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Isabel Casmiro -- University of Washington School of Medicine



Hi everyone! I'm Isabel. I am a California native, originally from Los Angeles. After growing up in Southern California, attending college in Northern California, and spending a couple of years in San Francisco, I decided to move to New York to attend grad school. I obtained my PhD at Einstein in the Bronx, and then moved to Seattle to attend medical school at the University of Washington. I have never lived in the Midwest, and I am excited to explore Chicago! I enjoy traveling, eating good food, foreign cinema, HBO shows, racquetball, and being close to bodies of water. I look forward to running along the lakefront and meeting you all!

Aadhavi Sridharan -- University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health



Hey everyone! I'm Aadhavi (aah-da-vee). I was born in India and moved to upstate NY (Rochester) during high school. I went to undergrad at the University of Rochester (majored in Neuroscience), and moved to the Midwest to complete my MD/PhD (in Neuroscience) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (and no, I am still not really used to the cold). I enjoy running, biking, rock climbing, being outdoors in general, and cooking in my free time. I am excited to explore Chicago and to meet my new colleagues there!

Jonathan Trujillo -- University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine



Hi everyone! I'm Jon. I grew up in Santa Fe and Las Vegas- two mountain towns in northern New Mexico. I spent my undergrad days at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and studied in England for a year. I attended the University of Iowa for med school and earned my PhD in Immunology. During grad school, I spent a semester working on my thesis research at the University of Melbourne in Australia. I grew up skiing and hiking the mountainous and high desert terrain of New Mexico, and love bicycling across the cornfields of Iowa. If anyone likes cycling, I'm always up for a bike ride. I'm a live music junkie, and I like to binge watch TV shows like the Walking Dead, Dexter, and Breaking Bad. My girlfriend Erica is an Immunology PhD student at Loyola University of Chicago, and is a die hard Chicago sports fan. We both like sports, and would be happy to meet up anytime to watch a game. I'm excited to call Chicago my new home, and am look forward to hanging out and working with all of you!

Dongbo Yu -- University of Texas Southwestern Medical School



Dongbo here - I was born in northern China and moved to Toronto, Canada as a teenager at the turn of the century. I received my undergraduate degree at Harvard majoring in biochemistry while also spending a semester in Paris to complete a minor in French. From there, I enrolled in the MD/PhD program at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and finished this memorable 7-year journey this May, with my research work on developing siRNA-based therapeutics to treat Huntington's disease. In my spare time, I enjoy playing basketball, learning foreign languages, swing dancing, and traveling, and most recently did a month-long medical volunteer work in Guatemala. Look forward to working with everyone on the team!

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Vanessa Alonso -- Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine



Hola a todos! My name is Vanessa; I was born in Bogota, Colombia and moved to the states when I was 12 years old. I have lived in Illinois since then. I went to Loyola University for my undergraduate education, where I majored in Biology, and to Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood for medical school. During my free time, I enjoy hanging out with friends, traveling, eating, trying new things and dancing (not professionally, just for fun!). I have lived in the southside of Chi-town for a really long time, and really enjoy this city, its diversity and its awesome food! I am excited/nervous to get started and I am looking forward to getting to know all of you guys!

Emeka Anyanwu -- Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine



What's good? My name's Emeka Anyanwu and I'm super pleased to be coming to UofC and Chicago in general. I was born and raised in Nova Scotia, Canada making me first generation Nigerian-Canadian. I came to the Midwest from Nova Scotia after high school for college and attended Bowling Green State University in northwest Ohio and received a BS in Biology with a minor in Computer Science and Chemistry. Right after that I started in Cleveland at Case Western for medical school. Outside of the hospital I try to stay active; I play ice hockey and pick-up basketball, sometimes soccer. I am also into most things tech and enjoy computer programming, especially web development. My hope is to eventually bring my interests in computer science and medicine together. Aside from the above I love live music and have recently been trying to convince myself running is fun. Looking forward to meeting you all very soon!

