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A Closer Look:

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Education: Doctor of Nursing Practice, Master of Science, Family Nurse Practitioner

Where you grew up: Moldova, a country nestled in the northeastern Balkan region of Europe

Current home: Westfield, MA

Pets: Tigger, the goodest boy ever

Favorite movie: *The Shawshank Redemption*

What gets you out of bed in the morning: My dog's nuzzling, the smell of coffee, and the anticipation of discovering new possibilities

How would you describe your job to a child? Helping people improve their health

What do you like most about your job? Working with people, placing the focus on others, and providing new perspectives; the opportunity to stretch my mind whilst working with challenges that lead to new ideas and outlooks

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What is your biggest achievement to date, either personal or professional? Immigrating to the U.S. as a young adult without the command of English language; building a new life in an unfamiliar environment

Favorite fictional book: *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas

What's your favorite line from a film? "You can't handle the truth!" Jack Nicholson in *A Few Good Men*

"Must-see" TV: *The Crown*

What is your guilty pleasure? Tiramisu

Something very few people know about me and would be surprised to hear: Fluent in three languages (English, Romanian, and Russian); avid rollerblader

