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Bina Amin, MD - Categorical

Medical School: UNC

Undergraduate: ECU

Bina grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina and attended the North Carolina School of Science and Math for high school. She attended East Carolina University for college where she majored in Biology and Hispanic Studies. There, she was a member of the club soccer team and Captain of ECU's Indian Dance Team (Raas). After college, she completed an AmeriCorps service year with MedServe and worked for re—inc, a streetwear company. Bina has a longstanding interest in Geriatric medicine and is participating as a scholar with the Care of the Older Patient track at UNC. She has continued with her commitment to caring for Spanish speaking patients by participating in the CAMPOS program at UNC, as well as her dedication to service with her role as a care manager at the Student Health (SHAC) clinic. In recognition of her outstanding commitment to patient care, Bina was selected by her peers for induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. During her free time, Bina enjoys playing soccer, running, doing HIIT workouts at burnbootcamp and trying new acai bowl spots!



Schuyler Bain, MD, MTS - Categorical

Medical School: UNC

Graduate School: Duke

Undergraduate: UNC

After graduating from UNC, Schuyler served as a campus minister at UNC for three years before deciding to return to the classroom to pursue a medical career. As a medical student, Schuyler was accepted into the Theology, Medicine, and Culture Fellowship program at Duke and received a Master of Theological Studies. With an interest in Cardiology, he has also actively worked on several research projects with the SUDDEN Cardiology group to better understand the social risk factors for sudden cardiac death and heart failure. In recognition of his outstanding commitment to patient care, Schuyler was selected by his peers for induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

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Kane Banner, MD, MHS - Categorical

Medical School: MUSC

Graduate: Meharry

Undergraduate: Duke

Kane grew up in North Carolina and played football at Duke University, where he majored in Evolutionary Anthropology. After college, he conducted research at Duke and UNC, primarily focused in Cardiology. Kane has lived a life of service, working to be a mentor and leader in the community. He founded the 325

Program, a mentoring program that partners with at-risk high school students, and he also served as a mentor for the “My Community’s Keeper” program with at-risk 7–18 year-old kids.

Kane also serves on his SNMA chapter’s executive board. At this point, Kane is most interested in Cardiology, specifically thinking of ways to focus early care to underserved areas across our state.



Ean Bills, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Marshall

Undergraduate: Marshall

Ean grew up in West Virginia and attended Marshall University for college. He has a longstanding passion for musical performance and theatre. Ean has been actively involved in multiple service and leadership positions as a medical student, including serving as the Vice President for the Health Spectrum Alliance, leading as a student representative for the Department of Medicine’s Research Committee Board, serving as the IM Student Interest Group President, and working as the AOA Chapter President as well as an admission ambassador for the school of medicine. In recognition of his outstanding academic performance, Ean was inducted into the AOA Honor Society.

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Felicia Branch, MD - Categorical

Medical School: ECU

Undergraduate: UNC

Felicia is from Henderson, NC and attended the School for Science and Math prior to coming to UNC for college where she majored in Radiologic Science. After college, Felicia worked for four years at the WakeMed Heart Center as a Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist prior to deciding to apply for medical school. Felicia participated in research focused on chronic pain, and with commitment to service and giving back, serves as a peer advisor for more junior medical students. At this point, Felicia is most interested in Critical Care or Hospital Medicine. Having grown up in a rural community, she remains committed to

caring for underserved communities and bridging gaps with “accessible compassionate healthcare.”



Sean Chambers, MD - Categorical

Medical School: University of Rochester

Undergraduate: Metropolitan State University of Denver

Sean is from Colorado and grew up working full time jobs throughout high school and college, balancing work with leadership roles and classes (with a double major in biology and chemistry). After college, Sean worked as a pharmacy technician and later as a medical scribe while also volunteering as an ESL tutor and serving as a mentor for at risk high school students. As a medical student, he worked on a project to understand the effect of the CDC opioid guidelines on substance reduction between insurance types and the barriers to implementing a controlled substance safety committee in primary care practices. Sean has been an active volunteer with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, working with underserved

high school students. He is looking forward to coming to North Carolina as he has family in Raleigh and his wife’s job is in Durham!

