



Sarah Leach

It is always quite interesting when you take a moment to look back on your life and realize you are on a completely different track than you ever imagined possible. Three years ago, I ended up accepting a GPR position at the Ohio State University – post match. It is correct to assume that I never purposely tried to move to Ohio and in fact, the idea of moving north of the Mason-Dixon line, where the winters are cold and snow/[insert other bizarre weather] happens, would have never occurred to me as a desirable option. At that time, I was not sure whether I wanted to focus on a career in general dentistry or work towards pursuing oral and maxillofacial surgery residency. I figured one year in Ohio couldn't hurt, it would give me life experiences and I'd figure out the rest. Additionally, making this option more appealing, my then-boyfriend, now-husband, Daniel was accepted to participate in the one year non-categorical OMFS internship at the Ohio State University.

After the hysterics of leaving South Carolina subsided, I was able to focus on my job in the general practice residency and luckily, one of my first rotations was a month of Anesthesiology. During this time, I was able to see a whole different aspect of higher education in dentistry I had never been exposed to in my dental school training. This experience really opened my eyes to the need and importance of anesthesiology in the field of dentistry. I was immediately drawn to the medical complexity of anesthesiology, as well as the compassion shared in being an advocate for the patient. I felt like I had finally found a career that fits my personality.

Daniel and I are both very blessed to have matched at our subsequent programs here at OSU. We got engaged before he found out where he matched for OMFS and for a few months, we were unsure whether or not we'd be living in the same state. At this point, we were so grateful to find a place where we both belong, and we started to really embrace

and appreciate our new life in Ohio, as well as our friends that are now more like family. Ohio will always hold a special place in my heart, our first married years spent here and I feel quite accurate in saying the training and education we are receiving here is second to none. It's definitely funny how things work out. I never would have guessed I would be here, but I am so glad I took that chance. Both personally and professionally speaking, moving to Ohio on a whim was hands down one of the best decisions I have ever made.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to train under so many great minds here at the Ohio State University! To all faculty in anesthesiology and oral and maxillofacial surgery, I want you to know I appreciate your dedication to teaching and working closely with residents to maintain the high standards of our practices. To my fellow residents and graduating interns, I have loved getting to know each and every one of you - you have definitely made residency a blast! Chris, you're the best co-resident and I will miss you when you move to Virginia Beach.

Save the best for last, Daniel, I am so lucky to be married to you! Thank you for challenging me every day, taking care of me when I am tired or forget to eat, and always loving me despite my flaws. You are an incredibly talented surgeon and I love that our chosen career paths allow us to work together. You truly are the best part of my day, every day.

Chris Gushue

After being born in Queens and spending years in Philadelphia, I was unsure about my move to the Midwest, but these have been the most exciting years of my life.

Many thanks to my attendings in particular Drs. Prior, Weaver, Larsen; along with my co-residents for all the knowledge and opportunities you've given me. I will carry many of the lessons of humility and excellence you have all instilled in me as I move into private practice.

I will miss residency, for all the unique cases I will not see again, and for all the friendships that I have formed.