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“My name is Mike Rose. I graduated from Concordia in 2014 with degrees in Biology and Chemistry. I am currently in my final year of medical school at the University of Minnesota and recently completed a Master’s in Public Health with a concentration in Health Policy from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. I plan to become both a primary care physician and policymaker.

My four years at Concordia made me the person and professional I am today. I came to campus from a small high school in North Dakota as a somewhat talented, but extremely unprepared student. The combination of the small class sizes, faculty dedicated to their students, and caring and dedicated classmates were what finally made me into an excellent student. With their help I graduated with departmental and school-wide honors and was accepted to multiple medical schools. Now years later I still reflect upon the impact some of my courses made on my career and life. Psychology introduced the complexities of human behavior and sociology showed how our social contacts influence those behaviors. Evolution and Diversity opened my eyes to the grand design of our universe, and Physical Chemistry (honk if you passed!) added a dimension of wonder to that understanding which still humbles me today. Ecology taught me about the complexities of our environment and inspired me to be a better steward of it. Finally, Anatomy and Physiology brought the intricacies of the human body before my eyes, the true culmination of the cultivation of my scientific wonder. Along this journey of wonder, I was prepared to excel in medical school.

More important than my development in the classroom was my growth outside of it while on campus. Concordia expanded my world view, challenged my beliefs, and took a student who had never heard the term social justice to one who sees it as his central life mission.

In my five years since graduation, spent studying medicine and public health in clinics, hospital rooms and lecture halls, I haven’t come across a colleague who had better preparation than my peers and I received from Concordia. When it comes to preparing for a career in the health professions, you couldn’t make a better choice than becoming a Cobber.”