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I am a native of Pineville, South Carolina and a 2005 graduate of Clemson University. I formerly served in the South Carolina Army National for a period of six years, eighteen months of which was spent on a homeland defense mission in the District of Columbia. While in the South Carolina Army National Guard, I received the honor of being named soldier of the year for 2/263 ADA Battalion. I have worked for the Cobb County Department of Family and Children Services as a family independence case manager, where I helped to determine eligibility for Medicaid and Foodstamps for families and individuals. I have also interned with the Physical Activity and Health Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, I assisted in the completion of the U.S. Physical Activity Guidelines. The Guidelines, which is scheduled to be released in October 2008, is the first document of its kind in this nation. To assist in the completion of the Guidelines I served as chief reconciler of the Guidelines Database. This involved coding interventions and projects by study design and outcome, and deciding whether they should be included or excluded in the database for potential use by the writing group. I am currently a first year MPH student at Morehouse School of Medicine in the health administration and policy track. I have a profound interest in health policy, in particular, policy that relates to access to healthcare for disadvantaged populations.