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 <p data-bbox="203 579 459 682">Abusafia, Mohammed Al-Quds Categorical</p>	<p data-bbox="732 289 1065 321"><b>Name:</b> Mohammed Abusafia</p> <p data-bbox="732 323 1057 354"><b>Birthplace:</b> Gaza, Palestine</p> <p data-bbox="732 357 1317 388"><b>Hobbies:</b> Reading, soccer, table tennis, and chess.</p> <p data-bbox="732 390 1040 422"><b>Favorite food:</b> Mulukhiyah</p> <p data-bbox="732 424 1484 497"><b>What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:</b> Hiking with my fiancé, and reading.</p> <p data-bbox="732 499 1479 602"><b>My #1 goal for internship:</b> To learn how to responsibly handle the privilege of patient care while excelling in it, all while building lasting relationships with faculty and colleagues.</p>
 <p data-bbox="203 1014 418 1117">Aijaz, Ayesha Alluri Sitaram Raju Categorical</p>	<p data-bbox="732 724 964 756"><b>Name:</b> Ayesha Aijaz</p> <p data-bbox="732 758 1081 789"><b>Birthplace:</b> Srinagar, Kashmir</p> <p data-bbox="732 791 1027 823"><b>Hobbies:</b> Painting, poetry</p> <p data-bbox="732 825 1109 856"><b>Favorite food:</b> Kashmiri wazwan</p> <p data-bbox="732 858 1468 932"><b>What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:</b> Spending quality time with friends and family</p> <p data-bbox="732 934 1503 1113"><b>My #1 goal for internship:</b> To provide compassionate, high-quality care to my patients and be a consistent source of support for them, while continuing my research in hematology/oncology and working toward contributing meaningfully to advancements in cancer care, including exploring opportunities in basic science research.</p>
 <p data-bbox="203 1449 370 1551">Ajao, Demi SUNY Upstate Categorical</p>	<p data-bbox="732 1159 938 1190"><b>Name:</b> Demi Ajao</p> <p data-bbox="732 1192 1114 1224"><b>Birthplace:</b> Rockville Centre, NY</p> <p data-bbox="732 1226 1239 1257"><b>Hobbies:</b> Yoga, reading, cooking, swimming</p> <p data-bbox="732 1260 1468 1291"><b>Favorite foods:</b> Paella, risotto and all creamy rice-based dishes</p> <p data-bbox="732 1293 1468 1367"><b>What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:</b> Spending the day in or near a body of water</p> <p data-bbox="732 1369 1398 1400"><b>My #1 goal for internship:</b> To foster a sense of community</p>



Akyol, Merve  
Koç Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi  
Categorical

**Name:** Merve Akyol  
**Birthplace:** Antalya, Turkey: a coastal Mediterranean city known for its oranges, palm trees, beaches, waterfalls, and golf courses! I spent much of my life in beautiful Istanbul.  
**Hobbies:** Playing basketball, exploring different cuisines, traveling, writing, and following Galatasaray, my favorite football team  
**Favorite foods:** Anything with chocolate  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Traveling when I can, or otherwise exploring a new restaurant or coffee spot, playing basketball, watching a movie, and doing all of this with my partner and friends  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To grow into a confident and reliable intern, build strong clinical skills, get to know my co-residents, and explore New Haven!



Alexandrou, Michaela  
University of Athens  
Categorical

**Name:** Michaela Alexandrou  
**Birthplace:** Nicosia, Cyprus  
**Hobbies:** Biking, running, traveling (Japan is at the top of my travel list), baking, and recently, I've picked up a keyboard to reignite my passion for piano.  
**Favorite foods:** Pastitsio, a Greek dish of layered baked pasta with ground meat, béchamel sauce, and macaroni.  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** You'll find me outdoors, embracing nature with a bike ride, a long walk, or exploring new trails.  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To enhance my clinical competence and confidence while working with a collaborative team to provide compassionate, evidence-based patient care.



Beckabir, Wolfgang Aaron  
University of North Carolina  
PSTP

**Name:** Wolf Beckabir  
**Birthplace:** Boston, MA  
**Hobbies:** distance running, writing/playing music  
**Favorite foods:** chocolate, blackberries, cheese  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** sleeping or hanging out with friends  
**My #1 goal for internship:** learn ways I can best help the medical team



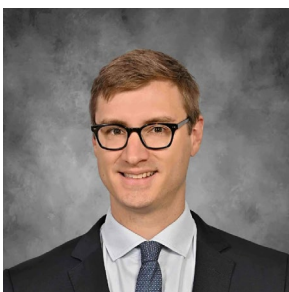
Belliveau, Olivia Hartley  
Yale  
Categorical

**Name:** Olivia Belliveau  
**Birthplace:** Stratford, Connecticut  
**Hobbies:** Dance, reading, creative writing, baking  
**Favorite foods:** Drunken noodles with tofu  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Hopefully getting outside! A hike, a beach day, or a run with an audiobook  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Treat my patients with the care I would want my own loved ones to receive



Bidikian, Nayda  
American University of Beirut  
Categorical

**Name:** Nayda Bidikian  
**Birthplace:** Syria  
**Hobbies:** Playing the cello and painting  
**Favorite foods:** Stuffed grape leaves  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Exploring new museums and enjoying walks in the city  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To advance my clinical skills alongside amazing people



Blobel, Nicolas Johannes  
Weill Cornell  
PSTP

**Name:** Nicky Blobel  
**Birthplace:** NYC  
**Hobbies:** Outdoors – cycling, hiking, cross-country skiing, jogging, swimming, kitesurfing, playing sports (basketball, soccer, tennis), and traveling. Indoors – eating great food, reading comedy clubs, playing board games, and spending time with friends and family.  
**Favorite foods:** Thai, Middle Eastern, Mexican, Japanese, Pizza, and many more...  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Going for a stroll with my wife and daughter.  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To be a great team-player and always do my best for our patients.



