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Meet Dexter Louie . .

After graduating from Harvard and working at a major hospital in Boston, Dexter knew going into the San Francisco AHEC AmeriCorps program that he wanted to be a doctor, but he didn’t know what kind.

Dexter will begin medical school in the fall of 2013, and while he is interested in becoming a surgeon, his experience with the San Francisco AHEC has given him a new perspective on the circumstances of others, and has inspired him to consider a filed oriented toward serving the underserved.

“San Francisco AHEC’s AmeriCorps program put me on the front lines of primary care, community health, and addiction treatment: I entered a raw recruit, eager to learn, and I emerge a veteran, eager to serve. These experiences and exposures I’ve gained during my term will carry over for the rest of my life.”

According to Dexter . . .

“Over this past year, I've met a cast of characters who have changed the way I perceive the world. Getting to know them, shaking their hands, understanding the complexity of their stories—neither good, nor bad, nor even always beautiful—has jolted my world. Not only did it expose me to people who live in circumstances far different from mine, inspiring me to consider a field more oriented toward serving the underserved, but also gave me an appreciation for treating people, not symptoms: It's the eternal challenge of embracing a person as a moral agent, even while guiding and treating him/her. It has been an experience impossible without the San Francisco AHEC’s AmeriCorps program and the St. Anthony Foundation, and one for which I am eternally grateful.”

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