

# COMMUNITY FOCUS

## *Madison Snow*



### Meet Madison Snow, PA-S2

I grew up in Southwest Oklahoma, went to college in Oklahoma City, and moved to Tulsa when I started PA School. When I'm not studying I enjoy a good book and strong cup of coffee, a yoga class, or walking the Riverside Trail with my sweet pup. On the odd weekend off, I love escaping the city and going back home to help out around the farm and hang with my younger siblings. The emphasis the SCM places on community medicine is really important to me because I'm from an underserved area. I look forward to hopefully taking this knowledge back to rural Oklahoma after graduation.

### What does being a PA mean to you?

Taking the time to know each of my patients on a personal level and giving them a safe place where their physical and mental health are the priority.

### What was a challenge you faced? How did you overcome it?

When I was applying to schools it was really hard for me to believe I was capable of being accepted, making it through school or even being a PA. I think this is something I still have to work on sometimes, but it takes gentle reminders to myself, often, that I am good enough, I have the brains to do it, and I am actually doing it!

### What advice would you give to your younger-self?

Don't stress about the future. Do your best at what you're working on today and do what can to set yourself up for future successes, but don't become so preoccupied with the future that you forget to enjoy today.

### What would you tell younger students who are exploring health careers?

Don't limit yourself! Explore all the options, do your research, and don't feel pressured to commit immediately. Medicine is hard, but it's a blast.



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