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Stephan Constante, MD, MPH - Categorical

Medical School: UNC

Graduate: Columbia

Undergraduate: University of Florida

Stephan is from Miami and attended the University of Florida for college where he majored in Microbiology. After college, he worked with the NIH as a research assistant on projects involving Ebola and vaccines. As a medical student, Stephan has remained committed to caring for the underserved and working to decrease health disparities. He received his MPH degree from Columbia in 2024, work that included recruiting Spanish speaking patients to participate in a study to examine a patient centered support tool for breast cancer risk assessment. He has continued to work as a scholar in the Humanities and Social Sciences concentration track and has been actively involved in health equity research at UNC. He is involved with both the LMSA and SNMA student organizations and was elected by his peers for induction into the Gold Humanism Society where he also served as the chapter's secretary.



Shivani Desai, MD - Categorical

Medical School: UNC

Undergraduate: UNC

Shivani is from New Jersey but has called North Carolina home for the past 18 years. She has had a strong interest in quality improvement and health equity as well as teaching and is currently a member of the Medical Education Scholarly Concentration Program at the UNC School of Medicine. She has been an active volunteer with SHAC, serving as a medical team senior for the student clinic. She also was selected to work as a tutor with more junior medical students and previously served as co-president of the IM student interest group. Shivani has an active interest in research and is a member of the John B. Graham Research Society at UNC. She has been engaged for three years in research aimed at understanding and decreasing the observed inequities for patients with postpartum hemorrhages. Her QI work that led to a Postpartum Hemorrhage Checklist was recognized with a Research Carolina Quality and Safety Award.

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Manisha Dubey, MD - Categorical

Medical School: University of Colorado

Undergraduate: UNC

Manisha grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina and attended UNC for college where she was enrolled in the BSPH program and graduated with a degree in public health, chemistry, and Spanish. She has been actively engaged in volunteer and research work focused on health equity and community engagement, participating in the Bioethics Trail Program at the University of Colorado. Her research work focused on access to healthcare for undocumented immigrants included an analysis of state Medicaid policies regarding coverage of kidney-replacement therapy and cancer for undocumented immigrants. This project resulted in multiple manuscripts, an opportunity to testify to state leaders as part of legislative committee, and a poster presentation at SGIM. She also helped to create a narrative medicine course and has received multiple awards for her research work and volunteerism, including the Bardsley Family Foundation Award for Humanism in Medicine.



Anna Geduldig, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Oregon Health and Science University

Undergraduate: Georgetown University

Anna has always had a commitment to mission and service. After graduating from Georgetown, she worked for three years (during COVID) in Portland with an FQHC clinic that served to care for patients with high medical and social needs, utilizing an “ambulatory ICU model” for intensive primary care. As a medical student, she has continued to work as a volunteer with the Bridges Collaborative Care Clinic, serving primarily patients who have unstable housing. She also has served as a co-leader for the Addiction Informed Care student interest group, worked as a peer tutor, and been a part of project ECHO which helps to provide tele-mentoring education for primary care physicians. Anna is looking forward to coming back to the East coast to be closer to family!

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Lee Hogge, MD - Categorical

Medical School: EVMS

Undergraduate: William and Mary

Lee was a D1 soccer player at the University of South Carolina, transferring to William and Mary where he continued to play and graduated with a degree in Physiology. After college, Lee worked as a scribe for an Ophthalmology practice in Norfolk where he also conducted clinical research. As a medical student, Lee has been committed to health prevention and service, serving in multiple leadership roles with the Medical Society of Virginia and the HOPES student-run free clinic. Additionally, he was engaged in several published research projects during his time in medical school, with topics ranging from pediatric injury prevention to surgical wound care. In recognition of

his outstanding academic performance, Lee was inducted into the AOA Honor Society.



Hannah Jackson, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Texas Tech

Undergraduate: Texas Tech

Hannah is from Texas and attended Texas Tech for college where she developed her growing interest in medicine while working as a patient transporter. As a medical student, she has been actively engaged in the curriculum, including work to co-found an Art in Medicine Elective for preclinical students. She has also served as a peer assisted learning tutor, a mentor coordinator for the mentors in medicine program, a TA for the culinary medicine elective, and a student coordinator and instructor for the ICM bootcamp to transition students to clerkships. She is looking forward to moving to North Carolina as her fiancé will be completing an MBA in the area. Outside of medicine, Hannah enjoys raising chickens and designing “luxurious chicken coops”!

