ALEX COURTNEY
CLASS OF 2017

STUDENT PROFILE

Hometown: McLouth, Kansas
Undergraduate Major: Health Services Management
Career Aspiration: Medicine
Professional School: University of Kansas School of Medicine

What's been your favorite part of the journey to apply to professional schools?
Checking off all the requirements during my time as an undergraduate. Finishing all required perquisites, volunteering, shadowing, obtaining letters of references, and completing the MCAT! Watching my application grow throughout the years was very exciting.

What were some of the challenges you came across when preparing to apply to schools (or what was tougher than you thought)?
Writing my personal statement was a lot harder than I thought. Explaining why I wanted to be a physician and finding the right words to use took a long time.

Looking back, what advice would you give students who are interested in professional schools? Is there anything you wish you had known earlier?
Network with other individuals who are applying. I learned so much from other students applying to medical school.

What services or organizations would you recommend pre-professional students utilize?
Absolutely anything that can give you insight into the field you are pursuing. Make sure it is something you truly want to spend the rest of your life doing. Also, mock interviews for sure.

What organizations were you involved in as an undergraduate student?
ODK

What type of shadowing did you do?
Primary Care Physician Shadowing Program

What type of volunteering did you do?
Greenville Community Shelter Clinic and Vidant Medical Center

Any other advice, recommendations, suggestions, or comments?
I took a MCAT prep course a couple weeks before the actual test, and it helped so much.