Medicine is a team sport. We really have to work together. You have to really understand the people that you’re working with and the people that you’re trying to improve their health in order to really deliver outstanding, high quality health to everyone. Yale resides in the New Haven community and this community is such a powerhouse. It’s an incredibly diverse town.
heart. We really try and foster. Be working with agencies, with health organizations in the community to make sure that you’re truly embedded and understand New Haven. Yale students have a lot of different opportunities, whether they’re involved with health education, health care in the community, or also opportunities to learn about research. One of the ones that really impresses me is the Haven Clinic. Haven is a student run free clinic.
We see about 400 to 500 unique patients each year providing primary care and wrap around social services including legal services, social services, lab services, reproductive health services that help provide kind of comprehensive care for patients. All of our patients are uninsured and the majority are Spanish speaking and it’s a really great opportunity for students to get involved with marginalized communities within New Haven.

The Neighborhood Health Project is another free clinic that focuses on the needs of the community.
a little bit more on preventative screening and is more mobile based.
The engagement of the students in New Haven, it’s not the engagement of somebody from the outside engaging in the community, is community participation. And that starts from understanding that during the years that we’re here, we are not just at Yale, we are members of the New Haven community.