Ankit Bhatia -- University of Chicago The Pritzker School of Medicine



Hello! My name's Ankit and I was born and raised in Syracuse, NY. As a result, I'm a huge Syracuse Orange basketball fan, which often means delving deep into the cable channels to find their broadcasted games here in the Midwest. I ventured down to New Jersey for college at Princeton, and then have been here at UChicago the last four years for medical school. My fiancée, Deepika, and I are really happy to be sticking around three more years. The city has so much to offer, and I feel that I have yet to scratch the surface. In my free time, I am an aspiring foodie who has been impressed time and time again with this city's offerings. I also enjoy distance running (5Ks/half-marathons mostly), playing racquetball, going to electronica/EDM concerts, watching Game of Thrones, and spending time with family in the city (have an awesome one-year-old nephew). Mostly by virtue of my parents, I've had the chance to visit over 20 countries (lives for a while in India and Japan) and thoroughly enjoy traveling. Very excited to meet you all come June and add to the UChicago family!

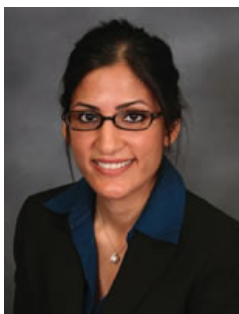
Abdallah Bukari -- Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

Hi everyone. I grew up in the great city of Harrisburg, PA and went to college in Princeton before heading to UPenn for medical school. I was fortunate enough to work in Botswana for two months while there, and look forward to continuing my interest in international



health in residency. After four great years in Philly (and having adopted the 76ers and Phillies as favorite sports teams), I decided to explore the Midwest. I am very excited to move to Chicago and meet everyone - just don't ask me to switch sports team yet. I also enjoy playing soccer, running, biking, and backpacking in my free time, and know that I'll have plenty of company at UChicago.

Anisha Chandiramani -- University of Minnesota Medical School



Greetings! I have been a Minnesotan practically all of my life, growing up in a suburb just outside of Minneapolis and attending the University of Minnesota for my bachelor's and medical degrees. Although I gripe about the cold, I am absolutely thrilled to be moving to Chicago and training at UC. I love outdoor activities (when it's warm out) and game nights, and I'm excited to share new experiences with my colleagues both inside and outside of the hospital!

Natalie Cobb -- The University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio



Hello everyone! My name is Natalie. I grew up in El Paso, a west Texas desert city near the border of Mexico. For college, I headed east to snowy Providence, RI, where I studied Neuroscience at Brown and spent a semester living in Berlin. After college, I moved back to Texas and lived in Austin for a year working and enjoying the music, parks, and sunshine. For my MD, I went to UTHSC San Antonio and also completed an MPH with a focus on Global Health. In my free time, I like to enjoy good food, great coffee, reading, traveling, biking, and hanging out with friends, family, and my dog, Charlie (who likes walks, dog parks, and most importantly fetch). I'm looking forward to getting to meet everyone and spending some time exploring Chicago together!

Nimit Desai -- University of Michigan Medical School



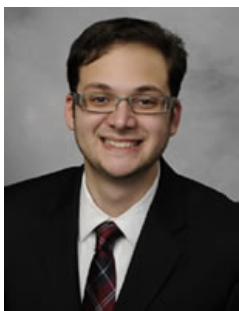
Hey everyone! I'm Nimit and was born and raised in Canton, MI, a suburb of Metro Detroit. I went to the University of Michigan for undergrad and medical school and BLEED maize and blue! I am a huge Detroit sports fan, which unfortunately, also includes the Lions...and yes it's been a rough 25 years so far. When I'm not rooting for my favorite teams, I enjoy playing sports, working out and watching unhealthy amounts TV (House of Cards anyone?) I have a bunch of family and friends from undergrad in the city and am pumped to finally be moving out there myself now. See you all soon and I look forward to meeting everyone!

Amrish Deshmukh -- Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine



Hi! I'm originally from a rural area in north east Pennsylvania. For undergrad, I went to Cornell University where I majored in mathematics and biology. After that, I moved to Cleveland for medical school at Case Western. For fun I like to run, ski, and play soccer and tennis. I also enjoy reading, travelling, eating good food, and music. I look forward to meeting all of you in June.

Abdulrahman Dia -- University of Illinois College of Medicine



Hey Everyone! My name is Abdulrahman (I go by Abdul) and I look forward to meeting everyone soon. I was born in Damascus, Syria and moved to Chicago before the age of one. I've lived all my life in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. I attended the University of Illinois at Chicago for college and obtained a B.S. in Kinesiology. After which I decided to stay at UIC for medical school, which was an amazing experience. Naturally being a resident of Chicago means I do love hunting for great food options in the city, especially pizza. I'm an avid football fan (soccer) and am a big supporter of Real Madrid, although I have minimal football skills myself. I'm pretty excited about starting residency at the University of Chicago soon.

