

World traveler Lawrence Tiglao on his way to OB/GYN residency



Lawrence Tiglao will leave after to graduation to begin an OB/GYN residency at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. It's a specialty he had no interest in until after a rotation at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center last year when the midwife he was aiding left to check on another patient. Just then the expectant mother in labor began to deliver.

"When the midwife came back the baby's head was crowning and she said, 'well, you're already there, you may as well do the rest.' It was a life-changing, career-changing experience." The complicated delivery

Lawrence's wife Sarah endured in the birth of their first child James during the first year of med school had planted the seed. "But it wasn't until I had delivered a baby myself that I felt like this was something I could really do."

He applied to 21 OB/GYN programs, interviewed at 12 and UC Davis moved to first place on his rank list. He would love to stay in Oregon, Lawrence says, but proximity to extended family in the Bay Area, the quality of the UC Davis program and the strength of its faculty in gynecological oncology, an area he hopes to focus on beyond his residency, were the deciding factors for him. He has not ruled out returning to Oregon after he finishes his residency.

Lawrence has followed a circuitous path to this point. Originally from Arlington, VA., playing baseball was his consuming interest when he started college in North Carolina. Restless, he fled to the West Coast, found shelter with an aunt in Berkeley, worked for a record company in San Francisco, did a work-study program in London, traveled for months on the European continent with his future wife, and ultimately graduated in anthropology from UCLA.



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