

Fellow Voices

Quotes from Past and Current Fellows



"Horseshoe Farm was the place that I began finding my way as an adult leader, independent thinker, engaged community member and educator. I loved being a part of building the organization from the ground up and making sure it was rooted in the needs of the community through the relationships we built. For me, being in Alabama was a return to my family roots, and felt like home, even though I had never lived there before. I will never forget the incredible people we met and am so proud of the organization it's become!"

Jodie Simms-MacLeod (Fellow 2009-2010)

"I am so grateful for the variety of interactions built into the fellowship, from tutoring to community program planning to one-on-one socializing to helping out other organizations and groups in town.

It's hard to pick only one favorite because I specifically so value the dynamic and holistic picture of life in Greensboro that this paints for me.

Understanding each dimension feels crucial to getting an integrated, people-centered approach to not only healthcare, but any act of service."

Sonja Lazovic (Fellow 2022-2023)



"My time as a Horseshoe Farm Fellow shaped my understanding of how closely health and community health are intertwined with social factors. The experience of working and building personal connections in Greensboro has had a major impact on my growth, both as a doctor and also as a person. It helped me develop skills in leadership, adaptability, and relationship-building that I continue to use every day as a psychiatry resident. Next year, I'm going to do a Women's Mental Health/Perinatal Psychiatry

Fellowship in Providence, RI and plan to become a psychiatrist who specializes in working with patients who are pregnant, postpartum, or hoping to become pregnant."

Molly Chodakewitz, M.D. (Fellow 2015-2016) Psychiatry Resident



I wanted to become a Fellow because I was eager for a year of intensive service. I found that I had become increasingly self-focused during college. I wanted to make a change after graduation, yielding myself to others instead of prioritizing my desires. I hoped a year of service would cultivate habits of mind and action that I could carry through my life as a citizen servant leader."

Lila Williams (Fellow 2022-2023)

"I absolutely love getting to know all my Health Partners and their intimate stories. It is not only me helping them, but them helping me. I am so glad that I am now a part of their lives."

Andrew Gao (Fellow 2023-2024)



"As a Horseshoe Farm Fellow, I am glad to have been part of continuing dialogues with people about community and health. The relationship-oriented nature of the fellowship and its programs has thus been helpful in shaping me into a future physician that is able to develop longitudinal relationships which holistically support and empower others. I am currently looking to explore entering a field in primary care such as pediatrics or family medicine following my next few years in medical school. I am also hoping to get involved in health policy and community engaged initiatives throughout my career journey."

Amber Parson (Fellow 2022-2023) Medical Student



"I've had the opportunity of learning each individual's story, admiring their strength and resilience. Being someone they can trust, rely on, and be vulnerable with is a role I cherish, and I appreciate their openness in letting me into their lives. Seeing everyone set and work towards their goals has been amazing."

Jacqui Campos-Araujo (Fellow 2023-2024)

