Amanda Huey graduated from Williams in 2010 with a degree in economics and chemistry. Currently a resident physician in Internal Medicine at Michigan Medicine in Ann Arbor, MI, Amanda plans on becoming a primary care physician. At Williams, she primarily took Economics classes related to public health, healthcare policy and education. “Taking these classes,” she says, “helped me understand the social determinants of health and how policy can influence the health of my patients.” Amanda feels like Williams has prepared her well for the medical field: “Having taken Econometrics as well as tutorials (that required reading lots of research articles) helped prepare me to be able to critically appraise medical literature.” Amanda’s career path exhibits just how applicable Economics is to a broad set of professional aspirations!

When it comes to navigating the professional world, Amanda’s advice is to find something you are passionate about and stick with it. This extends beyond the classroom or the office, too. Amanda herself is passionate about healthcare, hence her career, but (since her time on the cross-country team at Williams) is also passionate about running. She says, “Having an outlet for my physical and mental health has helped me through the tough times of medical training.” Maintaining a healthy balance between school, work, and life is important at Williams and beyond.