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Ariel Jimenez, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Georgetown

Undergraduate: USF

Ariel grew up in Florida after coming to the United States from Chile as a young child. He graduated from USF with degrees in cell and molecular biology and worked for a year as an Optometry technician before coming to Georgetown for medical school. Ariel has been actively involved in service and leadership as a medical student, serving as a student mentor for struggling junior medical students, as well as teaching for the SHAPE summer mentorship program and volunteering as a Spanish interpreter for the Catholic Charities clinic. Ariel has also actively pursued research and has been involved with projects ranging from exploring pathways to homelessness to GI focused research involving colon cancer screening and the risk of aspiration

for patients on GLP-1 agonists during EGDs. Outside of medicine, Ariel enjoys film and music (piano).



Catherine Karbasiafshar, MD - Categorical

Medical School: EVMS

Undergraduate: Penn State University

Catherine grew up in Rhode Island and came to Penn State where she graduated with a degree in biochemistry. After college, she worked for two years (during the pandemic) as a research assistant at Rhode Island Hospital with work that included cardiology focused bench research. As a medical student, she has been involved with the medical Spanish program, volunteered actively with the HOPES student clinic, served as a mentor for the Ultrasound in Medicine course, and worked as an EMT. In recognition of her outstanding academic performance, Catherine was inducted into the AOA Honor Society. Catherine looks forward to being closer to her parents

who currently live in Wake Forest, North Carolina!

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Grace Kramer, MD - Categorical

Medical School: University of Oklahoma

Undergraduate: Oklahoma State University

Grace is from Oklahoma originally and attended Oklahoma State University where she majored in biochemistry. Her work as an EMT was not only formative but solidified her interest in medicine as well as her commitment to caring for all patients in a humane and patient centered manner. Grace has been actively involved in service and volunteerism, working as the Vice Chair of Operations for the Unity clinic that provides free, interdisciplinary care to patients. She has also served as a patient companion for the Children's Health Center, worked on the admissions committee, and served on the school's alumni group. In recognition of her outstanding commitment to patient care, Grace was selected by her peers for induction into

the Gold Humanism Honor Society.



Alan Michael Le Grice, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Texas A&M

Undergraduate: Baylor

Alan Michael grew up in South Texas and attended Baylor University where he graduated with a degree in Neuroscience. As a medical student, Alan Michael has been dedicated to service and mentorship, volunteering as a preschool teacher for his church, working at free student clinics, actively mentoring students from underserved communities through the VAMOS program, and serving as a pre-med mentor for college students. Alan Michael has an interest in Hematology and Oncology, helping establish and serving as a leader for his school's chapter of the American Cancer Society. Alan Michael's wife is from the Carolinas, and they are thrilled to be close to family!

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Jason Lee, MD - Categorical

Medical School: UNC

Undergraduate: Duke

Jason is from North Carolina and has demonstrated a commitment to caring for the underserved and a passion for a future career in Nephrology! Having completed his major in Spanish, he was selected to participate in the UNC CAMPOS program and has used his proficiency in Spanish to help serve the local community as a volunteer with the NC Farmworker Health Program and in his work with a research team to understand the barriers to self-monitoring of blood glucose in Latino patients cared for through Piedmont Health Services. He also served as a coordinator with the Diabetes Outreach Program through the UNC Internal Medicine Latino Clinic and has led initiatives to address

food insecurity at the UNC SHAC Clinic. With an enthusiasm for supporting his fellow medical students, Jason has served as a peer support advocate through the School of Medicine, co-president of the Kidney Interest Group, and TA for the Renal Block (and is beloved for bringing home-made Kidney shaped cookies to Med B during his AI!). In recognition of his outstanding academic performance, he was inducted into AOA Honor Society. In his free time, Jason enjoys sharing authentic Vietnamese food with his family in Raleigh and taking walks with his cat, Spaghetti.



Jarred Lobo, MD - Categorical

Medical School: UNC

Undergraduate: UNC

Jarred grew up in Australia and moved to North Carolina in middle school. He attended UNC for college where he graduated with degrees in neurosciences, public policy, and Spanish. As a medical student, Jarred participated in the CAMPOS medical Spanish program. He worked with Spanish-speaking patients at the Piedmont Health FQHC and helped improve the quality of care with a project focused on identifying barriers to blood pressure control. His commitment to service has also been evidenced by his work with SHAC, the student-run health clinic, as a Bridge to Care primary care provider as well as his work with the free cardiology clinic.