Danielle Farrington -- Emory University School of Medicine



Hello! I'm Danielle. I was born and raised on the island of Bermuda, a 21 square mile island about 640 miles off of the coast of North Carolina. I grew up on the water swimming, boating and snorkeling with my family. I moved to Montreal after high school to do my undergraduate degree at McGill University. As you can imagine I was forced to adapt to some drastic changes in climate. I then moved to Atlanta to attend medical school at Emory University. There I met my husband, Duncan, who is also a medical student. Duncan will be starting an Emergency Medicine residency at Northwestern, and we are both extremely excited to move to Chicago. Our favorite pastimes include hiking, camping, reading (I am currently reading The Hobbit for the first time), beginners rock climbing and CrossFit. Looking forward to meeting everyone!

Michelle Fletcher -- University of Chicago The Pritzker School of Medicine



Hi everyone! My name is Michelle. I'm originally from Michigan City, Indiana. I attended Indiana University in Bloomington for undergrad and majored in Biology. I then went on to medical school here at the University of Chicago. I am a huge fan of pretty much everything Chicago, especially the Bears. My favorite things to do in the city are to attend Bears games, play beach volleyball, and go running on the lakeshore running path. I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

Nathan Frogge -- Rush Medical College

Hey folks! I grew up about 60 miles south of Chicago in a small town called Kankakee. I earned my bachelors at Wash U, where I also played football and, ironically, our conference rival was UChicago (Go Bears!). I stayed at Wash U for an extra year to earn my MBA,



which is how I met my wife, Joanne. Reluctantly, she agreed to move to Chicago as I attended medical school at Rush. She had never lived north of the Mason-Dixon line and feared real winters, but now she (and I) call Chicago home and we love it here. In my free time, I enjoy running 5K's, sampling new beers and wines, biking, snowboarding, fishing, hiking, watching football, and playing with my dog named Boogie. I look forward to the coming years; I'm honored and excited to work and learn alongside all of you.

Shewit Giovanni -- Tufts University School of Medicine



Hi! My name is Shewit (pronounced like Sweet with an H) and I was born and raised in Ethiopia before I moved to Alexandria, VA when I was twelve. I went to the College of William and Mary for undergrad and trekked out to Boston where I attended Tufts for medical school and somehow survived the cold for four years without snow boots! I obviously cannot escape the frigid winters by moving to Chicago but I am incredibly excited to explore such a great city and start residency at U of C. I love traveling, yoga, running (10k's are my sweet spot), finding recipes that combine bacon and potatoes, brunch and watching bad reality TV. I look forward to meeting everyone!

Nina Gupta -- University of Chicago The Pritzker School of Medicine



Hey there! My name is Nina and I'm one of the "Prtizker crew" who is thrilled to be sticking around for residency! I grew up in a west suburb of Chicago, ventured down to the cornfields of central Illinois to study finance (University of Illinois in Champaign), and then decided to head back up north to attend med school at University of Chicago. Though I've lived in a relatively small radius my whole life, my absolute biggest passion is travel and I'm lucky to have visited over 40 countries so far! I am pretty much always willing to strap on my backpack and find an adventure abroad. I also love to play tennis, cook, and explore everything the city has to offer. For those of you new to the area, let me know if you need any recommendations for things to do in Chicago (especially restaurants and/or live music!)

Susan Han -- University of Chicago The Pritzker School of Medicine



Hi all! My name is Susan and I'm originally from the east coast, having grown up in Boston and upstate New York. I came to UChicago for college, discovered that fun didn't have to die here, and haven't been able to tear myself away since. In my spare time, I like to host potlucks, watch soccer (the original football!), marathon TV shows, and eat my way through the constantly growing Chicago food scene. I wish that I could say that I also enjoy running, but that would be a complete lie – if anyone wants to go to a Zumba class, though, just let me know... Can't wait to meet everyone this summer!

