



Meet Pathology's Pre-Med Intern, Anika!

University: Northwestern University

Major: Economics

Minor: Data Science

Project: Clinicopathologic characteristics of hepatocellular lymphoma

Why Pathology? "The one doctor in my family is a pathologist; naturally, that was the first experience in medicine that I heard about in great detail. My aunt, the pathologist, talked in detail about how different and unique pathologists were from other clinicians and emphasized again and again how much she loved what she did. It's because of her that I became interested in pathology in the first place."

Why Medicine? "I am a strong believer of challenging to maximize my potential as a person, whether it be in exploring science and medicine, developing strong leadership skills, strengthening my interpersonal and emotional skills, or pursuing my love of public policy. This program has not only opened my eyes to the vast field of medicine, but has also proved to me that I can succeed on this path. As a physician, I hope to bring an economics background to my work to ultimately improve health outcomes, both while working directly with patients as well as with communities."

Favorite part? "My favorite part about being in this department was the people I have met and the tight-knit community I found on Feinberg 7. Everyone is so infectious and enthusiastic about pathology, and it was amazing to see all of the residents get so excited about interesting cases they came across. Everyone across the department—doctors, residents, techs—would always answer any questions I had without hesitation, and I found so many open doors to explore over the course of my eight weeks. I also enjoyed seeing my encounters with different disease pathologies in clinics around the hospital reflected under the microscope."