

# **UT Southwestern / Children's Medical Center – Dallas**

**2022-2023**

## **Pediatric PL-1 House Staff**

This booklet is intended to help integrate our pediatric interns into the busy and bustling interdisciplinary teams that keep our hospital running.

The entries here may offer you starting points for worthwhile conversations and interactions. In addition to basic geographic and training background facts, some facets of what our interview process noticed and appreciated in individual intern applicants are listed. For each intern, these lists include some – but not all – of their past endeavors and passions. They mention early – but not exclusive or restrictive – areas of interest.

The thoughtful and personalized cultivation of new colleagues and their diverse talents is essential to our long-term mission as an academic medical center and to our immediate levels of function.

The attending who pulled me aside years ago in a hallway to “welcome another Cubs fan to propounding” started a profoundly meaningful relationship with a grin and a wink. Given my lack of interest in baseball (and especially the Cubs), this conversation rapidly morphed to discussions about our patient’s renal function, which may have been the intent all along. Regardless, the fact that I still recall this conversation so vividly proves its impact. Likewise, the nurse who kindly and expertly taught me how to plot vital trends on a bedside monitor at 2AM did more for me and my patients than I think she ever realized.

I hope you, too, are willing to take time to thoughtfully engage with our trainees. If so, I strongly suspect you can directly help and develop them, and our institution.

*-Jeff McKinney*

# Esra Akkoyun, MD



- Gazi Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi (Turkey), M.D.
- Pediatric Infectious Disease Fellow, UTSW
- Chief Resident, Pediatric Residency Program, Gazi Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi
- Children's Service Grant Award, Children's Health, 2021
- Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Research Assistant, Rush University
- General Practitioner, Cobanlar Medical Center, Turkey
- Research: Clinical characteristics and outcomes of COVID-19 infections in children
- Research: Characteristics and outcomes of initial and rebound MIS-C cases in children
- Research: Utilizing asthma action plans in the AAAAI Asthma IQ Program
- Research: Indoor allergen sensitization correlating with asthma
- Turkish (Native)

Career Interests: Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Hobbies: Biking, Swimming, Cooking Mediterranean food

# Caroline Anding, MD



- McGovern at UT Houston, MD
- Texas A&M, BS in Biomedical Sciences
- Member, AOA
- Excellence in Research Award, Texas A&M Student Research Week
- Treasurer, AMWA
- Outreach Leader, McGovern Student Ambassadors
- Secretary, Nutrition in Medicine
- Secretary, Simulation in Medicine
- Secretary and Group Leader, Global Medical Brigades
- Research: Eye-related ED visits and role of ophthalmology consults in emergency eye care
- Research: Opioid use in pediatric appendicitis patients
- Research: Risk factors for nonaccidental burns in pediatric patients
- Step 1 Mentor, McGovern

Career Interests: General Pediatrics

Hobbies: Running, Lifting weights, Yoga, Cooking, Playing board games, Listening to music, Watching Texas A&M football

# Nadia Ansari, MD



- Baylor College of Medicine, MD
- Rice University, BA in Biological Sciences
- Student Ambassador, Baylor Admissions Committee
- Leader, Peer Resource Network
- Secretary, Internal Medicine Interest Group
- Research: QI initiative to improve screening and interventions for food insecurity
- Medical Ethics: Impacts of caregiver fatigue on children
- Tutor, Anatomy Buddies
- Biology TA, Rice University
- Mentor, Rice Pre-Med Medical Society
- Volunteer, Baylor Pediatric Student Association
- Volunteer, Kidney Koaches (dialysis patient buddy at Texas Children's)
- Volunteer, HOMES Student Run clinic
- Urdu (Advanced)

Career Interests: Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Hobbies: Cooking dishes from favorite YouTube chefs, Exploring local food scenes, Painting with acrylics, Learning guitar

# Rami Ballout, MD



- American University of Beirut, MD
- Lebanese American University, BS in Biology
- Post-doc, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Lipoprotein Metabolism Section
- International Gaucher Award for rare disease patient advocacy
- Undergrad Researcher, WHO-commissioned project on needle-stick injuries, AUB
- Review Editor, Frontiers in Pediatrics, Genetics and Rare Diseases Section
- Editor & Peer Reviewer, Journal of Asian Medical Students' Association
- Research: NIH pilot study of lipoprotein subfractions and other metabolites in patients with severe COVID
- Med Ed: Course facilitator, tutor, TA, Author/creator of ed material
- Volunteer high school biology teacher
- Arabic (native)

Career Interests: Medical Genetics, Evidence-Based Medicine

Hobbies: Cooking, Painting on glass, Making candles, Traveling, Tasting wines from all over the world, Cats, Epigenetics, Computational Biology

