



James Davis

MD + MBA

Hometown: American Fork, UT

Undergraduate Institution: Brigham Young University

Undergraduate Degree: BS in Biophysics

Why do you want to be a physician?

Since I was a kid, I have had a strong curiosity about how the human body works. This curiosity has developed into a passion for studying medicine. I want to combine my love for learning about our bodies, disease processes, and treatments with my love for teaching and improving the lives of other people. Becoming a physician will be extremely rewarding because it will satisfy my desire to continue learning and developing relationships and helping other people in very intimate ways.

Why did you choose Texas A&M College of Medicine?

I was very impressed during my interview day in Temple. I loved the idea of training at a hospital that practices big city medicine without the requirement of living in a big city. Baylor Scott & White in Temple is an exciting place to be, and I can't wait to start my training here. Furthermore, I really appreciated the friendly, family-style culture at Texas A&M. I truly feel like a member of a huge but wonderful family.

Why did you choose to pursue a graduate degree in addition to the MD?

I am very interested in pursuing ophthalmology, and my ambitions include

becoming a medical practice owner. Though I had always quite interested in business, I had never received any formal training. I chose to pursue an MBA because I wanted to learn how to be a business leader and how to run a business in addition to my clinical responsibilities. After all, healthcare is a business, and if it is run well, then it has more potential to help more people.

What are your career goals and how do you feel the MD Plus Program will help you?

I want to be an ophthalmologist, and I aim to be a medical practice owner. I think my business studies (MBA) in the MD Plus Program will help me to succeed in reaching those goals and will help me to be more successful once I reach those goals. I have learned a lot about leadership, working with a team, and interviewing that I think will be very beneficial as I apply for residency programs. I also have a much better background in understanding how to finance and run a business that will benefit me when I am in practice. I also have enough background business knowledge to be able to understand and contribute to administrative decisions along the way.