

## Keeley Hobart, M.D.

Tell us a little about yourself.

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My family is all from the West Texas region, my mom kind of got a wild hair when I was a kid that we should move to South Dakota. And so I lived in South Dakota until I was 16 and then moved back to Texas because I always envisioned myself going to Texas Tech, and so moved back for undergrad and have been here ever since.

Why did you decide to study medicine?

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My mom was pretty ill, all through my childhood, and really kind of seeing her and all the struggles that she went through, it was really a primary care doc, that kind of led her and led our whole family through everything. And so that was kind of my inspiration.

Why did you choose family medicine?

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You know, I think family medicine was all I ever knew of, kind of growing up with my mom. And so, to me, that was what being a doctor was, and that was how you help people. And so for me, it was kind of the only option of what I wanted to do.

Why did you choose the FMAT program?

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FMAT, it kind of was being talked about my first year of medical school, and again, to me, Family Medicine was really the only option that I considered. And so it seemed like a no brainer, get through medical school, you know, in three years instead of four with half the debt and everything like that. And so that was kind of my two big main motivators. And then, really, I love education. And to me, getting to be a part of such an innovative educational opportunity was also really kind of inspiring and interesting to me.

How stressful were the three years of that program?

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You know, it's been 10 years now. So I'm not sure if I would have said the same thing, then as I do now. But, you know, going through it sure, it was busy. And sometimes you think like, what am I doing? But, you know, I think I came through just fine. And I think one thing that made it worth it was, you know, usually throughout your second year, you're just kind of with your nose in a book trying to learn all of you know, all of medicine. But for us, we got to come to clinic once a week and actually interact with patients. And so for me the ability just to start already interacting with patients. And then to me, it made my book learning stick even better, because I actually had a patient's face and story to connect what I was learning.

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Do you encourage others to choose the FMAT program?

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Absolutely. And so now I get to interact with FMAT students and things like that. And so it's really fun getting to be a part of the other side of the story, I guess. And so, you know, I told him, I have no regrets. Absolutely. I think, like I said, I think that interaction with patients earlier helped get me through the harder times of medical school and things like that. And then yeah, just the fact that you're going to be starting your career sooner, I think, is amazing. And something that most people are really interested in if they're interested in family medicine.

What kind of impact do you think the FMAT program has had?

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There are certainly primary care shortages everywhere, especially in Texas. And so you know, I hope that the impact is that we're able to see more patients and really get people excited to be in primary care.

Anything else to add?

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I think it's just been really special. The fact that, you know, I was part of the first class of FMAT, and I really, you know, I was sort of a champion for it then. But now the fact that I've kind of come full circle, and now I'm, you know, I'm one of the teachers for F mat, and I'm also now the clerkship director for their second year clinical experience. And so it's so fun to see the students, you know, where I was at one point and be able to reassure them and things like that, that they really are choosing an amazing career. And the F mat is a wonderful way to get there. Like I said, you get to start your career sooner you get to interact with patients sooner. And so for me, it's just really exciting to get to be a part of it. Even now, after all this time.