



# Emergency Medicine Residents

Meet current residents in NYU Langone's Ronald O. Perelman Department of Emergency Medicine.

For a list of graduates, see our alumni page.

# **Chief Residents**

# Class of 2024



#### Leland Chan, MD, MBA

Hometown: New York, New York
Undergraduate school: Tulane University
Major: cellular and molecular biology
Medical school: Tulane University School of Medicine
Graduate school: Freeman School of Business at Tulane
Interests/Hobbies: dogs, board games, country and classic rock music, bowties, Star Wars in all forms, soccer, New Orleans Saints (Who Dat!),
Broadway, and the immortal television work of Michael Schur



### Alexandra Heyes-Darwin, MD, MPH, MS

Hometown: Glendale, California Undergraduate school: Duke University Major: international comparative studies Medical school: University of Miami

**Graduate school:** University of Miami; Loyola University Chicago **Interests/Hobbies:** martial arts, Cameron Crazie (if you know you know), dance, scuba diving, escape rooms, camping, fishing, public health, social

EM, and emergency responders/EM relations and operations



### **Anne Levine, MD**

Hometown: New York, New York

**Undergraduate school:** Johns Hopkins University

Major: biology

**Medical school:** Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School **Interests/Hobbies:** running, traveling, and weekly attempts to master a recipe inspired by NYT Cooking as I sip on a sour beer and rewatch Queer Eye.

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# **Thomas Sullivan, MD**

**Hometown:** Keansburg, New Jersey

**Undergraduate school:** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Major: biology

**Medical school:** Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School **Interests/Hobbies:** sci-fi TV/movies/books, biking, green energy tech, rebuilding my Jeep to someday make it electric, board games, the shore, my

wife and our cats

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#### **Aaron Bola, MD**

Hometown: Mandaluyong City, Philippines

**Undergraduate school:** University at Buffalo (second bachelor's),

University of the Philippines Diliman

**Major:** biological sciences (second bachelor's), broadcast communication **Medical school:** University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical

Sciences

Interests/Hobbies: LGBTQ+ and immigrant health, narrative medicine, Jeopardy!, ice cream, true crime podcasts, stand-up comedy, long and aimless walks around the city, Wegmans, and cooking with what I bought

from Wegmans



### Rachel Bubly, MD

Hometown: Somerset, Massachusetts

**Undergraduate school:** Georgetown University **Major:** healthcare management and policy **Medical school:** New York Medical College

Interests/Hobbies: everything true crime, documentaries, hiking, running, scuba diving, kayaking, sous vide cooking, palliative care, health policy, and

spending time with friends, family, and my dog (Brew)



### Sagar Desai, MD

Hometown: San Jose/Dublin, California

Undergraduate school: University of California, Los Angeles

Major: biology (evolutionary/ecology emphasis)
Medical school: University of California, San Francisco

Interests/Hobbies: music/concerts/festivals, basketball, nature, evolutionary bio, social EM/social justice in medicine, teaching/medical education, global/public health, and working with undeserved populations

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### Allison Graebner, MD

**Hometown:** Short Hills, New Jersey **Undergraduate school:** Williams College

Major: biology

Medical school: Rush Medical College

Interests/Hobbies: hiking, rock climbing, running and pretending to like it, crossword puzzles, Harry Potter trivia, really any kind of trivia, podcasts, strong old fashioneds, short sleeve button-downs, discovering cool stuff years after everyone else, and endlessly searching for a good place to put up my hammock



### Victor Lei, MD

Hometown: Naperville, Illinois

**Undergraduate school:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Major: biology

Medical school: Rush Medical College

Interests/Hobbies: volleyball, social deduction games, API history and

advocacy, sake, DIY gin, and sous vide steak



### **Eunice Monge, MD**

Hometown: West New York, New Jersey

Undergraduate school: City College of New York (Sophie Davis Biomedical

Education Program)

Major: biomedical sciences

Medical school: CUNY School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: traveling, jogging, Thai food, New York Mets (LGM!), Netflix and Hulu docu-series, soup dumplings, snow tubing, fruit baskets, EDM, puppies, trying new recipes for dinner, Citi Bike, charcuterie boards

(but mostly brie), women's health, and immigrant health

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#### Michael Musharbash, MD

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
Undergraduate school: Harvard University
Major: chemistry
Medical school: Northwestern University
Interests/Hobbies: music (house, disco, jazz), theater, fiction, queer history, public health, and health policy



#### Justin Rice, MD, PhD

Hometown: Lee's Summit Missouri Undergraduate school: Cornell University, Hunter College (Post-Bacc)

