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Class of 1998

Leslie graduated Salutatorian of her high school class. She was an active member of the marching band, winning the state championships in 1996 and serving as drum major in 1997. Leslie also participated in German Club, Student Government and played softball. Some of her fondest memories were in the classes of her favorite teachers: Ms. Martens, Ms. D'Alessandro and Ms. Fuss.

Leslie attended Boston College and majored in Psychology. She was very involved in service and volunteer activities in Boston, teaching English to seniors, volunteering in a local children's hospital, and building houses in Appalachia. She grew up wanting to be a doctor, but after her first year in college decided to take the opportunity to explore other areas of interest.

After college, Leslie moved back to New York and began working for a local non-profit organization. She quit her job and spent the summer in Tanzania working with local non-governmental organizations to increase education and awareness of HIV/AIDS. Leslie helped write a grant to build a school in a local Masaai village.

She returned to New York, completed a post-baccalaureate premedical program at Columbia University and spent one year working for Dr. Mehmet Oz running a pilot program to bring health education into city schools to develop nutrition and exercise education for high school kids. There she learned how to build a program from the ground up. HealthCorps, as it is currently known, is now a multimillion dollar organization serving thousands of students in 13 states.

Leslie was accepted to a combined MD/MPH program at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. While in medical school, she took a year off to study epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, and then decided to pursue a residency in Psychiatry. During her residency she received numerous awards and recognition including APA Public Psychiatry Fellowship, the Perry Research Award, the Barbara Liskin Award and was selected as one of the Chief residents by her peers and faculty. Leslie is now a research fellow in the Division on Substance Abuse and is currently working on initiatives with the state and city Department of Health to increase access to treatment for addiction.

"May the beauty we love be what we do." - Rumi