



Ronald O. Petelman Department
of Emergency Medicine

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 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



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



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

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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 bingeing TV shows

Postgraduate Year 4 Residents

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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

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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

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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



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)



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

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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: IMerrillville, 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



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

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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, Philippines; 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

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Paul Capobianco, MD

Hometown: Port Jefferson, New York
Undergraduate school: University of Maryland
Major: Psychology
Medical school: SUNY Upstate
Interests/Hobbies: Running, skiing, wordle, NY Knicks & Mets, pasta, dogs, orange Celsius



Rachana Chilakapati, MD

Hometown: Randolph, New Jersey
Undergraduate school: The College of New Jersey
Major: Biology
Medical school: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Interests/Hobbies: Restaurants, music, cooking, travel, concerts, fiction novels, crochet, and my dog



Lauren Chung, MD

Hometown: Glen Rock, New Jersey
Undergraduate school: Georgetown University
Major: International Health
Medical school: Georgetown University
Interests/Hobbies: Cooking, baking, running, music

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Christopher Connolly, MD, MS

Hometown: Garden City, New York
Undergraduate school: Boston College
Major: Biology
Medical school: Creighton University
Interests/Hobbies: Surfing, cooking, gaming



Nicholas Friedman, MD

Hometown: New York, New York
Undergraduate school: Skidmore College
Major: Chemistry (Biochemistry Concentration)
Medical school: Stanford University School of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Healthcare innovation/technology, pre-hospital/operational medicine, addiction/pain medicine, philosophy, fitness, ice cream



Rachel Friend, MD

Hometown: Orlando, Florida
Undergraduate school: University of Central Florida
Major: Biomedical Sciences
Medical school: University of Central Florida College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Medical education, critical care, and toxicology; traveling, bouldering, inexperienced hiking, claiming to run while avoiding it at all costs, EDM festivals, brewery t-shirts, witticism, and excessively reading or listening to audio books

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Edom Girma, MD, MS

Hometown: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Undergraduate school: University of Northern Colorado
Major: Biology
Medical school: University of Vermont, Larner College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Reading, painting, working out, cooking/baking and traveling



Rachael Hanson, MD

Hometown: Houston, Texas
Undergraduate school: Texas State University
Major: Biochemistry and Microbiology
Medical school: Texas A&M College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Knitting, reading rock concerts, city walks with my dog and an iced coffee



JiMin Alexander Ko, MD

Hometown: Boston, Massachusetts
Undergraduate school: Columbia University
Major: Biology
Medical school: Georgetown University School-Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Making music, working out

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Anas Maqsood, MD, MS

Hometown: Roosevelt, New York
Undergraduate school: Stony Brook University
Major: Health Science
Medical school: New York Medical College
Interests/Hobbies: Basketball, soccer, hiking, traveling, trying new foods/desserts, gaming



Jason Martinez, MD

Hometown: Laguna Niguel, CA
Undergraduate school: California State Polytechnic University,
Major: Nutrition Science
Medical school: Lewis Katz of Medicine at Temple University
Interests/Hobbies: Immigrant and refugee health, social EM and Ultrasound; weightlifting/exercise, surfing, body boarding and eating



Eilish Rose Moogan, DO, MS

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York
Undergraduate school: The City College of New York
Major: Biology
Medical school: New York college of Osteopathic Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Classic and Sci-Fi movies, Broadway musicals, crossword puzzles, cooking, bread making, camping, hiking, swimming, simulation, Social EM

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Jacqueline Penn, MD

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Undergraduate school: Franklin & Marshall College
Major: Economics
Medical school: Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
Interests/Hobbies: Dancing, Broadway, Taylor Swift, K-dramas



Madison Pearl Polay, MD

Hometown: Mendon, Massachusetts
Undergraduate school: University of Michigan
Major: Public Health
Medical school: Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: anything active/outdoors (running, walk & podcast, hiking, snowboarding), traveling, tearing up the dance floor with my friends, trying new food, Social EM, public health, street medicine



Nicholas Scott, MD

Hometown: Auburndale, Massachusetts
Undergraduate school: Brown University
Major: Music, Biology
Medical school: New York University Grossman School of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Singing in all context, piano/church organ playing, skiing, opera, soccer, replicating Nonn's cooking, emergency Ultrasound, critical care, addiction medicine

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Avery Tamakloe, MD

Hometown: Piscataway, New Jersey
Undergraduate school: Princeton University
Major: Molecular Biology
Medical school: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Interests/Hobbies: Weightlifting, rugby, cooking Ghanaian food or NYT recipes, watching tv/movies. I'm the friend that is down to try anything twice



Nicholas Vincent Vecchio, MD

Hometown: Yonkers, New York
Undergraduate school: SUNY Oneonta
Major: Biochemistry
Medical school: New York Medical College
Interests/Hobbies: Lifting/running, ruddy, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, books, movies, being around family and friends



Dave Youssef, MD,

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
Undergraduate school: The Ohio State University
Major: Biomedical Engineering, Electrical Engineering
Medical school: Icahn School of Medicine at Mt Sinai
Interests/Hobbies: Baking with sourdough, cooking, basketball, running, weight lifting, crosswords, hiking, and watching Cleveland sports

