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Rasidat Adeduntan

Greetings! My name is Rasidat. I was born in New York but was raised in Athens, GA. I attended Stanford University for college where I majored in Human Biology. The Bay Area pulled me in and I stayed at Stanford after graduation to do clinical research. Afterwards, I hopped back to the East Coast for medical school at the University of Virginia. In my free time, I enjoy playing volleyball, traveling, dining out, and fine-tuning my skills as a self-proclaimed pizza connoisseur. I'm looking forward to living in a big city and I'm excited to experience Chicago with a new team!



Gaurav Ajmani

Hi everyone, I'm Gaurav! I grew up in Skokie just outside of Chicago. I went out east to Johns Hopkins for my undergrad and stayed for a master's from their school of public health. Afterwards, I came back to Chicago for medical school at U of C, and I'm excited to be sticking around for residency! In my free time I enjoy cooking, exploring Chicago's amazing restaurants, and playing racquetball. I'm also a big Chicago sports fan (Cubs, not Sox!). Looking forward to meeting everyone soon!



Spencer Carpenter-Carter

Hey everyone, I'm Spencer. I was born and raised in Baltimore before heading down south to Wake Forest University for undergrad. Perhaps it was the warm weather and southern rap music that kept me around, but I decided to stay in North Carolina for medical school at UNC. I have never lived in Chicago before, but I'm thrilled to get back to city life, and to see what exciting experiences await me. Outside the hospital, you might find me around the city roller skating, watching the Ravens, or perusing local restaurants for craft beer and chicken wings.



Ellen Daily

Hi everyone, I'm Ellen! I grew up in central Maine and went to college at Dartmouth, where I studied Biology and Health Policy. I then came to the Midwest for the first time to attend medical school at the University of Chicago. It soon became clear that I've found the perfect place to deepen my love of running (its best without any hills!), restaurant exploring, and donut shops (that can be visited any time of day!) – And I'm incredibly excited to stay at U of C for residency! If I do leave town, I enjoy traveling somewhere with lots of hiking or skiing. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you soon in the best city!



Anup Das

Hey Everyone! My name is Anup, and I was born and raised in State College, Pennsylvania. I went to the University of Pennsylvania for undergrad, and then completed an MD/PhD at the University of Michigan, with my PhD in the department of Health Management and Policy. My wife Preeti is a dentist and we are both looking forward to starting intern year off with a baby boy (due April 30th)! I love playing and watching sports and am a diehard Penn State sports fan. I think about food too much, so I really enjoy cooking as well as eating at restaurants, and am really looking forward to taking advantage of all the great places to eat in Chicago. I am excited to meet everyone!



James Dolezal

Hey everyone! I'm James, and I grew up in the small town of Peru, Indiana. I stayed in Indiana for undergrad at Taylor University and moved to Pittsburgh for medical school. I'm recently married and met my wife Cathy swing dancing. My favorite ways to spend free time are board games, biking, and backpacking, though I'm also a bit of a computer geek and love a good video game. I'm really excited to be moving to Chicago shortly and joining you all on this journey!



Jack Dowd

Hello everyone! My name is Jonathan, but I go by Jack. I was born in Chicago (at Loyola University Medical Center), but raised in St. Louis. I then made my way up to balmy South Bend, Indiana for my undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame. Fulfilling my Notre Dame Biology major birthright, I went to Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine for medical school. I am a huge sports fan, principally cheering for ND football and basketball, as well the St. Louis Cardinals (Boo Cubs!) and St. Louis Blues (Boo Blackhawks!). I also really enjoy fitness, movies, and reading. I am so excited to start residency with you all this summer.



Marie Dreyer

Hey everyone, I'm Marie! I grew up in Brookfield, WI just a suburb outside Milwaukee. I went to Creighton University and majored in Economics. After graduation, I moved to DC and worked for two years in health policy research for NORC (affiliated with Univ of Chicago!). I then returned back to Milwaukee for medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin. I'm a big fan of improv and stand-up comedy, so I'm very excited to check out the Chicago scene. I also enjoy college basketball (Go Jays!), the Green Bay Packers, jogging, trivia, and free museum days. Looking forward to meeting all of you!



