen. It’s an honor to get to serve this country.

Advice I’d give to those interested in pursuing a career in medicine: Medicine is not just a simple career. It is a lifestyle—one that is full of ups and downs, sacrifice, and it will push you to be your best self in order to care for others.

How I give back to the community: There are several clinics that Drexel runs in the Philadelphia community. Contributing to the care given at these clinics has been a great way to give back as well as practice clinical skills.

Aspect of my work that means the most: I enjoy being able to lead the Drexel AMA chapter as well as contribute on a larger scale through the AMA Medical Student Section, coming up with unique resolutions to introduce into the AMA.

My hope for the future of medicine: That medicine will grow into an efficient system that doesn’t allow discrimination on any basis or deter the care that is provided to patients.

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