# Eddy Chang, MD

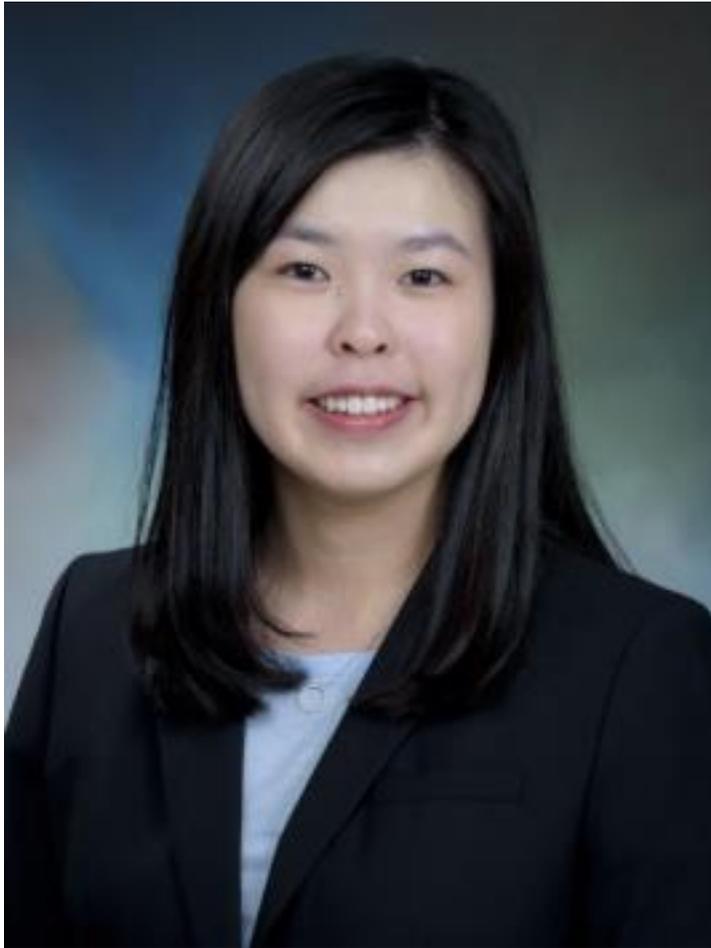


- Medical College of Georgia, MD
- Georgia Institute of Technology, BS in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Research: Recovery of neural taste responses after injury in IL-1 receptor knockout mice
- Volunteer, MCOG Oncology Interest Group
- Volunteer, MCOG Family Medicine Interest Group
- Volunteer, MedWAR (Wilderness Medicine)
- Volunteer, Ignite the Dream – fostering interest in medicine among local teens
- Student Athletic Trainer, Georgia Institute of Technology Sports Medicine
- Math Tutor, Mathnasium
- Chinese (good)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Basketball, Yoga, Cooking

# Ashley Chen, MD



- UT Medical Branch, MD – Public Health Track
- Austin College, BA in Biology and Public Health
- Above and Beyond Clerkship Award in Pediatrics
- Administrative Officer, UTMB Public Health Organization
- Volunteer Coordinator, UTMB Pediatric Student Association
- President, Campus Activity Board, Austin College
- Research: Large retrospective chart review on hospitalized COVID-19 cases at UTMB
- Research: Sociodemographic barriers to cervical cancer screening
- Biology and Anatomy TA, Austin College
- Mentor, AMWA Big Sib/Little Sib Program
- Point in Time Count Volunteer, Galveston County survey of homeless persons
- Volunteer, Butterfly Project
- Clinical Volunteer, Galveston County COVID Vaccination Hub

Career Interests: Not yet declared

Hobbies: Crocheting, Baking

# Philip Damron, MD, MS



- University of Maryland, MD
- Georgetown, MS in Tumor Biology
- University of Maryland, BA in Criminology/ Criminal Justice and BS in Cellular Biology and Molecular Genetics
- Radiation Oncology Summer Fellowship Award
- Member, Volunteer Services Advisory Committee, Children's National
- Co-President, Peds Pals
- Research: Chart review of CT scan-based dose for body irradiation
- Research: Shock proteins driving endocrine therapy resistance in breast cancer
- Volunteer Tutor for Children's National H/O patients
- Patient Care Volunteer, Children's National
- Volunteer Early Reading Tutor, Prevention and Intervention for Early Learners

Career Interests: Hematology-Oncology

Hobbies: Reading, Outdoors activities like golfing, biking, kayaking, Exploring new places with his Golden Retriever, Avid sports fan (Maryland Terrapins, Baltimore Orioles, and Washington DC Sports teams)

# Alia Dani, MD, MPH



- American University of Beirut, MD
- King's College London, MPH
- American University of Beirut, BS in Biology
- Post-Doc, Cincinnati Children's Heart Institute
- First prize project award at General Assembly of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
- Executive Board Member, AUBM Cares (Refugee child mental health screening)
- National Officer on Human Rights and Peace, Lebanese Med Students' International Committee
- Member, Migrant Health Policy Committee, IFMSA
- Co-founder, ZeroCOVID Lebanon
- Co-Lead of Arabic content, Dr. SMART team
- Research: Outcomes for pediatric thoracic transplantation (lung, heart, liver)
- Research: Child development project validating the ASQ screening tool in Arabic
- Arabic (native), French (Advanced)

Career Interests: Cardiology, Primary Care

Hobbies: Traveling, Reading, Hanging out with friends and family, Disney movies, Tennis, Art