Nolan Faust

Hey everyone! My name is Nolan and I was born and raised here in Hyde Park. I then ventured out east to Amherst College, where I majored in Asian Studies (Japanese language) and Biology. I spent two post-grad years in Boston at a neurobiology lab before returning home (but not home-home because my parents love me too much) for medical school here at UChicago. They haven't been able to get rid of me since! My hobbies include trying new foods and beers at restaurants and breweries in the city, playing tennis, going on trips, and working out. I'm also trying to become the kind of person who enjoys running. I look forward to meeting everyone in June!



Joseph Goldenberg

Hey there everyone, my name is Joe. I am originally from San Diego, CA and lived there until 8 years ago. I moved to Chicago in 2010 for the MSTP at University of Illinois. I like to joke that I came to Chicago for the good weather, but in reality this city has really grown on me. I met my wife of 3 years here, and we are both thrilled to stay! I would love to show you all around the city if you are new here. Outside of medicine, I enjoy biking on the lakefront, exploring new restaurants and bars, hosting dinner parties, trying to find new unexpected things to do in the City, and trying to leisurely watch sports. Looking forward to meeting everyone!



Dariusz Hareza

Hello, everyone! My name is Darek, and I'm originally from the Chicagoland area. I took a short jump and went to undergrad at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This primed me for more of a leap: New York City, where I attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. While in medical school I went on two global health trips to Uganda but now I'm looking forward to coming back home to the city I love. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, traveling (especially to somewhat extreme places, like crossing glaciers in Svalbard, Norway), and watching Blackhawks games, as well as taking walks and exploring the city around me. Hope to share some adventures with everyone soon!



Jacobi Hines

Hello, Everyone! My name is Jacobi and I was born and raised in Alexandria, Va (a suburb of Washington, DC). I graduated from the College of William & Mary in 2014 where I majored in Neuroscience and completed a minor in Hispanic Studies. I then moved 2 hours west to complete medical school at the University of Virginia. I enjoy anything related to food (cooking, baking, eating), art, music and being mediocre at bar trivia. I'm incredibly excited to explore life outside of Virginia and can't wait to take advantage of everything that Chicago has to offer.



Michael Jacobs

Hello colleagues! My name is Mike Jacobs, and I'm proud to say I'm a native Chicagoan. I grew up in Oak Park, just west of the city limits, and attended Oak Park River Forest High School (Once a husky, always a husky!). I went to Dartmouth College for undergrad where I studied genetics and was also on the men's tennis team. Before attending medical school at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, I did a year of research at the University of Chicago and loved my time here. I also found some time before starting school to sneak in a three month road trip across the country visiting national parks. As far as hobbies and interests go, I try to play tennis and other intramural sports as much as I can. I also love cooking and discovering the cheap eats scene in whatever city I'm in. I couldn't be more excited to come back home to start residency.



So Lim Kim

Hi everyone, my name is So Lim. I was born in Korea and moved to Irvine, California when I was 13. I graduated from UC Berkeley with a major in integrative biology and attended Case Western Reserve University for medical school. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, exercising, and exploring cafes and restaurants. I am excited for the opportunity to start residency at University of Chicago and can't wait to explore all that the city has to offer! I look forward to meeting everyone and working together for the next couple years.



Ari Leonhard

Hello all! My name is Ari. I am originally from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, I went to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for undergrad, where I majored in theatre arts. Afterwards, I attended medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In my free time, I love to go on leisurely runs, water ski, play strategy board games, listen to philosophy podcasts, and see as many plays as I can. I can't wait to meet and work with you all at the University of Chicago!