Carmela Kiraly -- Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Hello! My name is Carmela and I am originally from Youngstown, Ohio. I went to college



at Ohio State University, and medical school at Vanderbilt University. In my free time I enjoy spinning, running, kickboxing, yoga, and indoor rock climbing. I also like to bake, cook, watch college football, garden, and spend time with my family. I look forward to meeting you all!

David Kopelman -- Tufts University School of Medicine



Hi, everyone! My name is Dave and I'm originally from Natick, MA (30 minutes outside of Boston). I spent my undergraduate years at Harvard before doing basic science research in a hematology lab outside of Washington DC at the NIH. I returned to Boston to attend Tufts University School of Medicine. In addition to serving on the Student Council there, I pretended I still possessed the athletic abilities I had in college and played as much basketball and soccer as possible. I also made the unfortunate mistake of learning to love skiing at a point in my life when I had neither the time nor money to enjoy it. I'm thrilled to start exploring the city of Chicago with my new co-interns as well as my girlfriend, who will be starting her Family Medicine residency at Northwestern this summer.

Michael Leukam -- Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine



Hi everyone! My name is Mike Leukam (sounds like 'Like-um' after generations of American decay in the pronunciation of an old German last name). I grew up in the suburbs of Minneapolis, went to college at Notre Dame, and spent 4 years in Atlanta and Athens (Georgia) working in molecular biology labs and going to grad school before returning to the Midwest for med school at Loyola. Fun fact: I played keyboards, guitar, bass and sax in several bands from junior high through college, and once supported myself as a DJ. My wife Allison is a CPA who works as a consultant, and my daughter Georgia -- born December 2013 -- eats, sleeps, and does cute baby things. I enjoy exploring Chicago, cheering for the Minnesota Twins, ND football and UGA football, and attempting to keep my residual musicianship from totally atrophying. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and working together for the next few years!

Nayna Lodhia -- Stanford University School of Medicine

Hello everyone! My name is Nayna—pronounced like Dana, with an “N”. I grew up in Brookfield, Wisconsin, went to undergrad at Wellesley College (near Boston) and went to medical school at Stanford. Although I enjoyed my time on the East and West coasts, I consider the Midwest home and I am very excited to move back for residency. After living in Northern California, I developed an appreciation for wine tasting. I also really enjoy food. My favorite cuisines are Indian, specifically chaat (Indian street food), Ethiopian and Thai. I look forward to making new memories with you all in the hospital and in Chicago!



Erica MacKenzie -- University of Chicago The Pritzker School of Medicine



Hi everyone! My name is Erica. I'm originally from Barrington, a northwest suburb of Chicago, but I went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for undergrad. After graduating, I spent a couple extra years in North Carolina working as a medical assistant and DJing for UNC's college radio station. Although I loved living in the South (can't beat cheese grits, warm weather, and ubiquitous use of "y'all"), I've always been a Chicagoan at heart, so I returned home to the University of Chicago for medical school. I like cooking and baking (especially pies!), trying new restaurants, gardening, and cheering on the Chicago Bears. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with everyone!

Mary Masters -- Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine



Hey all! My name is Mary Clare, but you sure can call me MC (yup, just like Hammer. I've still yet to convince anyone to ennoble me with that moniker though). I grew up just outside Chicago in Oak Park, IL. For college I ventured west to Stanford where I majored in Human Biology. Homesick for flat terrain and fall foliage, I returned to the Midwest for medical school at WashU in St. Louis. When I'm not at the hospital, I enjoy running, reading, traveling, and stress-baking (Bundt cake is usually my medium of choice). I look forward to coming home to Chicago to rediscover snow shoveling and my long-lost nasal accent, but--most of all--to getting to know and work with each of you.

Chandi Patel -- Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine



Hi everyone! My name is Chandni. I was born and raised in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. I went to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for undergrad where I majored in molecular and cellular biology and economics. I then moved out to Cleveland to go to Case Western Reserve University for medical school. In my free time, I like going to the movies (and eating buckets of popcorn), hanging out with friends, trying new restaurants and traveling. I am excited to be moving back to Chicago and can't wait to explore the city further and meet all of you!