# Amy Davis, MD



- Texas Tech University Health Science Center, MD – Medical Humanities and Ethics track
- Baylor University, BBA in International Business/Entrepreneurship
- Member, GHHS
- Socioeconomic and Legislative Affairs Committee Member, Lubbock County Medical Society
- Student Promotions and Professional Conduct Committee Member, TTUCHSC
- Planning Committee Member, TTUHSC SOM Global Health Alliance
- Co-Founder and Volunteer, Gil Taylor Depression Awareness Alliance
- Chair, Trains at NorthPark fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Dallas
- Director of Consumer Integration, Baylor Scott & White
- Research: Ethical challenges facing medical expert witnesses in cases of child abuse
- Research: Student anxiety correlation to use of academic and mental health resources
- Operation Babywatch Volunteer, Texas Dept of Family and Protective Services

Career Interests: General Pediatrics, Medical Humanities

Hobbies: Marathon running, Surfing, Paddle surfing, Dallas Museum of Art docent

# Brianne Dentel, MD, PhD



- UT Southwestern, MD/PhD
- Kansas State University, BS in Microbiology
- American Epilepsy Society Young Investigator Travel Award, 2018
- MSTP Representative, Women in Science and Medicine Advisory Committee
- Secretary and Science Outreach Presenter, Alpha Chi Sigma, Beta Rho Chapter
- Research: Investigating neural implications of loss of the gene NPRL2 using mouse model
- Research Publication: Glycine actions at the NMDAR contribute to early mortality and synaptic dysfunction in a neuronal Nprl2 seizure model
- Organic Chemistry TA, Kansas State
- Respite care provider for foster parents, Buckner International
- Elementary Sunday School Teacher at local church

Career Interests: Child Neurology, Physician Scientist

Hobbies: Baking, Gardening, Board Games, Walking her dogs, Audiobooks, Reading a good book outdoors, Traveling, Candles, KC Chiefs Football, STEM Outreach

# Calvin Fairbourn, MD



- Creighton University, MD
- Creighton University, BS in Biology and Medical Anthropology
- Member, GHHS
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America
- M4 Pediatrics Chief, Creighton-Phoenix Regional Campus
- Student Clinic President, St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Board Member, Creighton Board on Student Discipline
- Research: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome diagnostic and treatment guidelines
- Anatomy TA, Creighton
- Medical Scribe, Arizona Orthopedics
- Medical Student Volunteer, Creighton Project Homeless Connect
- Medical Student Volunteer, Magis Clinic, Sienna Francis House

Career Interests: Critical Care

Hobbies: Hiking, Camping, Visiting national parks, Fossil hunting, Board games, Bad reality TV, March Madness, Travel to big cities

# Miracle Deborah Girauro, MBChB



- Makerere University, MBChB
- Award for Excellent Performance, Makerere University
- Best Student in Scientific Writing, Makerere University
- Medical Officer, Texas Children's Global Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Excellence (HOPE) Program, Kampala, Uganda
- Medical Officer, Mulago National Referral Hospital, Kampala, Uganda
- Intern Medical Officer, Uganda Ministry of Health
- Medical Officer, The Aids Support Organization – non-profit providing free medical care and health education to families in central Uganda
- International Student Exchange Participant, Mercy Hospital / Des Moines University – Psychiatry and Behavioral Health

Career Interests: Hospitalist

Hobbies: Singing in choir, Listening to music, Cooking African cuisine

# Lynette Gonzalez, MD



- Texas A&M Health Science Center, MD
- Texas A&M, BS in Biomedical Sciences
- Board Member, Diana-Vela McMillion Scholarship Foundation
- Campus Historian, Texas A&M College of Medicine
- Advisor, MedCamp Alumni Advisory Board
- Mentor, Texas A&M Hispanic Network
- Senior Mentor, Texas A&M Integrated Medicine Program
- Mentor and Volunteer coordinator, Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP)
- Research: Affects of SSRI use in pregnant women on fetal outcomes
- Elementary Tutor, Reads & Counts
- Spanish Translator, HealthPoint ABC (FQHC, Bryan, TX)
- Volunteer, Disaster Day emergency simulation
- Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity
- Spanish (native)

Career Interests: NICU

Hobbies: Reading, Anime, Outdoor activities (running, fishing), Pets (Betta fish, Blue neon tetras, Blue mystery snails), Spending time with family

# Sarah Greenfield, MD



- UT Southwestern, MD
- Baylor University, BA in Medical Humanities, Minor in Biology
- Member, AOA
- Member, GHHS
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Committee Member, AOA Step Up to Clerkships
- Peer Mentor, UTSW Academic Colleges
- Community Engagement Co-Chair, GHHS
- Volunteer Coordinator, AVID United to Serve
- Student Liaison, Baylor Medical Humanities Honor Council
- Research: Infectious disease screening guidelines for children in foster care
- Volunteer, Helping Augment Neonatal Development (HANDs)
- Volunteer & Counselor, Camp I'm Still Me
- After-school Math Tutor, Waco ISD
- Tutor, Belton Housing Authority (for children in government-assisted housing)

