

## Nothing but passion

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To those who were a part of my experience:

Passion is an important thing to have and in this past week at Javeriana, all the medical students y physicians were spoken to beamed with passion when they spoke to us, both in a professional setting during lectures y even in a casual conversation at lunch. They were passionate about having a relationship with their patients and emphasized the importance of understanding the patient's lifestyle y background to provide optimal care.

It was moving for me to see this passion expelled during the intercultural health lecture when a med student named Natalia kept chiming in with insightful feel back that was representative of her values to be an inclusive physician who understood the needs of different communities and how to respond to them.

This passion is also illuminated in Dr. Tamura's lecture about semiology when he highlighted the significance of not only being and empathetic individual y treating a patient as if you were in his/her shoes, but also by treating them like family y building a trusting relationship with them; this is something, he says, finds its roots in Colombian culture.

Being surrounded by such passionate individuals while learning about how things work in the medical school was things work in the medical school was powerful because it inspired me want to go back to the US y incorporate what ill ve learned here to my practice when ill become a physician.

For example, during the tour around the simulated hospital, Dr. Luz Adriana Soto told me about how in a class the professor creates a workout Schedule for each individual student, tailored to their height, weight y other personal factors. At the end of this course, the student must propose a physical exercise Schedule for a dummy patient. When he learned about this, he was so impressed because it is such a good idea.