Juan Reyes Genere -- University of Minnesota Medical School

Hey guys! My name is Juan. I was born in New York and grew-up in Dominican Republic before settling in Minnesota. I completed both my undergraduate and medical education at the University of Minnesota. As an adopted Minnesotan I became a bicycle enthusiast (Minneapolis is the #1/#2 bike city in the US!) and increased my cold tolerance. I also enjoy outdoor sports/activities year-round, technology, and experiencing different cultures through food, music, travel, etc. Chicago lies adjacent to a modestly sized lake and I look forward to sailing in it during the summers. I hope you have a nice vacation and I look forward to meeting you in June!

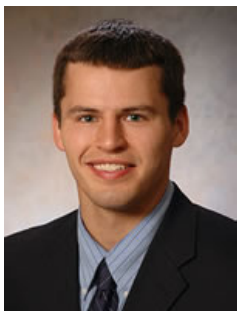


Sandra Shi -- University of Chicago The Pritzker School of Medicine



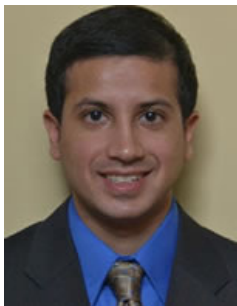
Hi everyone! I'm originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, a Canadian city with very cold winters. I went to high school in Boston, then moved out to Chicago for undergrad at Northwestern and have stayed in the Windy City since. I love it here for the amazing food, beautiful summers, and fun filled winters! In my spare time I totally nerd out (not kidding here). I built my own computer and play computer games (Guild wars 2 anyone?). I watch anime and read manga. There's also a little old lady side of me that likes to felt and read classic literature. And I spoil my dog Moka (currently with my parents out in the suburbs, copious pictures available). I'm so excited to meet and get to know everyone!

Justin Tomal -- University of Chicago The Pritzker School of Medicine



Hello everyone! I am the youngest of 3 children and grew up in Wheaton, IL. I attended Wheaton College, where my mom is an economics professor, before coming directly to the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. As I was a wrestler in college, sports and fitness remain my favorite hobbies. One of my favorite things about Chicago is the nearby Lake Michigan path that spans 18 miles. I look forward to meeting you all in June!

Imran Uraizee -- University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry



Hello, fellow incoming interns! My name is Imran Uraizee ("Im" as in "imitate," "ran" as in "Ronald," and my last name rhymes with "you're crazy"). I was born during a New Year's Day blizzard in Syracuse, NY but grew up in the far northwest Chicago suburb of Crystal Lake. It was always a dream of mine to become a "Cameron Crazie," and so I attended Duke University where I also majored in Biology and had my first research experience studying the opportunistic fungal pathogen, *Aspergillus fumigatus*. I returned to snowier climes for medical school at the University of Rochester in Upstate New York and took a research year-out to explore my continuing interest in noninvasive cardiac imaging as a Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Fellow in Boston. I am an avid basketball fan and love to play the game, too (as a YouTube search for "Exam Quality Buckets" may reveal)! I also enjoy traveling, watching football, stand-up comedy, playing Risk, and am looking forward to getting into lakefront biking and exploring the great Chicago restaurant scene. I am thrilled to be returning home and eagerly await meeting and closely working with you all very soon!

Dovie Watson -- Northwestern University The Feinberg School of Medicine



Hello everyone! My name is Dovie. I'm originally from Oklahoma City, OK. I earned my B.A. at Cornell University, where I double-majored in Biological Sciences and Feminist, Gender, & Sexuality studies. After college, I lived in Boston for two years where I worked in a genetics lab. I made my way back to the Midwest for medical school at Northwestern University. I'm interested in LGBT primary care and HIV medicine. I love Chicago, and I'm looking forward to exploring it more during residency and meeting all of you this summer!

Ben Weber -- Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine



Hey everyone! My name is Ben, and I'm looking forward to meeting and working with all of you very soon. I grew up in the small town of Litchfield, IL which is just south of Springfield. From there, I began my journey north through Illinois. My first stop was for undergrad at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where I met wife, Marianne. I then went on to spend the last four years at Loyola for medical school. Now, it seems I am happily rooted in Chicago. Most of my free time is spent at home with my wife and our new baby girl, Maggie, who will be seven months old by the time we start intern year. When I'm not changing diapers, I also enjoy any activity involving the outdoors including hiking/backpacking, skiing, running, and sports. See you all soon!