Ross McMillan

Hey everyone, my name is Ross and I was born and raised in Tallahassee, FL. I went on to Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA for undergrad. There, I majored in biology and ran both cross country and track and field. After graduating from Morehouse, I moved to Baltimore to attend Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. At Hopkins, I was a student in the Medical Scientist Training Program, where I earned both my MD and a PhD in Cellular and Molecular Medicine. While completing my PhD, I spent time teaching and doing volunteer work with youth. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, following politics, watching sports, and staying active through CrossFit. I also enjoy spending time with family, friends, and my partner Priyanka. I am excited to live in Chicago and I am looking forward to meeting everyone soon.



Ari Miller

Hi Everyone, I'm Ari Miller. I'm originally from Jamaica. I studied biological sciences and public policy in the college at the University of Chicago before continuing as a medical student at Pritzker. My favorite things to do in Chicago are biking along the lake and trying new restaurants. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone in June!



Nupur Mistry

Hi everyone! My name is Nupur and I am from Portland, Oregon. I went to the University of Washington in Seattle (go Dawgs!) for undergrad where I majored in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. I made my move from the Pacific Northwest to attend medical school at Saint Louis University. In my free time, I love binge watching Netflix, hiking, playing board games, and trying new restaurants! I just got married before the start of residency and am excited to be starting a new life and eating new foods with my husband Neil in Chicago!



Amol Naik

Hi everyone! I'm Amol. I grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago. I went to University of Chicago for undergrad where I majored in Political Science and History. After finishing college, I attended graduate school at the London School of Economics and Oxford. While I was in England, I studied International Development and Global Governance and became very interested in public health. This led me to Goucher College for my post-bacc and then back to University of Chicago for medical school. I have loved medical school at UChicago and am very excited to be staying for residency. I live in Chicago with my wife, and in my free time I enjoy playing and watching basketball, talking politics and exploring Chicago neighborhoods. I'm looking to meeting all of you soon!



Julia Nath

Hi everyone! My name is Julia, and I'm originally from the San Francisco Bay Area. I stayed close to home for college at Stanford where I studied Human Biology and spent a lot of time in the woods backpacking, and I ventured just a little further after graduation to work as a research assistant in health policy at UCSF. After 24 years in California, my husband Ishan and I moved back to his hometown Chicago for grad school at U of C. It has been a wonderful four years here, and we're excited for another three! We live in Hyde Park with our two guinea pigs, Rosie and Zoe. With any free time I find, I love watching Stanford sports, spending lots of time at the lakefront, running, zumba-ing, listening to podcasts, and cooking vegetarian food.



Patrick Naureckas

Hi everyone! My name is Pat Naureckas and I'm from Oak Park, the first suburb west of Chicago and the other end of the green line from Hyde Park. I moved to St. Louis to study biomedical engineering and anthropology at Washington University, before returning home to attend UIC for medical school. I'm looking forward both to spending at least another 3 years in Chicago, as well as eating at the food trucks on campus as often as possible. In my free time, I can usually be found in the bleachers at Wrigley Field, playing volleyball (indoor or beach), and doting on my cat.



Shirlene Obuobi

Hi, my name is Shirlene. I'm one of the many former Pritzker students joining the Uchicago IM team, and am from, in this order, Ghana, Chicago, Arkansas, and the suburbs of Houston. I went to Washington University in St. Louis for undergrad, and chugged along straight through to medical school. Needless to say, it was about time for me to stay put. I enjoy reading, obsessing over my cat, drawing (check out my comic page @shirlywhirlmd!), crafts and limited physical activity, usually while listening to podcasts/ audiobooks. I also really enjoy travelling, and have been to 16 countries since starting medical school. Looking forward to starting this residency journey with everyone!