Career Interests: Hospitalist

Hobbies: Teaching

# Juliana Hager, MD



- UT Rio Grande Valley, MD
- Lincoln Memorial University, MS in Biomedical Professional Science
- Texas A&M, BS in Nutritional Science
- US Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Award
- Operations Director, UTRGV Student-Run Clinic
- Committee Leader, Student Health and Wellness Committee
- TMA “Be Wise – Immunize” Event Planner
- Mentor, UTRGV Mentor Program
- Team Director, Youth Impact Mentorship Program
- Research: MIS-C Diagnosis in a Typhus-Endemic area
- Research: Clinical predictors of response to depression treatment in persons with epilepsy
- Head Cook & Relief Parent, Still Creek Ranch Safe Home and Boarding School
- Medical Mission Trips to El Salvador, Peru, Nepal

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Reading, Hiking, Swimming, Going to the beach, Cooking, Spending time with family, Travel

# Elizabeth (Liz) Harvey, MD



- University of Virginia, MD
- McGill University, BS Microbiology and Immunology
- Big Sib Mentor, University of Virginia
- Member, Student Clinicians for Climate Action
- Assistant Group Leader, On Our Own
- Community Outreach Coordinator, Camp Holiday Trails
- Pediatrics Mentor, Pediatric Interest Group
- eGlobal Researcher, Center for Global Health Equity
- Research: Risk Directed Post-Operative Nausea and Vomiting Prevention in Adult Patients Undergoing Elective Abdominal Surgery
- Research: Host and viral factors at the 5' terminus of the Hepatitis C virus genome
- Student Volunteer, Homeless Consult Service
- Social Sustainability Month Coordinator, McGill
- Direct Support Professional, The Arc of Monroe home for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Career Interests: Gastroenterology

Hobbies: Dedicated cinephile (loves film festivals and classic movies), Visiting local restaurants, Hiking, International travel

# Avery Haugen, MD



- Baylor College of Medicine, MD
- Texas Christian University, BS in Biochemistry
- Student Senate Award in Community Impact for Refugee Health Fair
- President, Global Health Interest Group
- President, Global Medicine Training, TCU chapter
- Lead Organizer, Refugee Health Fair
- Marketing Chair, ENTerest Group
- Global Health Med-Ed Project: Pre/Post-departure curriculum for students participating in global health rotations
- Volunteer, Abundant Harvest Kitchen
- Anatomy Tutor, Anatomy Buddies
- Organic Chemistry TA, TCU
- High School Pre-Med Mentor
- Mentor, Peer Resource Network
- ED Scribe, Tyro Medicus
- Spanish (Advanced)

Career Interests: Gen Peds, AYA, Global Health

Hobbies: Horseback riding (equestrian and polo competitions), Cooking and hosting dinner parties, Patio gardening

# Stephen Hemmerly, MD



- University of Tennessee HSC, MD
- Lipscomb University, BS in Biochemistry
- Best Poster in Chemistry/Biochemistry Award, Lipscomb University Student Scholars Symposium
- VP, Sigma Iota Delta
- Medical Student Executive Committee Member and 2022 Class Rep, UTHSC
- Student Body VP, Lipscomb Student Government
- Leadership Council Member, Presidential Ambassadors Council, Lipscomb
- Tour Guide and Team Manager, Lipscomb Office of Admissions
- Fundraising Director, Goatfest Music Festival
- Research: Medication dosing in high-risk pediatric cardiology and CVICU patients
- Research Intern, Vanderbilt Division of Orthopaedic Trauma
- Tutor, Lipscomb Academy Equip Program
- Volunteer Citizen, Best Buddies of Memphis
- Suture Tech Volunteer, Regional One Health

Career Interests: Pulmonology, Critical Care

Hobbies: Rock climbing, Hiking, Traveling, Cooking, Competitive gaming

# Elizabeth Herrin, MD



- McGovern at UT Houston, MD
- UT Austin, BSA in Biochemistry
- Student Ambassador of the Month Award
- Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies
- Communication Lead & Ambassador, McGovern Student Ambassadors
- Cofounder and VP, Scrubs Addressing Firearm Epidemic (SAFE), McGovern local chapter
- Peer Mentor, McGovern Society
- Content Creator, TEACH TX #ThisIsOurShot Campaign
- Communications Leader and Student Mentor, The Aptamer Stream, UT Austin
- Student Delegate, AAP Section on Pediatric Trainees
- Research: Pediatricians' perspectives on using social media for advocacy
- Research: Detecting Hepatitis A in food and water supplies via novel ELONA assay
- Medical Play Volunteer, Pediatric student Association

Career Interests: Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Advocacy

Hobbies: Instagram blogging (@medically.blonde), Painting on canvas and digitally

# Brittany Hopkins, MD



- Meharry Medical College, MD
- Florida State University, BS in Biology
- Member, GHHS
- New Teacher of the Year, 2018
- Class of 2022 President, Meharry
- President, Saburo Hara Pediatric Society, Meharry
- Community Service Chair, Saburo Hara Pediatric Society
- M1 Liaison, Saburo Hara Pediatric Society
- Primary Care Fellow, National Medical Fellowship, Los Angeles, CA
- Research: Comparing antibiotic prescription practices and perceptions among urgent care and non-urgent care clinicians at large FQHC
- High School Biology Teacher, Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, FL
- Math Teacher, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, FL