Jarred is also completing an ultrasound concentration track and has a continued interest in global health.

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Yainira Mendez Borrero, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Ponce University

Undergraduate: UNC

Yainira is from Puerto Rico and graduated from UNC with a degree in Chemistry. Yainira has been actively involved in multiple service and leadership activities as a medical student, including serving as a curriculum student representative, working as a volunteer and clinic co-organizer for the Enlace Volunteering Group that provided day-clinics to various underserved areas across PR, and leading service rounds for the homeless population as part of Social Medicine Interest Group. She also helped to create a club for weekly case discussions among medical peers, and has been productive in research focused on the complex interplay of HIV infection and addiction physiology. In

recognition of her outstanding academic performance, Yainira was inducted into the AOA Honor Society.



Nicole Ocasio-Martinez, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Ponce University

Undergraduate: University of Massachusetts

Nicole grew up in Puerto Rico and attended the University of Massachusetts in Boston. After college, she stayed in Boston and worked as a research assistant at Dana-Farber, focusing on acute leukemia research. She also served as the health education project lead for the Department of Global Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. In this role, she worked to identify ways to provide additional support for the youth with HIV in Peru (including creating a rap video as an educational resource!). During medical school in Puerto Rico, she was committed to volunteerism and service, working as the clinical operations coordinator for a women's health clinic.

She is looking forward to joining a brother who lives in North Carolina!

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Lauren Peltier, MD - Categorical

Medical School: University of Toledo

Undergraduate: The Ohio State University

Lauren is from Ohio and graduated from OSU with degrees in molecular genetics and pharmaceutical sciences. After college, she worked for a year as a scribe (during COVID) and clinical informatics specialist for a clinic in Dayton before coming to medical school. As a student, she has been actively engaged as a peer leader for the School of Medicine Academic Enrichment Center and a volunteer for the Community Care Clinics. In recognition of her outstanding academic performance as well as her exceptional commitment to patient care, Lauren was inducted into both the Gold Humanism and AOA Honor Societies.



Tripti Rathi, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Case Western

Undergraduate: UVA

After graduating from UVA with a degree in Statistics, Tripti worked as a senior research analyst for an Advisory Board in DC with a focus on identifying post-hospital discharge care and services for older adults. This work has continued to guide her interests in medical school as she has been drawn to caring for older adults, especially those who are hospitalized frequently. She has served as a member of the Diversity Action Committee, acted as a leader for the Racism and Health elective, and is a student representative for the Aging Section of the Diversity Design Team which is tasked with identifying sources of bias in the preclinical curriculum. She also volunteered with Hospice and has served as a program leader for the Opening Minds Through Arts program for patients with Dementia. Tripti is looking forward to being closer to family in Virginia and knows Chapel Hill well as her sister attended the UNC School of Pharmacy!

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Jessica Saganowich, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Texas A&M

Undergraduate: Penn State University

Jessica is from Cary and attended Penn State where she graduated with a degree in Biology and a minor in Deafness and Hearing Studies. After college, she worked for a year as a medical scribe at UNC Health Heart and Vascular. As a medical student, she dedicated her time to research and service through the Medical Scholar Research Program and Community Service Distinction. Her capstone project focused on improving access to health education. Jessica also served as Vice President for the Round Rock campus's Texas A&M Medical Student Association as well as a campus representative for the Lifestyle Medicine

Interest Group. In recognition of her outstanding academic performance, Jessica was inducted into the AOA Honor Society.



Kaitlyn Santineau, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Texas Tech

Undergraduate: Abilene Christian University

Kaitlyn is from Austin and attended Abilene Christian University and now is couples matching with her prior lab partner from freshman year! Kaitlyn was initially interested in Ophthalmology but was swayed to medicine where she is now interested in ID or critical care medicine. Kaitlyn has been actively involved in multiple service and leadership roles, including serving as co-founder and co-president of the Short Coats in the Village program which connects medical students to people with intellectual disabilities. She has also served as the secretary for the school's student government, a board member for the Dean's contingency fund, and is a frequent volunteer with the free Ophthalmology clinic. In recognition

of her volunteer work, she will graduate with a distinction in Care for the Underserved. In addition, in recognition of her outstanding academic performance and clinical work, she has been inducted into both the AOA and Gold Humanism Honor Societies.