Kevin Prescott

Hey everyone! My name is Kevin. I grew up in the city of Chicago. For undergrad, I went out to Pomona College in Southern California where I played college tennis and majored in Neuroscience. I moved back to Chicago after college and worked as a tennis coach during my year off before attending medical school at UIC. I love playing and teaching tennis, hiking, kayaking, grilling out, and taking advantage of all the amazing things Chicago has to offer (especially in the summertime). I am so happy to stay in my home city for residency



Corey Rearick

Hey I'm Corey Rearick. I am from Pittsburgh and did undergrad at a small school in southwest Pennsylvania called Waynesburg where I studied biology/chemistry. Afterwards I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. In my spare time I love to travel, backpack, hike, bike, and dote over my two cats. I listen to a lot of podcasts, love playing board games, and am always looking for a good brunch spot.



Ashley Smith-Nunez

Hi everyone! I'm Ashley and I'm originally from Spokane, WA. I went to undergrad at the University of Washington (U-dub, as we call it) where I got my BA in Spanish, and stayed here for medical school as well. I am interested in Diversity in medical education, and my research was on retention of underrepresented minority students in medical school. Outside of school I love dancing, cooking and spending time with my dog. I was a member or a Tahitian dance school here in Seattle, and I'm hoping to find something similar there in Chicago, or some other hip-hop dance class. I also enjoy trying new restaurants, and I think Chicago will be a great city for me. I can't wait to move to the windy city and meet all of you!



Ragha Suresh

Hi everyone! My name is Ragha, but you can call me Rags, and I'm from Manalapan, New Jersey. I completed a 7-year BS/MD program through The College of New Jersey and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, where I met my boyfriend (who will actually be starting as a PM&R resident at Northwestern!). I enjoy sweaters, Target, and croutons without salad. I like trying new foods and restaurants, grocery shopping at Trader Joe's, hiking, and laughing. I've been a Jersey Girl my whole life and I'm so excited to try something new. Can't wait to meet you all!



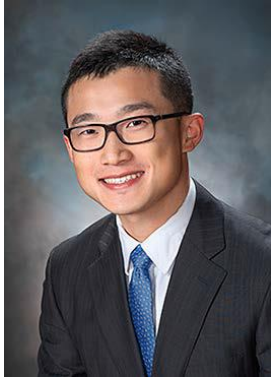
Joseph Thomas

"Hello! I'm Joe, and I was born and raised in West Lafayette, Indiana. I've spent most of my life in my home state, attending both college and medical school at Indiana University. Chicago is undoubtedly one of my favorite cities, and I cannot wait to make some great memories during these next few years. Outside of medicine I like to travel, explore, try new restaurants, bike, and of course hang out with my dog (Yoshi) and girlfriend (Alyeesha). Looking forward to meeting everyone!"



Jeremy Treger

Hey everyone! I'm Jeremy, and I was born and raised in southern Oregon. I did undergrad at Pomona College in California where I majored in chemistry, and then came to University of Chicago where I did my MD training and a PhD in biophysics. In my free time, I enjoy trying new restaurants, running on the lake path, and high-power rocketry (and spending time with my wife and daughter!). I'm looking forward meeting everyone!



Dennis Jingzhou Wang

Hi everyone, I should've gone by "JZ" based on my Chinese name, but Dennis works just fine. I left China when I was 18 and attended University of Toronto for college and my master's degree in nutrition. Then I moved south and spent 4 wonderful years at UVA for medical school (Go Hoos! regardless what happened at March Madness this year). Outside medicine, I love playing soccer, golf, fishing, hiking, snowboarding and settle Catan. I have no sibling as it was not allowed in China, but I am super excited to meet some new brothers and sisters at U of C!



Joshua Waytz

Hello all! My name is Josh Waytz. I am from Minneapolis and attended Northwestern University for undergrad where I majored in Psychology and Economics. After graduation, I spent a few years in Washington DC splitting my time as a company ensemble member at an improv theater and as a healthcare consultant. I then pursued a post-bac at Goucher College before attending University of Chicago for medical school. My interests include music (listening and playing), sports (watching), and food (largely eating). I am excited to start residency at UChicago and getting to meet everyone.