Career Interests: Internal Medicine - Pediatrics

Hobbies: Cooking, Traveling, Karaoke, Reading, Watching Food Network & HGTV, Playing on Nintendo Switch, Listening to live music, Hanging out with nieces and nephews

# Mattie Kerns, MD



- University of Colorado, MD
- University of Colorado, BS in Biology, Minor in Health Humanities
- GERM Grant Award, Infectious Disease Society of America
- NIH/USDA Young Investigators Travel Award
- President, Pediatric Medicine Interest Group
- Volunteer, Denver Public School COVID Vaccine Q&A Health Fair
- Research: Motivations and demographics of community members who advocate for vaccines
- Research: Longitudinal changes in one-carbon metabolites and amino acid concentration during pregnancy
- Learning Assistant, Biochemistry
- Facilitator, Crawford Future Scientists
- Volunteer, Boulder Adaptive Dance Program
- Companionship Volunteer, Suncrest Hospice
- Student Volunteer, Mental Health Centers of Denver Summer Program
- American Sign Language (Fair)

Career Interests: Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Hobbies: Baking, Needlepoint embroidery, Thrift shopping, Trying new local restaurants, Spending time with her fiancé and her Bengal cat, Mango

# Mattie Lastovica, MD



- UT Rio Grande Valley, MD
- Vanderbilt University, BS in Child Development
- UTRGV Student Delegate, AAP Section on Pediatric Trainees
- Student Class Rep, UTRGV Student Ambassador Program
- Committee Member, Big Sib/Little Sib Program
- President, Pediatric Interest Group
- Research Team Member, TCMHCC Childhood Trauma Research Network, UTRGV Branch
- Research: Correlation between autism spectrum disorders and exercise intolerance
- Med Ed: Creating storybooks for children to explain preventative medicine concepts
- Med Ed: Outcomes of random vs. non-random matching of Big Sib/Little Sib med student mentor pairs
- Clinical Skills Tutor, Peer Mentoring Program
- Inclusive Gen Ed and Special Ed Toddler Teacher, Rise School of Austin

Career Interests: Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Hobbies: Baking, Cooking, Hosting themed dinner parties, Trying new restaurants, Live music, Children's literature, Agriculture

# Heejin Lim, MD



- Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson, MD
- Cornell University, BA in Biology, Minor in English
- President, Bioethics Interest Group, RWJMS
- VP, OB/GYN Interest Group
- Student Ambassador, RWJMS
- Planning Committee, Take Back the Night
- Executive Board, Maternal & Child Health Project, Cornell
- Research: Association between screen time and emotional regulation and accidental injuries in young children
- Research: Association between infant feeding practices and prevalence of ADHD
- Med Ed: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome education for opioid-dependent mothers
- Writer, Women's Health Institute, RWJUH
- Summer Intern, Churches United for Fair Housing, Brooklyn, NY
- TA in Biochemistry, Cornell
- Korean (advanced)

Career Interests: NICU, Maternal/Child Health, Advocacy, Community education

Hobbies: Reading (favorite authors include Atwood, Vonnegut, Chekhov, and Isiguro), Hiking, Illustrating, Baking

# Taylor Merritt, MD



- University of Florida, MD
- Florida State University, BS in Biological Sciences
- Member, AOA
- Member, Phi Kappa Phi
- Pediatric Clinic Director and Clinic Site Officer, UF Equal Access Clinic Network
- Youth Vaccination Taskforce Member, UF Department of Pediatrics
- Member, UFCOM Admissions Welcoming Committee
- Intern, Florida Department of Health
- Research: Effect of insurance type on maternal vaccination rate
- Research: Association between early childhood abuse/neglect and antibody response to influenza vaccine
- Assistant Facilitator, UFCOM Health Education Center (tobacco cessation)
- Tutor, UFCOM
- TA in Biology, FSU

Career Interests: Not yet declared

Hobbies: Travel, Hiking national parks, Fitness (HIT training and yoga), Vegetarian cooking, Time in nature, Reading fiction

# Gina Milano Lafferty, MD



- UT Southwestern, MD
- Brown University, BA in Science and Society
- Coordinator, Medicine and End of Life Course
- Mentor, Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students
- Designer, UTSW Yearbook Committee
- Mentor, Pre + OP Buddy Program, UTSW
- President, St. Basil Society
- Founder and President, Kiwanis International local chapter
- Chief Operations Officer, Kappa Alpha Theta
- Secretary, Brown University Alumni Group of North Texas
- Research: Effectiveness of three pre-ECMO mortality prediction scores
- Research: Survival rates for pediatric septic shock patients supported by peripheral ECMO cannulation
- Teacher, Partnership for Adult Learning, Rhode Island
- Spanish (native), Italian (advanced)

