

# Discovery

**“NCSSM gave me a curiosity for science that came from early exposure to extraordinary things. As a result, I became a physician-scientist. Having recently discovered a gene which causes a type of kidney disease brings my experimental beginnings at Science and Mathematics full circle.”**

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Michelle works in Duke University Medical Center's Division of Nephrology, in the Center for Human Genetics, where she is presently Principal Investigator or Investigator on six grants totaling over \$5,000,000 from the National Institutes of Health and National Kidney Foundation to study the genetics of kidney disease.

Dr. Winn attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Pogue Academic Scholarship, graduating with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1988.

She received a Board of Governor's Scholarship and the Philip G. Nelson Award while a medical student at East Carolina University Medical School.

