

# On the Ball

**KATE THOMPSON** grew up in Minnesota. For the last four years, she's juggled undergraduate biology studies with a high-octane life on the U-M women's basketball team, setting records for three-point shooting along the way. Today, she's a newly minted M1.

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**BASKETBALL IS MY PASSION, AND I** miss it now, but I just took my first exam in my first sequence — Patients and Populations — and I passed it!

I was always around medicine as a young child — my mom is a psychiatrist and I really admired her and all the work she was able to do with people. When I started playing for Michigan, I began thinking about sports medicine or orthopaedics, but really, basketball introduced me to how much I love working with kids. I've coached the full spectrum — from 5-year-olds to high school — and it is so fun. I'm thinking pediatrics... ”