Major: mechanical engineering

Medical school: Harvard Medical School Graduate school: Technische Universiteit Delft

Interests/Hobbies: food marathons, tacos, fossil hunting, peanut butter, epic hiking, biscuits, irreverence, citrus-cello, canoe camping, washing

dishes, brewing beer, PowerPoint art, and chopping wood



# Barbara Elena Sahagun, MD

Hometown: Lynwood, California

**Undergraduate school:** University of California, Los Angeles

Major: biochemistry

Medical school: Weill Cornell Medicine

**Interests/Hobbies:** swimming, cycling, wakesurfing, and advocacy in social justice including anti-racism, undocumented immigrant rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, anti-police brutality, and healthcare equity

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#### **Aron Siegelson, MD**

Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

Undergraduate school: Rhodes College

Major:

Medical school: Medical College of Georgia

Interests/Hobbies: pre-pandemic: live music in grungy bars, beer and food

explorer, road trips; post-pandemic: cooking in my Instapot



### Mallika Singh, MD

Hometown: Woodinville, Washington

**Undergraduate school:** University of Washington

**Major:** BS in neurobiology and BA in south asian languages **Medical school:** University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: dancing bhangra, eating Asian food and/or dessets, watching Netflix, running, Krav Maga, traveling out of the country, and

playing violin



### Melissa Socarras, MD, MS

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Undergraduate school: University of California, Irvine

Major: biological sciences

Medical school: University of Illinois College of Medicine Graduate school: University of Southern California

Interests/Hobbies: homeless healthcare/street medicine/social EM, global health, being an obsessive pet mom to my dog (Chance) and my cat (Jeremy), USC college football (Fight On!), true crime documentaries,

cooking and eating, sleeping for more hours than I'm awake, traveling, and

binging Netflix

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### Sarah Spiegel, MD

**Hometown:** Locust Valley, New York

Undergraduate school: Connecticut College

Major: biochemistry

Medical school: New York Medical College

Interests/Hobbies: social justice, LGBTQ+health, cats, dogs, food, New York City, music, complaining about New York City, video games, sci-fi, and

queer sci-fi



# **Christy Williams, MD, MBA**

Hometown: Crete, Illinois

**Undergraduate school:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Major: molecular and cellular biology

**Medical school:** University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine **Graduate school:** University of Illinois Liautaud Graduate School of

Business

**Interests/Hobbies:** singing, barre, pilates, aerial yoga, brunching, Netflix binging, being a plant mom, trying new restaurants as an aspiring Yelp Elite,

entrepreneurship, healthcare administration

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#### Stefanie Biondi, MD

Hometown: Riva, Maryland
Undergraduate school: University of Maryland, College Park
Medical school: SUNY Downstate College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: backpacking, cycling, and cooking



### Esha Chebolu, MD

**Hometown:** Watertown, New York **Undergraduate school:** Stony Brook University

Medical school: SUNY Buffalo

Interests/Hobbies: mountains, musicals, ukulele, and ramen tours



### Sadakat Chowdhury, MD

**Hometown:** Queens, New York **Undergraduate school:** NYU

Medical school: SUNY Downstate College of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: basketball, power lifting and weightlifting, and Netflix

# Class of 2025



### **Reed Colling, MD**

Hometown: Appleton, Wisconsin
Undergraduate school: St. Norbert College
Medical school: Medical College of Wisconsin
Interests/Hobbies: live performances, exploring new restaurants, and video games



### **Phoebe Draper, MD**

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah Undergraduate school: Brown University Medical school: University of Utah Interests/Hobbies: oil painting, downhill skiing, and exploring New York by ferry



### Jacqueline Florick, MD

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska
Undergraduate school: Creighton University
Medical school: University of Nebraska College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: my cats and plants, true crime podcasts, and hiking

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### **Jacob Goldenring, MD**

Hometown: Florham Park, New Jersey
Undergraduate school: Williams College
Medical school: University of Pennsylvania
Interests/Hobbies: golf, mountains, oceans, and cooking



# **Christian Graulty, MD**

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Undergraduate school: Reed College
Medical school: Oregon Health and Science University
Interests/Hobbies: exploring bars/restaurants/shows, long walks, and making art with my partner



# Chelsea Hayman, MD

Hometown: Orinda, California
Undergraduate school: University of California, Davis
Medical school: California Northstate University
Interests/Hobbies: animals, Scandinavian crime novels, dessert, and CrossFit

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#### Samantha Freedman Kerester, MD

Hometown: South New Jersey

Undergraduate school: University of Pennsylvania

Medical school: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Interests/Hobbies: spinning, EDM concerts, and trying to become a foodie



