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COVID started middle of second year. And so we were finishing up clerkship or clinical rotations, we kind of go through the process of thinking, Okay, we have to be prepared to apply for our annual rotations. Here coming forward, what's that going to look like? The next year, still, there was no idea. And the year before us didn't get to do annual rotations. They did all virtual interviews. So we were expecting a lot of the same. But we ended up getting able to do one annual rotation. As a couple, we were hoping to rotate at the same place. But unfortunately, the annual things fell, we ended up rotating in two different places. And so that was a very difficult thing for us. Because when you think about an annual rotation, it's really a rotation that if you perform well, it's a slam dunk, and you have a really good opportunity to go to that place. And so that was that was difficult. From that perspective, think about applying and going through that process.

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Yeah, so we met the first day of our MBA, I had broken my finger, and it was splinted. And he came up to me and asked what was wrong with my finger, and I said, it's broken duh, and was more interested in focusing on my academics and, you know, nervous about the MBA and starting Medical School and was just really not interested. Unfortunately, or fortunately, he continued to bother me. So we built a really good friendship over the summertime. And then in the fall of our first year is when we started dating.

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Yeah, so he says something along the lines of you, some people meet their spouses in medical school, and it gets a good chuckle. And I think a lot of people think that he's being sarcastic, but

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I think it convinced her if I'm being honest. I think it did. It opened the door I think.

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Maybe, yeah, maybe he opened the door for us. And yeah, I would feel like I met my other half here so.

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We didn't really think about a couple's match until second year, and well I saw second year, really early third year about how to approach the match. Just because I think we're just really focused on being the

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anted to go and do that ould help increase