Joseph Weber

Hi everyone! I'm Joe and I grew up in a small town in Southern Illinois called Litchfield. I went to the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign for undergrad where I majored in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Between undergrad and medical school I got married and moved with my wife to Stockholm, Sweden where I did research for a year. I then attended medical school at Loyola University Chicago. In my free time I enjoy running, hiking, and spending time with family, friends, and my newborn son. Looking forward to meeting you all in June!



Kathleen Wiest

Hi everyone! My name is Kathleen, and I grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago. I ventured out of the Midwest to attend undergrad at Rice University, where I majored in Bioengineering. After college, I spent a year working at Epic in Madison, Wisconsin before returning home to attend medical school at University of Chicago. I am thrilled to be staying here for residency!! In my free time, I love to explore new neighborhoods, run along the lakefront, take group fitness classes, and watch HGTV. I also enjoy spending time outdoors, game nights, and watching sports. Looking forward to meeting and working with all of you!



Maryam Zafer

Hey, All. My name is Maryam. I was born and raised abroad, but moved to San Diego during my formative pre-teen years. As such, I consider myself a true blue Southern Californian. I completed my undergrad at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and medical school at Mt. Sinai in New York (although, with a brief stint in the Bay Area for my AmeriCorps service and Master's in Global Health at UCSF). As for my interests, I proudly know the lyrics to most 80s-era pop songs, spend my free time training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and binge on YouTube clips documenting the happily-ever-afters of rehabilitated shelter dogs. I am incredibly excited to call Chicago my new home and explore the city with you all. Bulls' games and public art tours, anyone?



Lauren Young

Hello! My name is Lauren and I grew up in the suburban Boston area. Having studied history as an undergraduate at Harvard, I took a somewhat circuitous route to medicine and science. I found that I love both, and, being rather indecisive, ended up in the MD-PhD program at NYU studying the ubiquitin-proteasome system, cell cycle, and DNA damage repair in a basic biochemistry laboratory. Although I've lived in NYC for more than a decade now, I remain an avid (some would say rabid) Red Sox fan. I've spent a lot of my time at NYU trying to serve student interests through various leadership and liaison roles, but try to spend my other free time outdoors—particularly kayaking and hiking—or practicing yoga, cooking, and sharing a good meal and glass of wine with friends. I am excited to meet all of you and explore Chicago.

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Kurt Alberson

Hi, everyone! My name is Kurt. I am originally from Munster, IN which is just a half hour away from UChicago. I went to Case Western for undergrad and studied biomedical engineering with a focus on biomechanics. After graduating, I went to the University of Chicago for medical school. As such, I know the area to some extent, and would be happy to field any questions for those who are new to the city/hospital. I spend a lot of my free time with my wife, I enjoy cooking (minus the dishes), reading, and I knit and cross stitch to relax. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone soon!



Rohan Katipally

Hey everyone! My name is Rohan and I grew up in central New Jersey. I attended Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island for both college (where I studied Applied Mathematics-Biology) and medical school. Outside of school, I love design and technology, loose-leaf teas, football. I am super excited to be at the University of Chicago this upcoming year to remain here for my residency in Radiation Oncology. I look forward to meeting you all!



Katrina Kesterson

Hi everyone! My name is Katrina and I am from Memphis, TN. I went to the University of Memphis for undergrad and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center for medical school. After living in Memphis for most of my life, I am very excited to move to Chicago with my two dogs. On my days off, you'll find me traveling – whether it's overseas or on weekend getaways, going to group fitness classes like yoga, kickboxing, and spin cycle, trying new restaurants for brunch, reading, or finding a local state park to go hiking or kayaking in. I look forward to meeting all of you and exploring this amazing city!