# Maria Mulligan-Buckmiller, MD

Hometown: Colorado

**Undergraduate school:** Colorado College **Medical school:** New York Medical College

Interests/Hobbies: spending time with my co-residents, New York Times

crosswords, and weekend escapes to Long Island



### Abigail Olinde, MD

Hometown: New Orleans, Louisiana Undergraduate school: Emory University Medical school: Louisiana State University

Interests/Hobbies: spending time with friends and family, cheering on the

Saints, and mindlessly walking around the city

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### Nadia Ortega, MD

Hometown: Perth Amboy, New Jersey **Undergraduate school:** Pennsylvania State University Medical school: Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine Interests/Hobbies: eating Argentinian asados with family, doing things around New York City with my other half, meeting up with friends from college, and my cat



#### Aurnee Rahman, MD

Hometown: Vancouver, Washington **Undergraduate school:** University of Washington Medical school: New York Medical College Interests/Hobbies: discovering New York City through dessert, reading,

and talking about my love of the Pacific Northwest



### Marissa Ruggiero, MD

Hometown: Brecksville, Ohio

**Undergraduate school:** University of Notre Dame

Medical school: Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson

Interests/Hobbies: fitness, cooking, and dogs

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#### Aakash Shah, MD

Hometown: Ledgewood, New Jersey
Undergraduate school: Bucknell University
Medical school: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Interests/Hobbies: biking, pick-up sports (spikeball, basketball, volleyball), and empanadas



# Kaitlynn Tracy, MD

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
Undergraduate school: DePaul University
Medical school: Rush University Medical College
Interests/Hobbies: skiing, aviation, and horseback riding



# Juan Vasquez, MD

Hometown: Coachella, California Undergraduate school: University of California, Berkley Medical school: University of California, San Francisco Interests/Hobbies: running, swimming, and chess

# Class of 2026



#### John Altavilla, MD

Hometown: Califon, New Jersey

**Undergraduate school:** Rutgers University

Major: biology

Medical school: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Interests/Hobbies: hiking, fishing, participating in demolition derbies,

weightlifting, and Star Wars



### **Natalie Bertrand, MD**

Hometown: Basel, Switzerland; Kandern, Germany; Denver, Colorado;

Roswell, Georgia; I don't really know

Undergraduate school: Palm Beach Atlantic University

Major: biology

Medical school: Medical College of Georgia

Interests/Hobbies: traveling, snowboarding, audio books, playing team sports, learning new musical instruments, ultrasound, and health equity



Vivian Chiu, MD

Hometown: San Gabriel, California

Undergraduate school: University of California, Los Angeles

Major: molecular, cell, and developmental biology

Medical school: New York Medical College

Interests/Hobbies: refugee and immigrant health; social EM; any type of live music but especially hip hop, R&B, and house; bouldering; swimming;

Lakers/Dodgers/Formula 1; and playing my keyboard

# Class of 2026



### Noumi Chowdhury, MD

Hometown: Detroit, Michigan

Undergraduate school: University of Michigan

Major: cellular and molecular biology

Medical school: Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Interests/Hobbies: social justice and health equity, traveling, music,

anime/kdrama, and food



### Somil Chugh, MD, MBA

Hometown: Long Valley, New Jersey

Undergraduate school: University of Virginia

Major: biology and psychology

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine Graduate school: NYU Stern School of Business

Interests/Hobbies: basketball, tennis, baseball, traveling (especially to all

MLB baseball stadiums), exploring New York City, healthcare

administration, and clinical operations



### Erica Cohen, MD

Hometown: Potomac, Maryland

Undergraduate school: University of Maryland, College Park

Major: psychology and neuroscience

Medical school: George Washington School of Medicine and Health

Sciences

**Interests/Hobbies:** anything outdoors but mainly hiking kayaking, and skiing, post-hike breweries, ice cream, traveling, and exploring new

restaurants

# Class of 2026



#### **Annaliese Elam, MD**

Hometown: Alamo, California Undergraduate school: Rice University Major: French studies

Medical school: California Northstate University College of Medicine Interests/Hobbies: skiing, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, reading (mostly nonfiction), traveling, pb&js, wine and game nights, medical education



# Sophia Faude, MD

Hometown: Radnor, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate school: University of Southern California

Major: health and humanity

Medical school: Perelman School of Medicine at the University of

Pennsylvania

Interests/Hobbies: addiction medicine, social EM, ultrasound, eating

pasta, my cat, and any outdoor activity with a view



# Sarah Fetterolf, MD

**Hometown:** Lloyd Harbor, New York **Undergraduate school:** Cornell University **Major:** human biology, health, and society

