



Joe Gitt was born and raised in Mount Airy, NC where his father worked as an OB-GYN. He completed high school at the NC School of Science and Math and graduated from UNC with a degree in biology and geography before working 2 years in a chronic pain lab. While he appreciates the basic sciences, he has been happiest when directly helping and developing relationships with others, especially amidst his passion for the outdoors. Ultimately, He looks forward to the challenges of practicing in rural areas and building the close ties such communities foster.

Jose Delgado is originally from a rural town called "Otates" in the State of Guanajuato, Mexico. He moved to the US at 15, started high school and was able to graduate in 3 years. He attended UNC-Charlotte where he earned a degree in Biology/Biotech. Jose is the first one in his family, and community to attend college, and now has the honor of being the first one to attend medical school. His passion has always been helping others and ending disparities. He would love to be part of an underserved community and help to end disparities among minorities.

Lauren Cox was born and raised on a horse farm in Southern Maryland and knew from a young age that she wanted to be a doctor in a smaller town. She attended Bridgewater College and graduated from UNC-Asheville. She has always leaned towards family medicine but after her undergraduate internship at MAHEC, she fell in love with OB/GYN. She would love to start a rural clinic for the underserved and be immersed within a rural community.

Brad Thompson is from the small, rural town of Snow Camp, NC. Before coming to medical school, Brad studied Biological Engineering at NC State University, Biomedical Engineering at Wake Forest University, and did two years of medical research for the US Army in Alabama. Growing up in a small town, Brad saw friends and family struggle with many preventable and treatable illnesses due to the lack of accessible, quality, and affordable healthcare. He hopes to use his research and engineering background to innovate creative solutions to improve healthcare in rural North Carolina. In their spare time, Brad and his wife enjoy hiking, kayaking, backyard barbeques, and swing dancing on the weekends.

Conner Graham was born in Lexington, NC, raised on the Gulf Coast of Florida and returned to North Carolina to attend Appalachian State University where he completed his undergraduate coursework in finance, international business, and chemistry. He enjoys traveling, and has a variety of hobbies such as whitewater kayaking, fly fishing and snowboarding. He feels truly blessed to be attending UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine and plans to use his medical knowledge to serve communities both locally and abroad. He is currently interested in Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine and General Surgery. Living in Boone, NC for approximately 8 years, and having parents in Little Switzerland, NC, he will always call western North Carolina home.