Career Interests: Emergency Medicine, Critical Care

Hobbies: Long-distance running, Creative writing, Event planning, Watching cultural documentaries, Cooking Mexican-Italian dishes

# Melanie Muller, MD, PhD



- University of Illinois COM – Urbana, MD/PhD (PhD in Biophysics and Quantitative Biology)
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, BS in Mathematics and Chemistry
- NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Predoctoral Fellowship
- Curriculum Subcommittee Member, Racial Reform and Social Justice Task Force, UIC
- Diversity Resources Subgroup Committee Member, Students Advising on Graduation Education
- Social Event Coordinator, AMWA local chapter
- Research: Modeling atomic-level interactions between lipids and proteins in blood clots
- Undergraduate Research Project Mentor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Volunteer Mentor, Eye-to-Eye program for middle schoolers with learning differences
- TA in Biochemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Career Interests: Physician Scientist, Cardiology, Hematology-Oncology

Hobbies: Creative writing, Scuba diving, Pollinator gardens, Running, Local theater

# Precious Ndukwe, MD



- Howard University, MD
- Howard University, BS in Human Performance - Sports Medicine
- Member, AOA
- Clinical Manager, New Freedman's Clinic
- President, Christian Medical Dental Association, Howard University
- Patient Care Coordinator, Mercy Volunteer Corps – Mercy Primary Care Center
- Alumni Link Leader, Bethel Campus Fellowship, Washington DC
- Research: Statistical analysis on colorectal cancer screening rates among survivors of non-colorectal primary cancers
- Research: Effect of acute aerobic exercise on heart rate variability during mental stress in young adult African Americans
- Volunteer, SNMA Health Professions Recruitment Exposure Program
- Student Tutor, Howard MedSTARS
- Math TA, Howard University's Middle School for Mathematics and Sciences

Career Interests: Internal Medicine - Pediatrics

Hobbies: Dance (contemporary, lyrical, and liturgical), Hiking, Traveling and exploring new places, Trying new restaurants

# Dale Oommen, MD



- Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson, MD
- The College of New Jersey, BS in Biology and Public Health
- President, Preventative Medicine Interest Group
- Lifestyle Medicine Panel Coordinator, RWJMS
- Student Coordinator, Humanistic Elective in Activism, Reflective Transformation, and Integrative Medicine (HEART-IM)
- Diet History OSCE Case Developer, RWJMS
- Research: Efficacy of nutritional didactics on nutritional competency in medical students
- Anatomy Teacher, RWJMS BLAST Program
- Lead Literacy Instructor, RWJMS Community ESL Classes
- Mentor to Pre-Med Students, Rutgers
- Student Volunteer, Himalayan Health Exchange
- Volunteer, Caring Companions
- Beatboxer, Ultrasounds Acapella Group
- Spanish (good)

Career Interests: Internal Medicine – Pediatrics, Preventative Medicine

Hobbies: Outdoor activities (hiking, camping, slacklining), Music, Cooking

# Bianca Patel, MD, MPH



- Texas Tech University Health Science Center, MD – Medical Humanities track
- George Washington University, MPH
- Texas A&M, BS in Biomedical Sciences
- Research: Association between myocardial muscle injury and mortality in COVID-19 patients
- Research: ED use for mental health symptoms
- Research: Impact of public health policies on children at risk for ACEs and their health outcomes
- MPH: Program plan to address psychiatric needs of siblings of autistic individuals
- Intern, LifePath Systems, Collin County
- First Responder, Texas A&M Emergency Care Team
- Volunteer, Foster Parents Night Out
- Gujarati (good)

Career Interests: Public Health, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Hobbies: Trying new restaurants, Listening to podcasts (like Crime Junkie, Office Ladies, and Wondery), Working out (HIIT and F45), Reading

# Daniel Pierre, MD



- Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU) Escuela de Medicina, MD
- Assistant Physician, Salud Siglo XXI Medical Clinic, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Event Coordinator, Emergency Medicine Interest Group, UNPHU
- Research: Reducing risk of stroke in children with sickle cell disease, as part of Stroke Avoidance for Children in Republica Dominicana (SACRED) study
- High School Chemistry and Biology Teacher, Mundo Alegre School
- TA in Neurology, UNPHU
- COVID Educator, Instituto Tecnologico/ Ministry of Public Health, Dominican Republic
- Volunteer COVID Physician, Telares textile company
- Spanish (native)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Sports (soccer, football, Formula 1), Films and documentaries, Fiction and non-fiction books

# Melissa Reynoso, MD



- UT Southwestern, MD – Community in Action Research Track
- University of North Texas, BA in Biochemistry
- Member and Scholarship Awardee, JAMP
- Volunteer Coordinator, Dallas Children’s Advocacy Group
- Translator, UTSW Immunization Fair
- Research: Physical and developmental health outcomes among children in foster care
- Medical Scribe, DocAssist
- Volunteer, United MegaCare Hunger Project
- Volunteer, Readers2Leaders
- Volunteer, United to Serve Carnaval de Salud
- Volunteer, Immunization Initiative Clinic, North Dallas Shared Ministries
- Volunteer, UTSW Monday Clinic
- Volunteer, Helping Augment Neonatal Development (HANDs), Parkland NICU
- Spanish (good)