**Medical school:** California Northstate University College of Medicine **Interests/Hobbies:** skiing, camping, swimming, and anything involving being on the water, playing with my cat, hazy IPAs, taking game nights a step too far, social emergency medicine, women's reproductive rights, and

medical education

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#### Mitchell Foster, MD

Hometown: Visalia, California

Undergraduate school: University of California, Santa Barbara

Major: pharmacology

Medical school: UC San Diego School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: outdoors (hiking, surfing, fishing, snowboarding, diving, travel, concerts, basketball, football, board games, dogs, and being

the cheapest guy in New York City



#### Marina Gaeta Gazzola, MD

Hometown: Ithaca, New York

Undergraduate school: Cornell University

Major: biology and society

Medical school: Yale School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: running, barre, yoga, skiing, going to concerts, trying out new restaurants, cooking, exploring New York City, social EM, addiction

medicine, street medicine, healthcare for people experiencing

homelessness, and harm reduction



### **Nicolas Gonzalez, MD**

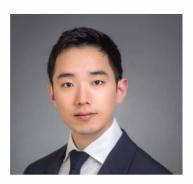
Hometown: Miami Beach, Florida

**Undergraduate school:** University of Florida **Major:** applied physiology and kinesiology

Medical school: University of Maryland School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: high-intensity interval training and binging TV shows

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Joonho Lee, MD

Hometown: Seoul, Korea

**Undergraduate school:** Johns Hopkins University

Major: biology

Medical school: University of Rochester

Interests/Hobbies: eating, soccer, traveling, hiking, weightlifting,

avocados, coffee, history, mentoring



### Philip Hao Yu Lin, MD

Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii

Undergraduate school: Johns Hopkins University

Major: cognitive science

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: toxicology, LGBTQ+ health, medical education, dragon-boating, board games, and restaurant and bar crawls



Collins Mbachu, MD

Hometown: Merrillville, Indiana

Undergraduate school: Loyola University Chicago

Major: biophysics

Medical school: University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: informatics, medical engineering, Epic improvement,

working out, gaming, and billiards

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#### Elie Nwefo, MD, MS

Hometown: Gainesville, Georgia

**Undergraduate school:** Emory University

**Major:** neuroscience and behavioral biology and biology **Medical school:** University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

**Graduate school:** Georgetown University

Interests/Hobbies: BBQ, ultimate Frisbee, raising plants, hiking, and

fantasy football



### **Christopher Pham, MD**

**Hometown:** Peachtree City, Georgia **Undergraduate school:** Georgia Tech

Major: biomedical engineering

Medical school: Medical College of Georgia

Interests/Hobbies: tennis (playing and watching), travel, food, pickleball,

guitar, ukulele, Marvel, quoting TV, and global health



# Nazanin Sarpoulaki, MD, MPH

Hometown: Wilmington, Delaware

Undergraduate school: University of Delaware

Major: neuroscience and liberal studies

Medical school: Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson

University

**Graduate school:** Thomas Jefferson University, College of Population

Health

**Interests/Hobbies:** skiing, hiking, running, Peloton, cooking, painting, public health, social EM, addiction medicine, harm reduction, and policy and

advocacy

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### Colin Baylen, MD

Hometown: Mendocino, California

Undergraduate school: University of California, Berkeley

Major: cognitive science

Medical school: University of California, San Francisco

Interests/Hobbies: surfing, reading fiction, tropicalia music, trips to the

mountains or desert, environmental activism, street medicine



#### **Brian Chastain, MD**

Hometown: Eugene, Oregon

Undergraduate school: University of Oregon

Major: general science

Medical school: Oregon Health and Science University

Interests/Hobbies: Ultrasound, Social EM, Health Equity, Street Medicine,

photography,, running, hiking, spike ball, house plants



### Kayla Diedrick, MD

Hometown: Valley Stream, New York

**Undergraduate school:** Stony Brook University

Major: biology

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

**Interests/Hobbies:** karaoke, bailando salsa, playing volleyball and hiking with friends, exploring new restaurants, scary movies, true crime podcasts,

my beautiful puppy, social EM and climate health

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#### **Spencer Evans, MD**

Hometown: Stamford, Connecticut

**Undergraduate school:** University of Michigan

**Major:** Screen Arts and Cultures **Medical school:** University of Colorado

**Interests/Hobbies:** snowboarding in the rockies, eating New York pizza, playing overly competitive games of spike ball and pickle ball, climate

change



#### **Matthew Generoso, MD**

Hometown: Middletown, New Jersey Undergraduate school: NYU Major: biology and public health