Saira Khanna

Hi! My name is Saira Khanna, and I grew up in the suburbs of Milwaukee. I went to college at Harvard University where I studied Neurobiology, Economics, and Spanish. I then returned to the midwest for medical school at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. In my free time, I love playing and watching tennis, antagonizing the city of Chicago by being a Green Bay Packers fan, eating delicious food, and traveling as much as possible. After intern year, I will be staying at the University of Chicago as an ophthalmology resident.



Lukas Matern

Hi all! I'm originally from Germany but grew up mostly in the town of Rochester, MN. Seeking an escape to a big city, I completed my undergraduate studies in music and biochemistry at Columbia University before attending medical school at the University of Chicago, and I'm pumped to be staying for a preliminary year in internal medicine. My hobbies include playing chamber music (I'm an avid cellist), reading nonfiction, running along the lake, and seeking out the perfect latte. After internship, I'll be pursuing further training in anesthesiology and critical care.



Maureen Riegert

Hi! My name is Maureen Riegert. I am a true Midwestern girl! I grew up in Milwaukee, WI. I went to the University of Notre Dame for undergrad where I studied Greek and Roman civilization and then on to the University of Wisconsin for medical school. I studied abroad in Perth Australia which allowed my inner travel enthusiast to grow. When I am not studying or planning my next adventure, I love baking, cooking and trying new restaurants. Which is why I am ecstatic to move to Chicago as it has always been one of my favorite city to visit and dine. After my intern year at University of Chicago I will go on to Loyola for dermatology residency



Ruth Tangonan

Hello everyone! My name is Ruth and I grew up in a small town in the Philippines. I moved to the northwest suburb of Mundelein in high school, and stuck around in Chicago for undergrad, medical school, and now for my neurology residency here at the University of Chicago. Chicago has been the back drop for some of my most formative experiences: trying my hand in journalism, home health nursing in under served areas, research in Parkinson's Disease. I've become attached to this city because of its unique culture and its amazing people. I look forward to spending my intern year getting to know everyone, receiving a rock solid training in medicine, and contributing whatever I can to the growth and betterment of this city.



Daniela Anderson

Hobbies and Interests -Born: Washington D.C. -Undergrad: Bard College -Medical School: University of Utah School of Medicine

Hobbies and Interests: Running short distances, playing with other people's dogs, biking, reading/writing children's books, historical fiction, making dinner with friends, spontaneous adventures.



Omar Jamil

Omar went to Northwestern University, majoring Anthropology. After undergrad, he was a Teach for America Corps member and taught AP Biology and Chemistry for 2 years at Golder College Prep. At this time he completed a Masters in Teaching from Dominican University. He attended medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago and was a member of a Chicago Public Schools' Local School Council. His professional interests include obesity interventions, transitions of care in IBD patients and the impact of technology on adolescents. His personal interests include, sadly, Northwestern athletics.



Ira Kraft

Ira was born in Logan, Utah, attended the University of British Columbia for his undergraduate degree, and the University Of Utah School Of Medicine. He is a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Ira was part of the Medical Research Scholars Program at the National Institutes of Health and studied genomics, clinical trial design, and big-data analysis. Ira also founded the nonprofit organization, One Hour For Life, Inc. that focuses on providing sustainable healthcare through cross-cultural collaborations, and spent time in Ethiopia studying the burden of pediatric illness in Addis Ababa. He is always looking for a friend to ride a bike, ski, or be outside with, and is a huge Star Wars fan so look out for some Yoda quotes during his presentations!



Natalie Munger

Natalie was born in Seattle, Washington, and attended the University of Washington for her undergraduate degree. She obtained her graduate degree in Complementary and Alternative Medicine from Georgetown University. Natalie is a member of AOA and also a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society. She is currently working on a qualitative analysis of transition care in the rheumatology department at Seattle Children's, and as a medical student coordinated and participated in several multidisciplinary clinics for the homeless population in Seattle. In her free time, she enjoys downhill skiing, sea kayaking, and being outside as much as possible. She plans to spend her free time searching for big mountains in Illinois.