Career Interests: General Pediatrics, Underserved Populations, Community Health

Hobbies: Teacher and young adult leader at local church, Yoga, Baking, Spending time outdoors with husband and son

# Maurine Sam, MD



- McGovern at UT Houston, MD
- UT Austin, BS in Microbiology
- Member, AOA
- Biology Teacher, Teach for America, Dallas, TX
- Chair and Marketing Subcommittee Lead, Student Committee, Professionalism & Ethics
- Extracurricular Elective Coordinator, Cultural Conversations Lecture Series
- President, Family Medicine Student Association
- Mentor, McGovern Buddies Program
- Co-Facilitator, MS1 Professionalism Small Group Sessions
- Student Curriculum Developer, Harris County Psychiatric Center-Child Unit
- Research: Wells score to predict pulmonary embolism in patients with COVID
- Research: Incorporating theme-based approach in cultural competency education
- Research: Assessing quality of peer feedback amongst pediatric residents

Career Interests: General Pediatrics, Preventative Health

Hobbies: Running in local parks, Cycling (Revolution/Spin classes), Singing (ensemble groups and solo performance)

# Arvinth Sethuraman, MD



- Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, MD, MPH
- Cooper Union for the Advancement in Science and Art, BSE in Engineering
- Fullbright-Nehru Fellow, US Department of State
- Clinical Director, Rutgers Student Family Health Care Center
- Member, Task Force on School Start Times, AAP-New Jersey Chapter
- Co-Chair, Committee on Global and Public Health, AMA Student Section
- Board Member, Rutgers Health Policy Interest Group
- Research: Outcomes and quality of life after limb salvage versus amputation after severe limb injury
- Medical-legal volunteer, Rutgers Health Education, Advocacy, Law Collaborative
- High School Chemistry and Functional Anatomy TA, The Cooper Union
- Spanish (good)

Career Interests: General Pediatrics

Hobbies: Weightlifting, Volleyball, Music (classical cellist)

# Devangi Shah, MD



- University of Miami, BS/MD Honors Program in Medicine
- Member, AOA
- Founder, UM Pediatric Mobile Clinic Student Partnership
- Founder, Hot Topics In Pediatrics Discussion Series
- VP, Pediatric Interest Group
- Executive Leadership, UM Relay for Life
- Director of Community Events, United Against Inequities in Disease
- Curriculum Director, Camp Cardiac
- Research: Therapy for graft-versus-host disease in pediatric hematopoietic stem cell transplant patients
- Research: Factors affecting adolescent cancer survivors' knowledge of physician recommendations for surveillance testing
- Educational Content Creator, Sickle Cell Foundation of Arizona
- Intern, President's Coalition on Sexual Violence Prevention, UM
- Gujarati (native), Spanish (good)

Career Interests: Hematology/Oncology

Hobbies: Tennis, Hiking, Kayaking, Traveling, Reading

# Nadia Sherif, MD



- Tulane University, MD
- Barry University, MS in Biomedical Sciences
- Northwestern University, BA in Psychology and Science in Human Culture
- Girl Scout Gold Award
- Mentor, SNMA
- VP, Pediatric Interest Group
- Director and Co-Founder, Familiar Voices, Familiar Faces non-profit
- Cohort Leader, Teaching Learning Communities, Tulane
- Student Host, Tulane SOM Admissions
- Board Member, Owl Club
- Upperclassmen Leader, Student Run Clinics, Tulane
- Research: Health insurance access disparities in New Orleans community clinics
- Revenue Management Financial Analyst, United Airlines

Career Interests: Primary Care

Hobbies: Cooking and baking, Listening to podcasts, Gymnastics

# Prachi Singh, MD, MPH



- UT Southwestern, MD
- UT Health Science Center, MPH
- UT Dallas, BA in Biology
- Member, Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority
- Co-President, UTSW Lymph Notes Acapella Group
- Co-Social Chair, UT-PACT 7 Year Medical Program
- Tutor, AVID Learning
- Tutor, Indian Association of San Antonio
- Research: Prevalence of human trafficking in different patient populations and physician care response to these patients
- Research: Abnormal pupil dilation velocity as a biomarker of cerebral injury in neurocritically ill patients
- Research: Mental health services access for female prison inmates
- Hindi (native), Urdu (good)

Career Interests: Infectious Diseases

Hobbies: Music (plays 7 instruments and sings), Acting and playwriting, Literature, Linguistics, Criminology and criminal justice, Cooking, Mixology, Cinephile

# Lauren Smith, MD



- McGovern at UT Houston, MD
- Rhodes College, BS in Biology
- Member, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society
- Community Outreach Officer, Doctors for Change
- VP, Genetics Interest Group
- Student Ambassador, McGovern
- Facilitator, Ethics and Professionalism Seminar for First-Year Students, McGovern
- Lecture Coordinator, Meeman Center for Lifelong Learning
- Research: Ambiguity in evaluating pediatric patients with clinical diagnostic criteria for Neurofibromatosis Type 1
- Medical Record Reviewer and Family Liaison, Texas Jail Project
- Volunteer, Teachers Aid Center, Houston Food Bank
- Volunteer, FoodRx Community Market Trailer
- TA, Comparative Vertebrate Morphology Lab, Rhodes College