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Jonathan Smith, MD, MPH - Categorical

Medical School: UNC

Graduate School: UNC School of Public Health

Undergraduate: UNC

Jonathan is from Raleigh, North Carolina and attended UNC for college and later worked as a Medical Assistant for a primary care office in the area before matriculating into medical school at UNC where he will graduate with a combined MD/MPH degree. His MPH practicum focused on work to improve upon the health of vulnerable patients in Eastern NC living with CKD by identifying available resources for addressing the social determinants of health. Jonathan also worked to help develop new sites for a barbershop-based blood pressure screening program in Durham and Chapel Hill, volunteers as an academic coach, and has served as a mentor in multiple roles. In recognition of his outstanding academic performance, Jonathan was inducted into the AOA Honor Society.



Kathleen Smith, MD - Categorical

Medical School: University of Kentucky

Undergraduate: UVA

Kathleen graduated from UVA with degrees in History and Political Science. After college, Kathleen worked for Teach for America AmeriCorps in Texas for two years before deciding to apply to medical school. As a medical student, Kathleen has served as the Academic Resource Chair for the Learning Community, an ambassador with the admissions committee, and co-vice president for the Oncology student interest group. She has an interest in Oncology and has participated in research focused on determining whether distance from the cancer center affects outcomes for patients with acute leukemia. In addition, she has served on the Markey Cancer Center Patient Advisory Group as a student representative. In recognition of her outstanding commitment to patient care, Kathleen was selected by her peers for induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

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Eric Stoutenburg, MD, PhD - Categorical

Medical School: University of Vermont

Graduate: University of Rochester

Undergraduate: Niagara University

Eric is from New York and graduated from Niagara University with a degree in biochemistry prior to pursuing a PhD from the University of Rochester. Eric's PhD work focused on the total synthesis of a compound targeted as a novel anti-inflammatory agent. After his PhD, Eric worked as a Chemist with Novomer in Rochester for three years before deciding to apply to medical school. He has continued with an interest in research at UVM, working to identify risk factors for racial disparities in patients with hypertension. Eric enjoys woodworking and coaching his son's soccer teams and is looking forward to moving to North Carolina with his wife and children!



John Sweeney, MD - Categorical

Medical School: University of Illinois

Undergraduate: UNC

John grew up in North Carolina and attended UNC for college where he graduated with degrees in Economics and Psychology. After college, John worked as a statistical analyst for a healthcare focused company and later worked as a data marketing analyst for Google in California for two years. John has been committed to service and mentorship, working as a suicide counselor for The Trevor Project, helping at risk LGBTQ+ youth. He also worked to implement a Lifestyle Medicine practice at the public safety net hospital and serves as a tutor for first year medical students. John speaks Spanish and participated in the Patient Centered Medicine Program in which he was paired with a preceptor in a predominantly Spanish speaking community. John is looking forward to returning to North Carolina!

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Rubie Vilella, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Western Michigan University

Undergraduate: UC Davis

Rubie grew up in California and graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Biology. Rubie has been dedicated to service and has a commitment to caring for the underserved. As a medical student, she has actively volunteered with the Homeless shelter and Street Medicine group, co-founded the Suicide and Prevention interest group, and co-founded the Garden student interest group. She has served as a council member for the Michigan ACP chapter as well as a delegate for the LMSA chapter and has led as the CFO for her school's AMSA chapter. Rubie was selected by the Department of Medicine to serve as a Student Chief, and currently she is

interested in Global Health. Rubie looks forward to moving to North Carolina to be closer to her grandparents in Charlotte!



Kate Watkins, MD - Categorical

Medical School: UNC

Undergraduate: Duke

Kate grew up in North Carolina and attended Duke for college where she graduated with degrees in Biology, Chemistry, History and Public Health. After college she worked for two years with AmeriCorps in Rocky Mount. Her work in Rocky Mount included clinical work with a FQHC as well as work as a census field agent in Nash County during the pandemic. As a medical student, she has continued to demonstrate a commitment to caring for the underserved as the co-coordinator for the SHAC Bloomer Hill clinic. Kate co-founded the Interprofessional student interest group and is actively involved with the Beyond Medicine Book Club. Kate has also served as one of our Student Chiefs. In recognition

of her outstanding academic performance, Kate was inducted into the AOA Honor Society.

