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How did growing up in Abilene shape your passion for science and medicine?

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So growing up in Abilene, I had a lot of exposure to STEM I grew up as a mathlete at Wiley High School, so definitely had a very early passion for STEM science, math, those kinds of things. And growing up in Abilene, in West Texas in general. I think it was a pretty easy segue to go to Texas Tech. And so while I was at Texas Tech, we actually co founded an organization called Women in STEM, which that was kind of an avenue for me to continue my fascination with STEM in general. And through that experience, I got a lot of opportunities to serve my community, which was kind of one of the when I kind of discovered one of my pillars of wanting to pursue medicine.

How did your family working in medicine influence your journey into the medical field?

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My mom is a physician. She's at Hendricks. She works in internal medicine. And my brother, his name is Anisha Moolupuri. He is currently a third year resident in urology at U, UT, Tennessee, Knoxville. And so definitely growing up having my mom be such an important role model in my life, and seeing her in that position was so encouraging, so motivating for me, because I grew up seeing a woman in that position, and so it just really opened my eyes to my capabilities, and I didn't really grow up with any limitations or expectations on what I could and couldn't do. So I think in that sense, my mom has always been my biggest role model, and then my brother is like my number one supporter. So definitely a very encouraging and supportive environment.

What made you such a passionate advocate for women in STEM?

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Growing up with my mom, seeing her in that position, I grew up feeling super capable and confident in kind of the journey I wanted to go on, and felt very supported in my endeavors. And going to college was honestly my first experience. Experience and realizing that not a lot of women felt that way, and that was a little bit jarring to me, because I grew up in such a supportive environment and so founding women in STEM, especially post covid, when we were experiencing such isolation and kind of it was just a new thing for everybody, not really knowing how to engage with other people, I found it really important to create an environment that created that same nurturing environment that I grew up in. And so one of my co driving factors in founding women in STEM was kind of being able to share my experience, and especially like my junior and senior years, when I founded it with incoming freshmen, kind of being able to offer that side of my experience and kind of what I had been through and served as a mentor in that way.

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Have you decided on a specialty to pursue in medicine?

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I think my experiences, definitely, I'm very open to OBGYN, very supportive of women's health and things like that. And I think it kind of has a personal tie to my passion and motivation. But I know I feel very drawn to surgery, which I say that with a bit of hesitancy, because I know that it's a whirlwind, and everyone kind of goes in thinking one thing, and they come out doing something else. So I'm very, very open, but I would say maybe plastics in the surgery sense, or OB GYN is where I'm thinking.

Anything else to add?

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Just that I'm so excited for this journey. I think it's going to be so fun. Yeah, and Wreck 'Em.