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Meet Our Advocates: Dr. Johana Oviedo



What are your gender pronouns?

She/her/hers

Where are you from?

I was born in Barranquilla, Colombia. My mom brought me to the US when I was nine-years-old in search of opportunity and a brighter future for me.

What's your specialty or area of expertise?

I am an obstetrician/gynecologist currently completing a Fellowship in Family



What first inspired you to become a doctor?

I was interested in contraceptives and abortion care before I even considered going to medical school. I attended a high school where unintended pregnancies were common, and yet comprehensive sex education was not the norm. To me, this was unacceptable. Thankfully, I also enjoyed math and science so medical school became an obtainable reality. Electing to become an obstetrician/gynecologist and a Family Planning specialist was a natural choice for me.

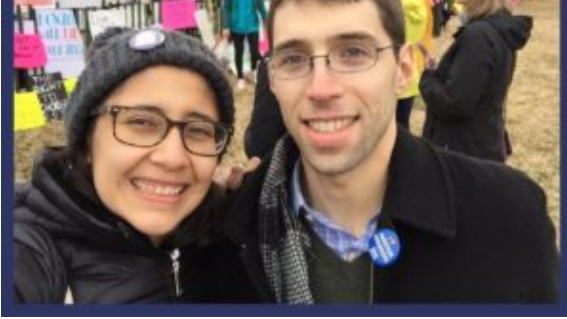
What current policy issue especially motivates you to be an advocate?



Reproductive justice for immigrants. Reproductive rights are human rights and the current administration's policies towards immigrants and those seeking asylum are downright deplorable. As an immigrant myself who was once undocumented, these issues are personal.

How do you practice self-care?

I remind myself of what's really important.



Who is your social justice hero?

Fortunately, every day, there are many people that strive to make the world a better place despite how hard it can be. Ruth Bader Ginsburg is one of those individuals that defines a social justice hero. She is the ultimate exemplary role model.

Our Meet Our Advocates series showcases the talents and passion of one of our doctors and finds out, in their own words, what inspires them to be physician-advocates. Johana Oviedo, MD, MPH is in our current Leadership Training Academy class. Dr. Oviedo practices obstetrics and gynecology in New York.

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