



# Aleena Yaktine

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- *What do you like to do in your spare time?*

In my spare time you can find me studying for school or out on the trails in Arkansas hiking or trail running. If I am not studying or exercising I am most likely loving on my nephews and gushing over the upcoming arrival of my niece!

- *What inspires you?*

The patients are my biggest inspiration. Having spent three years working in health care, I have had the opportunity to speak to dozens of patients and each one of those patients has left an imprint on my heart. Their strength and courage inspires and motivates me everyday which is why I cannot wait to join Team ANA 417!

- *Why did you decide to do nonprofit work and join Team ANA 417? What emotional reasons, if any?*

Nonprofit work has been a large part of my life for the last eight years. I had the amazing opportunity to serve as the philanthropy chair for Chi Omega- Lambda Zeta at the University of Missouri- Kansas City. That experience, and the experience I gained in high school at Springfield Catholic spearheading two nonprofits made joining Team ANA 417 a no-brainer!

- *Who is a hero of yours and why?*

A hero of mine is local oncologist Dr. Jessica Snider. I had the opportunity to shadow her during the summer of 2017 and she has been an inspiration to me ever since. Her compassion for her patients and her infinite knowledge make her my hero and my inspiration to pursue a career in the medical field.

- *What is something quirky about you?*

A quirk about me would be my passion for crime shows. It all started before the podcast My Favorite Murder became popular (although that podcast did not help)! You can find me on my weekends either reading crime novels or catching up on my true crime TV shows.

- *Where are you from originally?*

I am from right here in Springfield, Missouri! I attended Springfield Catholic High School and am finishing up my degree in Health Communication and Biomedical Science from Missouri State University.

- *More about Aleena:*

**My day job is being a full-time student at Missouri State University (but only for one more year, yay!) and working at Family Medical Walk In Clinic as a Front Office Assistant. Following graduation in the spring I will be headed to nursing school to continue working towards my dream of working in Labor and Delivery.**

- *Ask Aleena About:*

Ask me about fundraising opportunities, communications for nonprofits, and how to get involved with Team ANA 417!