



Drs. Stephanie and Matt Lee

## 'I KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS'

Here is an excerpt from an Alumni Reunion interview with **Drs. Stephanie and Matt Lee** from the Class of 2006. (To view the entire interview, scan these QR codes or visit [youtube.com/fsumed](https://youtube.com/fsumed).) Stephanie completed the ob-gyn residency program at UF-Shands Hospital in Jacksonville and has been in practice for a year at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville. Matt finished up Shands' orthopedic surgery residency program and is a fellow at Johns Hopkins. One topic they discussed was how College of Medicine graduates compare with others.

- **Matt:** "I'm in a surgical subspecialty, so I see when they're working, closing wounds, those kinds of things – you can tell that they've had a lot more experience than their peers at the other universities."
- **Stephanie:** "Not only that, but I feel that when you see them interact with patients, they are definitely above their peers in that they've had a lot more experience. I think it's with the small groups and one-on-one training: 'This is how you develop a strong physician-patient relationship.' In our residency we watched them interact with laboring patients, and they are a lot more empathetic, and they're able to talk to them, communicate information in a way they're able to understand."
- **Matt:** "It does come back to the Doctoring classes. I have to admit there were times when I'd be, 'We have to go to Doctoring and do this? Why? This is so fake!' But I can't even begin to count how many times I've used things I learned in that class. Those skills are things you end up using for the rest of your career."
- **Stephanie:** "Especially when you get into tough situations when you start thinking, 'How am I going to handle it?' It comes back: 'Wait a minute – I *have* handled this before! I know how to deal with this.'"



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