Mia Weiss -- Sackler School of Medicine



Hi all, I'm Mia. I'm a native Chicagoan and I'm so excited to be back in my favorite city! I did my undergrad at Smith College where I majored in biology. I then made my way to Israel to study at the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University where I spent not enough time at the beach, and too much time eating falafel. In my free time I can usually be found at one of Chicago's many amazing comedy clubs, enjoying a good book, or attempting to cook complicated recipes that end up looking nothing like the picture. Can't wait to meet you all soon!

Dawen Zhang -- University of Illinois College of Medicine



Hi everyone! My name is Dawen and I was born in Beijing, China. Since coming to the US with my family at an early age, I lived in the Chicago 'burbs before attending undergrad in the picturesque cornfields of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Afterwards, I attended the University of Illinois-Chicago for medical school and am simply ecstatic to be able to stay in Chicago and continue to enjoy everything this awesome city has to offer. In my free time, I enjoy trying to balance drinking/eating out while maintaining a reasonable weight, cheering on Chicago sports teams minus the Cubs, and staying active through running, and playing tennis and basketball. Looking forward to meeting y'all and sharing some good times in the coming year!

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Scott DeBoer -- University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Hi! I'm Scott. I have spent most of my life in and around Chicago, except for my time during undergrad at Indiana University. Chicago is a great city, and I will definitely miss it



when I move away next year. I did my MD/PhD at the University of Chicago, studying the cell biology of Alzheimer's disease, and I'm excited to spend another year here as an intern. I met my wife, Carla, during the first two years of medical school, and she finished her residency in OB/GYN last year, so we're both happy that I'm finally done being a student! For fun, I love to eat, which makes food one of the reasons I love Chicago. Also, I played guitar in a metal band most of my time as a medical student, and I love to travel and run on the lake front. It should be a great year, and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you soon.

Scott will be entering the Neurology Residency at Johns Hopkins after his intern year.

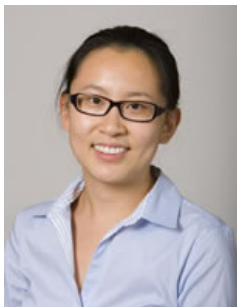
Penny Fang -- Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania



Hello co-interns! My name is Penny, and I'm very excited to join the University of Chicago family. I grew up in Ames, Iowa, and I went to college in Boston at Harvard. Afterwards, I migrated slightly south to Philadelphia and have been enjoying medical school at the University of Pennsylvania and took another year to explore healthcare management at Wharton in the MBA program. After Chicago, I'll be heading south to MD Anderson for radiation oncology residency. I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone over cooking and eating large meals, running along the lake, and exploring the city and outdoors!

Penny will be entering the Radiation-Oncology Residency at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center after her intern year.

Juliana Gao -- Duke University School of Medicine



Hi! I am Juliana. I was born and raised in Shanghai, China before moving to the suburbs of Los Angeles at age twelve. I went to the University of California Berkeley for undergraduate and Duke for medical school. Outside of work, I enjoy going to new restaurant and trying out new dishes at home. I am a big chocoholic and I am proud to say that I make amazing tiramisu (with chocolate, of course). I am very much looking forward to moving to Chicago and meeting you all!

Juliana will be entering the Dermatology Residency Program at the University of Chicago after her intern year.

Meredith Orseth -- University of Virginia School of Medicine



Hi everyone! A Midwesterner at heart (born and raised in Fargo, North Dakota), I'm so excited to be at U of C next year! I've been away for the past eight years in Arizona (ASU) and Virginia (UVA in Charlottesville) so I'm definitely ready to dust off my ankle-length winter coat and embrace being a Chicagoan. My twin sister also happens to live in the city so I have an idea from past visits (and from our psychic twin connection, of course) how wonderful it is. For fun I love to travel, eat, and read – or better yet, some combination of the three. I'm looking forward to starting in June and can't wait to meet you all!

Meredith will be entering the Dermatology Residency at the University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas after her intern year.

