

## Happy Holidays from the Rebedews!



We are happy to send you our very first Christmas letter! As you all know, we got married just two months ago on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The wedding was beautiful thanks to all of the time and effort that Pamela (mom/mother-in-law) and Elise Marthe (Matron of honor) put into

helping create the save the date cards, the wedding invitations, and all of the delightful ponies, turtles, and table favors. We do wish we had gotten more cake. It was nearly gone at the end of the night.

After our wedding, we spent five days on Mackinac Island, a small island (about 5 miles around) where no cars are allowed. We spent the days walking around, taking photographs of the beautiful fall colors, going shopping at the local stores, and eating lots of Mackinac Island fudge. Following the honeymoon, we flew to Philadelphia for an award ceremony inducting David into the Pisacano Leadership Program (an award given to six medical students across the nation each year for being chosen as future leaders in family medicine).

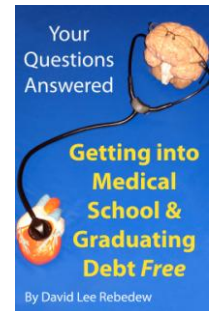


We both received honors through our medical school this year. Katie was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society for being in the top 16% of our medical school class. David was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society, an honor given to 16 medical students in our class of 165 by our fellow classmates for embodying humanism in medicine and being the kind of doctor our colleagues would want taking care of their families.



In other news, this fall we have been quite busy with figuring out where we plan to do our residency training after medical school. This year David applied to family medicine programs throughout the Midwest and Katie applied to the nearby pediatric residency programs. In total, we went on 16 interviews in 4 different states. We are doing the “couples match” for residency so that our applications are linked and we can end up at residencies close to one another. In March, we will find out where we will be spending the next three years of our lives. Our top choice is to stay here in Madison at the UW residency programs.

This year David wrote and published a kindle book on Amazon, *Your Questions Answered: Getting into Medical School and Graduating Debt Free - A Guide to High School, Pre-medicine, and Medical School.*



Loki has been doing well and is enjoying his new home at Pen Bryn Farm. He enjoys spending time outside with his friends and going on trail rides around the nearby fields. We look forward to one day being able to expand our family of pets.

With Love,

~Katie and David Rebedew

