

I am very excited to start my internship with Dr. Kraushaar. He offered me this opportunity when I was 15. I had an appointment with him for instability of the right shoulder. While he was testing my shoulder for how far it could go and its strength, he was asking me questions: “What are your favorite classes in school?” “What do you do outside of school?” “Oh you’re in ambulance corps, how do you like that?” “What do you do in your free time?” Little did I know, he was interviewing me. At the end of my visit, Dr. Kraushaar asked me, “How would you like to come shadow me? You can learn a lot here in the office. Also, you can come into the OR [(operating room)] with me and watch surgeries.” I told him I’d love to of course, but then he asked, “Wait how old are you again?” I told him 15 and he then explained to me he can’t have me shadow him until I’m 16. He then asked me if I could do it for any school credit. I remembered the little I had heard about Senior Seminar and told him about it. We decided set it up for that.

It has been about two years now since that day and I’m very excited to finally start. I can’t wait to get into an OR, but I know that will be a few weeks from starting. First I need to learn in the office so that I can comprehend what’s going on in the OR and why it is going on. I am absolutely ecstatic about this opportunity and can’t wait to jump right in. I am starting on Tuesday, and coincidentally I have an appointment for the instability of my other shoulder that day too. Until then, I will continue doing research about the orthopaedics and sports medicine field.