Alan Schurle -- University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Howdy everybody! My name is Alan. Born and raised in Kansas, I attended the University of Kansas where I studied English before coming to medical school at the



University of Chicago. I liked it a lot and they let me stick around so I'll be spending one year with the Internal Medicine department before moving on to the cold, fluorescent world of Anesthesiology. Outside the hospital, I enjoy Ultimate Frisbee, Chipotle, and the Double Dragon trilogy for the Nintendo Entertainment System. Inside the hospital, I enjoy writing progress notes in iambic pentameter, hanging out with my fellow residents, and savoring cornbread from the Mitchell basement cafeteria. I look forward to meeting and breaking cornbread with you!

Alan will be entering the Anesthesiology Residency at the University of Chicago after his intern year.

Calvin Williams --Harvard Medical School



What up! My name is Calvin and I was born and raised in Chicago, right here on the South Side! I stayed in my hometown for college and attended DePaul University. After graduating, I decided to conduct research in the Ecology and Evolution department at the University of Chicago. After two years of research and discovery, I decided to finally leave the nest and move to Boston to attend medical school at Harvard University. And although Bostonians have great sports team (I can't lie), in a sea of green I was one of the die-hard fans wearing his red Bulls jersey at the Boston Celtics' TD Garden stadium. And believe it or not, I'm the Biggest Bears fan of all (I actually follow the scouting combine, free agency, etc.). Besides watching sports, I enjoy a multitude of activities including cooking, weight training, concerts, basketball, reading NY Times editorials, traveling to exotic beaches, and public speaking.

To sum it up, I am excited to be returning home and even more excited to get to know everyone! Let's make it a great year!

Calvin will be entering the Dermatology Residency at the University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas after his intern year.

Changrui Xiao -- Duke University School of Medicine



Hi I am Changrui. I'm originally from Chongqing, China but grew up in many places (Beijing, CO, NJ, and MN) before going to Berkeley for undergrad and then Duke for med school. I'm looking forward to spending the next few years at UC and enjoying good food, the Chicago sports scene, board games, and possibly curling with the rest of you.

Changrui will be entering the Neurology Residency at the University of Chicago after his intern year.

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Jessica Gold -- Thomas Jefferson Medical College



Hi everyone! I'm Jess. I grew up outside Philly. I headed up north to Brandeis for undergrad before returning to Philly to complete my MD/PhD at Jefferson. Outside of medicine and science, I love traveling, skiing, cycling, and enjoying the outdoors. I am an avid fan of live music and have seen the band Phish an inappropriate number of times. I am moving to Chicago with my husband, a primary care physician, and my infant son, Harry. I cannot wait to eat my way through Chicago, and spend time biking the Lakefront Trail.

Katie Good -- Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

My name is Katie and I grew up in Richmond, VA. I went to UVa for undergrad and



majored in Biology and Religious Studies. I returned to Richmond for medical school at Virginia Commonwealth University and was a first year when VCU made it to the Final Four! I had never been to Chicago before coming for my interview, but I fell in love with the city and have heard nothing but great things about it. And as much as I love Virginia, I thought residency would be a good time to give a new place a try. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, volunteering in the community and abroad, visiting museums, skiing, baking and doing virtually anything outside. I couples matched with my boyfriend who will be in the ENT program. I'm excited to start residency and begin exploring Chicago!

Ellora Karmarkar -- David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA



Hello! My name is Ellora, and I'm named after a cave. I grew up in Santa Cruz, California, then went to Stanford for college and to UCLA for medical school. I took a year to get a masters in global health from UCSF, and was excited to match at U Chicago for Med Peds! I love playing piano, writing, constantly eating (especially sushi), hiking, rock climbing (not very well), and traveling. I also enjoy singing and have been known to burst into song at inappropriate times. I am really looking forward to all of the great food, comedy, jazz, and blues that Chicago has to offer. As a California lifer, this will be my first time living in the Polar Vortex. Time to buy a "real jacket".

Amy Wang -- University of Texas Medical School at Houston



Hi fellow interns! I'm Amy, and I was born in China and came to the US when I was six. I grew up in Austin, attended Stanford for college, and then came back to Texas for medical school at UT Medical School at Houston. I'm really interested in global health and public health, and I'm hoping to put my MPH to good use during residency. I coupled matched with my fiance Martin Duncan, who is an intern in Pediatrics here. In my spare time, you'll find me planning our wedding for 2015 (!), exploring the city, trying new cuisines and recipes, learning Spanish, playing board games, running, and hiking. I'm super excited to live in Chicago for the first time and can't wait to get to know everyone!