**Medical school:** Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: fitness/weightlifting, vegan baking/cooking, thai food,

reading,LGBTQ+ health, medical education



### Nicholas Jakupco, MD

Hometown: Carmel, Indiana

**Undergraduate school:** New York University

Major: biology

Medical school: Indiana University School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: traveling, cooking, reading, watching tv, and trivia

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**Elaine Jonas, MD** 

Hometown: Albany, New York

**Undergraduate school:** Boston University

Major: Neurobiology

Medical school: University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical

Sciences

Interests/Hobbies: hiking, skiing, live music/concerts, exploring restaurants/bars, learning new instruments, traveling, social EM, and street

medicine



### Sophia Karwoska Kligler, MD

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

**Undergraduate school:** Middlebury College **Major:** International and Global Studies

Medical school: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Interests/Hobbies: backpacking/hiking, skiing, soccer, rock climbing, drinking beers in outdoor settings, telling my dog how cute she is, social EM,

preventative care from the ED



Viren Lad, MD

Hometown: Parsippany, New Jersey

**Undergraduate school:** John Hopkins University

Major: chemistry

Medical school: University of Maryland School of Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: food and travel - bourdain and exploring NYC through food, comedy - chappelle and chris rock, cars - bmws and 90s jdm, music - concerts: techno, deep house, hip hop/rap, 2000s pop, afrobeats, interior design, health entrepreneurship/innovation, New York Giants, Brooklyn

Nets

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#### Nir Lavi Romer, MD

Hometown: Rhinebeck, New York

Undergraduate school: University of Pennsylvania

**Major:** biological basis of behavior **Medical school:** new York Medical College

**Interests/Hobbies:** playing lots and lots of soccer, spending time with friends and family, trying new vegetarian foods, skiing, board games,

reading, traveling, big dogs, the office, harry potter



### **Douglas Martin, MD**

Hometown: Santa Clara, California

**Undergraduate school:** University of California, Santa Barbara

Major: biology

**Medical school:** UC Berkeley-USCF Joint Medical Program

Interests/Hobbies: travel, concerts/festivals, sci-fi, unhealthy vegetarian

food, sloppy guitar solos, lifting, running, biking, existing



### Samantha Christine Nakos, MD

**Hometown:** Mason, New Hampshire **Undergraduate school:** Dartmouth College **Major:** Neuroscience, English minor

Medical school: New York Medical College

Interests/Hobbies: traveling, skiing, yoga, exploring NYC restaurants and

arts, spending time with friends and family

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### **Courtney O'Connor, MD**

Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee

**Undergraduate school:** University of Alabama

Major: biology

**Medical school:** University of Tennessee Health Science Center COM **Interests/Hobbies:** immigrant and refugee health, health equity; finding flight deals and credit card points to support my travel habit; anything outside; hiking, kayaking, swimming, surfing (badly), trying new things, exploring new places; dancing; trying to make random cats love me



#### Mac Josh Reandelar, DO

Hometown: Laguna, Philippinees; Dobbs Ferry, New York

**Undergraduate school:** SUNY Binghamton

Major: Integrative Neuroscience

**Medical school:** New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic

Medicine

Interests/Hobbies: movie marathons, youtube reaction videos, searching for the best dirty chai latte, filipino food, korean bbq, karaoke, and taking hip

hop classes in the city



### Jonathan Bradshaw Rost, MD

**Hometown:** Narragansett, Rhode Island **Undergraduate school:** Dartmouth College

Major: Neuroscience Medical school: NYU

Interests/Hobbies: running marathons, skiing, hiking, cooking, biking,

surfing

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**Amy Tan, MD** 

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

**Undergraduate school:** Stanford University

Major: human biology

Medical school: UC Davis School of Medicine

**Interests/Hobbies:** social EM, medical education, underrated breweries, bouldering, snow boarding, hosting/cooking dinners for my people



Milos Tomovic, MD

Hometown: Norfolk, Virginia

Undergraduate school: University of Virginia

Major: biochemistry

**Medical school:** Georgetown University School of Medicine **Interests/Hobbies:** quality improvement, new care models, and telemedicine, cooking, exploring restaurants/coffee shops, finding cheap

flights, and going to any live music event



Neya Vishwanath, MD,

Hometown: Saratoga, California

Undergraduate school: University of California, Berkeley

Major: molecular and cell biology

Medical school: Boston University School of Medicine

**Interests/Hobbies:** movie marathons, traveling, homemade pasta, playing musical instruments, petting dogs, board game nights, blasting classic rock,

medical education and social EM