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Hello y'all,

Yesterday was a big day! With a little bit of jet lag having returned from my travels abroad, I accepted the United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Award at our school's morning military commencement ceremony, presented by uniformed officer Emily Winans. I was honored and humbled to be invited to this event alongside 2 of my fellow medical school graduates who are being commissioned into the United States Air Force. The



speakers reflected on how these graduates were joining not one but two professions, impressing on them the weighty responsibilities of being in the military and in medicine. I am in awe of their tenacity and hope to bring the same gravitas to my upcoming clinical duties, which include many rotations at our Veterans Affairs Medical Center.



In the evening, I was conferred my medical degree at Houston's Hobby Center during our school's commencement event! The [event is recorded](#) if you would like to view some highlights. It was a bit bittersweet knowing it would be the last time our graduating class would all be together in one place again, but I made sure to take plenty of pictures for years to come.



I have a few more weeks before our residency orientation begins June 12, and I hope to spend as much time as possible with friends and family while I am still in control of my day-to-day schedule. I'm feeling a mixture of excitement, anxiety, curiosity, and eagerness; but with knowing so many Rotary scholars in all phases of medical training, I'm ultimately optimistic about everything to come. Hope to hear from everyone soon, and do stay in touch :)

All my best,

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