



**Hallum Dickens** is from White Level, NC, a small town in northern Franklin County. He has a background including studies in Spanish, English Literature, and translational endometrial and ovarian cancer research. Although he is still involved in some scientific research, his interests have gradually shifted from the basic sciences to the social issues affecting health and medicine. His hope, through pursuing rural medicine, is to be involved in a change towards a universal healthcare model and greater care for the underserved.

**Amanda Gambill** was born and raised in Wilkes County, NC, specifically in the rural town of Hays, where her parents are cattle farmers. She attended the NC School of Science and Mathematics, and graduated from Wake Forest University with a major in chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry. She loves traveling more than anything else, having been to 12 countries, and plans to take service trips abroad in the future. Her home base will always be the mountains of NC, and she is looking forward to beginning her journey there as a rural physician.

**Michaela McCuddy** is originally from Yellow Springs, Ohio. She is committed to working in primary care and feels confident that she will end up in family medicine. She is also very interested in women's health issues and has worked in Brazil researching traditional midwifery practices. She hopes to return to Brazil and contribute to the development of the country's health care system, specifically within the movement to re-humanize the birthing process.

**Margaret Pray** grew up with her father in the Navy and has lived all over the country, but for the past seven years has lived in North Carolina. She attended Appalachian State University where she fell in love with rural populations in Western NC. She loves the relationships formed with patients in primary care and the diversity of the patient population in family medicine. She hopes to work in rural Western NC as a family practice physician and do mission work abroad in primary care.

**Daniel White** is from Cherryville, North Carolina, a small town about 40 miles west of Charlotte, in which his father is a family medicine doctor. Before medical school, he majored in psychology at Duke and worked several years in a colon cancer research lab. Growing up in a rural community has given him a great appreciation for the importance of primary care and he hopes to help more North Carolinians get access to quality health care. He likes the unique challenges, responsibilities, and opportunities that come with practicing medicine in smaller communities.