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Logan Brich, MD

Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Undergraduate school: University of Virginia
Major: Global Public Health and Middle Eastern Studies
Medical school: Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Interests/Hobbies: Fishing, literature and creative writing, long walks through the city with my partner



Caroline Brown, MD

Hometown: Iowa City, Iowa
Undergraduate school: University of Iowa
Major: Spanish & Biochemistry
Medical school: University of Iowa - Carver College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Volleyball, traveling, cooking/baking, running, skateboarding, card games with friends, Social EM, all things spooky/Halloween related



Ruby Chung, MD

Hometown: Queens, New York
Undergraduate school: Colgate University
Major: Molecular Biology
Medical school: SUNY Downstate
Interests/Hobbies: Food crawls, escape the room, phone games, webtoons, watching romcom or murder mysteries, jigsaw puzzles, cooking, breaking down language barriers, immigrant health, simulation

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Jenna Ehlert, MD

Hometown: Sussex, Wisconsin
Undergraduate school: University of Wisconsin - Madison
Major: Genetics and Genomics
Medical school: Drexel University College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Reading, traveling, Wisconsin sports teams, and live music



Grace Feng, MD

Hometown: Fort Collins, Colorado
Undergraduate school: Duke University
Major: Neuroscience
Medical school: UC San Diego School of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Social EM, palliative care, harm reduction; music, cooking, reading, snowboarding, and watching too much TV



Libby Ho, MD

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York
Undergraduate school: Macaulay Honors College at the City College of New York
Major: Human Physiology
Medical school: Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Social EM, POCUS, traveling, learning languages, skiing, playing with my cat Mango

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Leia Kessler, MD

Hometown: West Caldwell, New Jersey
Undergraduate school: Tulane University
Major: Public Health
Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Mountains, fitness, sunny and 75 degrees, traveling, tv and sweet treats



Phoebe Li, MD

Hometown: Summit, NJ
Undergraduate school: Washington University in St. Louis
Major: Anthropology and Biology
Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Street medicine, homeless health, harm reduction, horror movies, cooking, viola, pottery, my cat Stormi



Gabriel Luce, MD

Hometown: New York, NY
Undergraduate school: SUNY Binghamton
Major: Music
Medical school: SUNY Downstate College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Playing & writing music, learning new instruments, cooking, cycling, hiking, chess, darts, DIY home improvement, medical education, artificial intelligence, informatics, ultrasound, simulation medicine, event medicine, & addiction medicine

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Jude Luke, MD

Hometown: Leonardtown, Maryland
Undergraduate school: University of Cincinnati
Major: Medical Sciences
Medical school: University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Interests/Hobbies: Social EM, lifting, cooking, tennis, skiing, music, and medical education



Liam Patrick McLoughlin, MD

Hometown: Long Valley, New Jersey
Undergraduate school: William & Mary
Major: Biology & Public Health
Medical school: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Interests/Hobbies: The Jersey Shore (the place, not the show*), knitting (rectangular or square items only), coffee, breweries, bingeing TV shows, LGBTQ+ health, MedEd, EMS/Event Medicine



Miray Mirham, MD, MPH

Hometown: Brooklyn/Staten Island, NY
Undergraduate school: New York University
Major: Global Public Health and Sociology
Medical school: University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Graduate school: New York University School of Global Public Health
Interests/Hobbies: Social EM, narrative medicine, public health; traveling, learning new languages, exploring new bars/restaurants, bingeing psychological thrillers, aspiring plant mom with a questionable green thumb

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Brian William Morrissey, MD, MS

Hometown: Fairfield, CT
Undergraduate school: University of Connecticut
Major: Biology
Medical school: New York Medical College
Graduate school: New York Medical College
Interests/Hobbies: Working out, exploring NYC, bowling, UConn basketball, cooking



Sigurast Soley Olafsson, MD, MBA

Hometown: Seattle, Washington
Undergraduate school: University of Washington
Major: Bioengineering
Medical school: Harvard Medical School
Graduate school: Harvard Business School
Interests/Hobbies: Weight lifting, live music, hunting for NYC's best cinnamon roll, 6 part fantasy book series, NYT minis, addiction medicine, female mentorship



Gabrielle Ramirez, MD

Hometown: Long Island, NY
Undergraduate school: University of Pennsylvania
Major: Health & Societies; Biology
Medical school: Weill Cornell Medical College
Interests/Hobbies: Marathons, triathlons, baking banana bread, crochet, reading, journaling

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Michelle Safransky, MD, MS

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Undergraduate school: University of California, Berkeley
Major: Molecular and Cell Biology
Medical school: Boston University School of Medicine
Graduate school: Boston University
Interests/Hobbies: Exploring restaurants/bars, workout classes, and reality television



Luis Hortencio Sanchez, MD, MBA

Hometown: Mineola, NY
Undergraduate school: Binghamton University
Major: Biochemistry
Medical school: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Graduate school: Binghamton University
Interests/Hobbies: Basketball, cooking, live music, picnics, reading, and volleyball



Samanta Torres Bertorelli, MD

Hometown: Weston, Florida
Undergraduate school: Johns Hopkins University
Major: Neuroscience
Medical school: SUNY Downstate
Interests/Hobbies: Social EM, ultrasound; baking, exploring new coffee shops/restaurants, hiking, fishing, traveling, my cat Ramona