

The mission of I Am Abel is aligned with my own mission, which is to encourage our youth to aim for goals even if those goals seem impossible. My name is Korinne Carr and I intend to serve as a Mentee Leader and Auxiliary Board Member. My journey with I Am Abel began in 2019 like some of the other students in the advanced cohort. In our courses with Dr. Ike, I openly share my opinion on cases that are presented. My viewpoints and decisions generally come from my care and concern for others. In connection with this new position, I can use my voice to also speak for my classmates.

A leader listens to those that are being led, considers their stance, and makes a decision that will be most beneficial for the organization. As a former Chicago Public School Teacher, my preferred area of service is the middle/high school pipeline. Many of the students and even parents that I have worked with in the past do not consider medicine as an option. The main areas of focus in many schools are reading and math. Most students in underserved communities don't start consistently taking science courses until 6th grade. One idea that came to mind when I learned about this opportunity was the relationship we have with our mentors. We, the mentees, can also serve as mentors. Students in middle and high school can learn what life is like for a pre-medical OR post-baccalaureate student. The family that has been created within the I Am Abel Foundation can be extended to include the younger generation of students.

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for this position. I am excited for the future of I Am Abel!