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Evan Woods, MD - Categorical

Medical School: Drexel

Undergraduate: William and Mary

Evan grew up in the DC area, but both of his parents attended UNC for college! Evan attended William and Mary for college where he was on the D1 cross country and track team for all four years. After college, he worked as a medical assistant for a surgery clinic in Maryland before coming to Drexel. As a medical student, he has served as a mentor (working with first generation college students who are applying to medical school) and volunteered with the Hope Rescue Mission for men who are homeless. With an interest in preventive medicine and working with the underserved, he helped to create an urban gardening cookbook. Evan is also interested in wilderness medicine and has worked as an EMT and founded

the Nature Therapy group at Drexel. Evan continues to have an interest in running, coaching, and diet and healthcare accessibility.

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Aana Amin, MD - Preliminary

Medical School: UC Davis

Undergraduate: UCLA

Aana was born in Durham, North Carolina, but grew up in a small town in Northern California. She graduated from UCLA in 2020 with a degree in Physiological Sciences. While in college, Aana was an active member of the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic and developed a passion for increasing access to vision care. She brought this with her to the UC Davis School of Medicine where she co-founded a student-run Ophthalmology Clinic to provide free eye care to underserved communities across the Sacramento Area. In medical school, Aana also continued to build on her love for teaching and mentored both undergraduate and graduate students throughout her four years. She is excited to return to North Carolina to start her residency training in Ophthalmology, a full circle moment as her dad completed his own Ophthalmology training in the state just 25 years prior. In her free time, Aana enjoys traveling, cooking, and spending time with her high school sweetheart & two rescue cats. Aana will be staying at UNC for her Ophthalmology residency after completion of her preliminary year.



Neha Arora, MD, MBA - Preliminary

Medical School: Texas A&M

Undergraduate: Texas A&M

Neha graduated from Texas A&M and continued there for medical school where she will be completing a combined MD, MBA program. Neha is passionate about understanding the cost of care and has participated in research with faculty from UNC to understand the role that financial toxicity plays in the care of patients who are receiving high-cost care. She has also participated in research through Sloan Kettering and has been a leader with the Students and Trainees Advocating for Resource Stewardship (STARS) program that promotes Choosing Wisely guidelines and cost of care awareness. In recognition of her outstanding academic performance, Neha was inducted into the AOA Honor Society. Neha will be pursuing a career in Dermatology and is excited to be joining her sister who will be moving to North Carolina to train for the Olympic Cricket team!

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Kate Beekman, MD - Preliminary

Medical School: USF

Undergraduate: Johns Hopkins

Kate grew up in Apex, North Carolina and attended Hopkins for college where she majored in Chemical and Sustainable Engineering and was a player with the Varsity Women's soccer team. After college, she worked for three years as a wastewater staff engineer in Raleigh before deciding to apply to medical school. As a medical student, Kate has been dedicated to research, participating in multiple projects, receiving several research awards and scholarships, and serving as the student leader for the Biomedical Research Scholarly concentration. She also serves as a staff supervisor and Dermatology liaison at the BRIDGE student run clinic, leads the Dermatology student interest group, and mentors more junior

students. Kate will be pursuing a career in Dermatology and is looking forward to returning to North Carolina!



Teresa Benvenuti, MD - Preliminary

Medical School: Duke

Undergraduate: Princeton

Teresa grew up with a passion for Field Hockey and played on the USA National Field Hockey Team. She attended Princeton where she was on the Varsity Women's team and graduated with a degree in International Relations. After college, she worked for several years in DC as a consultant with the business firm, Gartner. She developed an interest in Radiology and Interventional Radiology during medical school and served as the president for the Interventional Radiology student interest group at Duke. In addition, she has served as a student leader for the clinical skills course, tutored struggling junior medical

students, and volunteered as a TA for radiology clerkship and ultrasound course. Teresa is planning on pursuing a career in Radiology and looking forward to staying in the area!

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Ishani Kapoor, MD - Preliminary

Medical School: Drexel

Undergraduate: UNC

Ishani grew up in North Carolina and attended UNC for college where she graduated with Highest Honors with a public health degree in Biostatistics. With the pandemic, Ishani took a year to work as an Ophthalmic technician in Virginia prior to medical school, solidifying her interest in Ophthalmology. She has been actively engaged and productive in multiple research projects, working as a summer research assistant with the NIDDK in Durham in 2022. More recent projects have focused on a first-author publication meta-analysis of the impact of GLP-1RA on diabetic retinopathy and a systematic review of autoimmune retinopathy. She is also committed to service and as the Wellness Coordinator with the Whosoever

Gospel Mission in Philadelphia helped to pilot health seminars for men experiencing homelessness in addition to multiple other clinical volunteer activities for the Philadelphia community. Ishani completed a visiting student elective at UNC this past summer and we look forward to having her back in Chapel Hill! Ishani will be staying at UNC for her Ophthalmology residency after completion of her preliminary year.