Career Interests: General Pediatrics

Hobbies: Fine arts, Music (viola), HIIT workouts, Listening to podcasts

# Madeline Sparks, MD



- UT Southwestern, MD
- University of Georgia, BS in Genetics
- Member and Professional Development Committee Member, AOA
- Member and Chair of Engagement Committee, GHHS
- Committee Member, UTSW Curriculum and Feedback Committee
- Core Member, Trainees 4 Child Injury Prevention
- Medical Student Delegate, AAP
- Founding Co-President, Preventative and Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group
- Booth Coordinator, United to Serve
- Volunteer Coordinator, Food as Medicine
- Research: Pediatric rhegmatogenous retinal detachments
- Research: Engaging medical students in community nutrition education at food distribution sites in Dallas
- QI Research: Reducing excess emergency department utilization at Parkland

Career Interests: Advocacy

Hobbies: Cooking, Fishing, Watching Saints football, Traveling, Cycling classes

# Jhulianna Vivar, MD



- USF Health Morsani, MD
- University of South Florida, BS in Biomedical Sciences and BA in Psychology
- Member, GHHS
- Golden Bull Award, USF
- President, Omega Phi Beta
- Project Coordinator and Clinic Coordinator, Assessing Burden of Chronic Disease (ABCD)
- Clinical Research Coordinator, USF Multiple Sclerosis Division
- Executive Board Member, USF Student Admissions Leadership Group
- Committee Leader, LCME Committee
- Patient Coordinator, BRIDGE Free Clinic
- Assistant to Senior Education Director, Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay
- Research: Access to healthcare and health outcomes for uninsured with chronic disease
- Peer Tutor, USF Morsani
- MCAT Course Instructor, USF
- Spanish (native)

Career Interests: Medical Education

Hobbies: Cooking, Crafting, Eating new cuisines, Event planning, Decorating, Upcycling furniture, Yoga, Lettering, Disney, Traveling, Watching TV, Cleaning

# Tyler Wall, MD



- Michigan State University College of Human Medicine-Grand Rapids, MD
- Lake Superior State University, BS in Biochemistry
- Member, AOA
- Curriculum Planning Committee Member, West Michigan Health Careers Pipeline Program
- Academic Mentor, MSU CHM
- Editor, MSU CHM Medical Student Research Journal
- Board Prep Session Leader, MSU CHM
- Research: Ileal pouch anal anastomosis failure and long-term incidence of pouch excisions and chronic pouchitis
- Research: Efficacy of pre-operative echocardiograms in predicting surgical outcomes for invasive open surgical interventions for surgical oncology patients
- Medical Volunteer, Mel Trotter Ministries Public Inebriate Shelter division
- Anatomy Assistant, MSU CHM

Career Interests: Internal Medicine - Pediatrics

Hobbies: Yoga, Rock climbing, Bouldering, Snowboarding, Waterskiing, Reading, Concerts, Comedy Shows, Documentaries, Podcasts

# William Wood, IV, MD



- UT Southwestern, MD
- UT Austin, BS in Biology
- Senator, UTSW Student Council
- Co-President, Dallas Children's Advocacy Group (DCAG)
- Volunteer Coordinator, Pediatric Interest Group Vaccine Fair
- Group Organizer, Dallas Children's Advocacy Center Trunk or Treat
- Booth Leader, UTSW United to Serve
- Student Liaison, UTSW Medical Education Elective
- Research: Differentiating pediatric strokes from stroke mimics
- Research: Longitudinal analysis of outcomes in tracheostomy placement among preterm infants
- Intern, Casa Marianella shelter for women and child victims of abuse and human trafficking
- Organic Chemistry TA, UT Austin

Career Interests: Not yet declared

Hobbies: Vinyl record collecting, Comic books, Formula One racing, Professional football, Cooking

# Fatima Zuberi, MD



- UT Southwestern, MD
- UT Dallas, BA in Biology
- Diabetes Education Chair, Brother Bill's Helping Hand Student Run Free Clinic
- Clinic Manager, Agape Free Clinic
- Coordinator, Refugee Backpack Drive, Islamic Association of Southlake
- Interprofessional Chair, UTSW Islamic Medical Association
- Health Fair Coordinator, UTSW Pediatric Interest Group
- Volunteer Coordinator, UTD PACT Science Camp
- Research: Evaluation of new-onset seizures in a safety net hospital
- Research: Effects of psychiatric diagnosis on recurrent ED visits in seizure patients
- Volunteer, Pakistan Polio Eradication Campaign
- Colleges MS3/MS4 Mentor, UTSW
- Chemistry Team Learning Leader, UT Dallas
- Hindi (native), Urdu (native)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Arabic calligraphy, Art history, Travel, Exploring different cultures, Spending time outdoors, Mindfulness and meditation, Exercising, Spending time with family