

## **Personal Statement:** Christian DeHoet

I am applying for the position of KAFP Student Director because I am deeply committed to advancing family medicine and to serving Kansas communities through advocacy, education, and leadership. As a medical student at the KU School of Medicine - Wichita, I have developed a passion for community engagement, preventive care, and expanding access to healthcare. My experiences leading Café con Leche, a community health fair serving low-income and uninsured populations, have reinforced the importance of addressing health disparities through grassroots collaboration.

I bring a unique combination of leadership experience, healthcare administration training, and communication skills. Prior to medical school, I completed an MBA in Healthcare Administration and gained experience in clinical research, scribing, and community organizing. I have also held leadership roles in student organizations, including fundraising and outreach positions, which required me to coordinate with diverse stakeholders and ensure successful programming. These experiences have prepared me to contribute effectively to KAFP's board and represent the perspectives of medical students across the state. I am particularly interested in fostering collaboration between medical students and practicing physicians, strengthening pipelines into family medicine, and elevating the role of primary care in Kansas communities.

Serving as Student Director would allow me to advocate for both my peers and the patients we aspire to serve, while developing the skills to become a stronger physician leader.