Sarah Grace McAlpine, MD – Preliminary

Medical School: UNC

Undergraduate: Clemson University

Sarah has been an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity since college, including serving in leadership roles as club president and advocacy chair, and has continued to volunteer throughout medical school. As a student at UNC, she was selected to participate in the Medical Education Scholarship concentration program and has been an active member of the Medical Mentors Program. She has excelled in her commitment to scholarship and research, serving as the Editor in Chief for the Carolina Journal of Interdisciplinary Medicine, working as a student with the Carolina Medical Student Research Program, and being selected to work as a fellow with the Autoimmune

Dermatology Research Fellowship program at UNC. In recognition of her outstanding academic performance, Sarah was awarded with induction into the AOA Honor Society.

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Shwetha Mudalegundi, MD - Preliminary

Medical School: Johns Hopkins

Undergraduate: University of Miami

Shwetha graduated from the University of Miami in 2020 with degrees in Neuroscience (BS) and Public Health (BSPH). She then moved to Baltimore to attend medical school at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She has a passion for global ophthalmology, and was a part of the Global Health Leadership Track while in medical school, and went on a research trip to the Aravind Eye Hospital in Pondicherry, India. She also pursued a 1-year ocular pathology and research fellowship at the Moran Eye Center in Salt Lake City, Utah studying the biocompatibility of novel intraocular lens designs. Shwetha enjoys painting, hiking state and national

parks, and travel. Shwetha will be staying at UNC for her Ophthalmology residency after completion of her preliminary year.



Elisha Myers, MD, MSc - Preliminary

Medical School: Charles Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University

Undergraduate: University of Florida

Elisha is from England originally and came to the United States with her family as a child and grew up in Florida. She attended the University of Florida for college where she graduated with a degree in psychology. As a medical student, she continued with an interest in global health and was selected for a Fulbright Scholarship during which time she obtained an MSc degree in Global Health in Dublin. In recognition of her outstanding academic performance and her commitment to compassionate patient care, Elisha was inducted into both the AOA and Gold Humanism Honor Societies. Elisha is planning on pursuing a career in Dermatology after her preliminary year. She is excited to be

coming to North Carolina and joining her fiancé who is a Medicine Pediatrics resident at Duke!

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Erik Rosas, MD – Preliminary

Medical School: Medical College of Georgia

Undergraduate: Kennesaw State University

Undergraduate: Georgia Highlands College

Erik graduated from Kennesaw State University with a degree in biology in 2020. After graduation, he worked for a year as a research assistant on various randomized controlled trials, including one for one of the first COVID-19 vaccines developed by Novavax. He then attended the Athens campus of the Medical College of Georgia, where he developed a passion for ophthalmology. Due to his academic achievements and commitment to serving others compassionately, Erik was elected to both the Dean's Clinical Honor Society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society at the Medical College of Georgia. Erik enjoys running, mountain

biking, and cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs. Erik will be staying at UNC for his Ophthalmology residency after completion of his preliminary year.



Alisa Suen-Wallach, MD, PhD - Preliminary

Medical School: UNC

Graduate School: UNC

Undergraduate: UC Davis

Alisa graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Chemistry. From there, she came to UNC where she completed her PhD in Toxicology. Her PhD work focused on the role of estrogen-responsive homeobox transcription factor SIX1 in cancer pathogenesis. After obtaining her PhD, she worked for three years as a postdoctoral research fellow at the US EPA and NIEHS in Durham with work that focused on developing an endometrial organoid model to better understand endometrial carcinogenesis. As a medical student, she has continued with her interest in science and research, serving as a TA for the Histology course, co-chairing the MSTP case conference series, and working with

our Dermatology faculty on several research projects. Alisa has been actively involved in the SHAC student clinic where she served as a coordinator. In recognition of her outstanding academic performance, Alisa was inducted into the AOA Honor Society. Alisa is planning on pursuing a career in Dermatology after completion of her preliminary year.