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My work through different professional and community roles has been influenced by my interest in older adults and underserved populations.

My passion for working with older adults started by facing the oral and overall health struggles and deterioration of my grandmother, and my role as one of the main caregivers within my family.

Knowing that "oral health is an integral part of overall health and well-being" I continued working with older adults through comprehensive geriatric assessments and care coordination in a mobile dental clinic. There, my work included addressing multiple aspects of oral health among long-term care residents and community-dwelling adults addressing prosthetic-related complications (i.e. ill-fitting dental prosthesis), disease prevention, and access to oral healthcare to improve overall health for seniors.

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