Brancale, Joseph IV  
Yale  
PSTP

**Name:** Joseph (Joe) Brancale  
**Birthplace:** New York, New York  
**Hobbies:** Cooking, Running, Block printing on printing press  
**Favorite food:** Bistec empanizado  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Taking an easy day, long walk with my dog at East Rock or Sleeping Giant, then finally cooking a meal for friends  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To become more confident and efficient clinically while maintaining my empathy and love for medicine



Brite, Gabrielle  
SUNY Stony Brook  
Categorical

**Name:** Gabrielle Brite (everyone calls me Gabi)  
**Birthplace:** Long Island, New York  
**Hobbies:** Running, Peloton, travelling, going out to dinner, snowboarding, going to the beach  
**Favorite food:** French fries  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Catching up with friends  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Get to know all of my co-interns!



Cassady, Cole Tetsuo  
Yale  
Categorical

**Name:** Cole T. Cassady  
**Birthplace:** Chicago, Illinois  
**Hobbies:** Running, weightlifting, indoor rock climbing, cheering on the Atlanta Braves and Alabama Crimson Tide, and playing board games with friends.  
**Favorite foods:** Pizza (especially BAR – Mexican Street Corn), Tex-Mex, and ice cream.  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Trying different restaurants around New Haven, hiking with my dog in West Rock/Sleeping Giant, walking Hammonasset Beach with my partner, and visiting my sister in NYC.  
**My #1 goal for internship:** My primary goal is to establish a strong foundation in clinical medicine while supporting the team so we can provide the best care possible for patients.



Cheng, Svea  
University of Pittsburgh  
Categorical

**Name:** Svea Cheng

**Birthplace:** Nashville, Tennessee, USA

**Hobbies:** hiking and exploring nature, stargazing and learning astronomy, kayaking and paddleboarding, cooking and feeding others, oil painting, playing the violin

**Favorite foods:** hotpot, dim sum, spicy Sichuan cuisine

**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** going for a jog or stroll at a nearby park, trying a new restaurant with friends, cooking and recharging at home with my partner Lawrence

**My #1 goal for internship:** find a supportive community!



Chou, Brandon  
University of Miami  
Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

**Name:** Brandon Chou

**Birthplace:** Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

**Hobbies:** Traditional Chinese martial arts (Choy Lay Fut), stock market simulations and portfolio strategy

**Favorite foods:** Seafood, curry dishes, nasi lemak, and a good cup of coffee

**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Spending time with family and friends, hanging out with my two cats, Mushroom and Tomato, and unwinding with a good show or book

**My #1 goal for internship:** To grow into a more efficient clinician by strengthening my ability to manage competing demands and make sound clinical decisions, while supporting my team and building a strong foundation for ophthalmology



Craft, Samuel  
Yale  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Sam Craft

**Birthplace:** New Haven, CT

**Hobbies:** Running, hiking, board games, reading science fiction and fantasy

**Favorite food:** New Haven-style pizza (Modern is my personal favorite!)

**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Finding fun places to run and hike in Connecticut

**My #1 goal for internship:** To develop a broad fund of knowledge in internal medicine so that I can best care for my future patients during my subsequent medical training



Cruz, Priscilla Cristina  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Categorical

**Name:** Priscilla Cristina Cruz  
**Birthplace:** Miami, Florida  
**Hobbies:** Watching sports, musical theater, board games and puzzles, video games, reading, gymnastics  
**Favorite foods:** Nicaraguan gallopinto and grilled pork  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Completing my daily NYT Crossword and cooking an intricate dinner for me and my partner  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Learn all the best shortcuts to navigate around Yale-New Haven Hospital!



Dave, Akanksha  
University of Florida  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Akanksha Dave  
**Birthplace:** Queens, NY  
**Hobbies:** Hosting friends, amateur barista, making various Spotify playlists  
**Favorite foods:** jalapeno cheddar bagels, cinnamon ice cream, a coquito latte  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** trying a new cafe!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To build a strong medicine foundation and become comfortable managing complex medical issues so I can be a more thoughtful, well-rounded neurologist.



Dineen, Brian Thomas  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Categorical

**Name:** Brian Dineen  
**Birthplace:** Bridgeport, CT  
**Hobbies:** Basketball, baking bagels, pickleball  
**Favorite food:** Chicken parm  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Spending time outdoors and/or baking  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To form strong bonds with my patients, fellow residents, and faculty while learning as much as I can!



Frost, Livia Ann  
Baylor  
Categorical

**Name:** Livia Frost  
**Birthplace:** East Grand Rapids, Michigan  
**Hobbies:** Slow-but-steady runs, hitting my yearly Goodreads challenge, tinkering on the piano, and experimenting in the kitchen  
**Favorite foods:** Eggplant parmesan and anything with chocolate in it  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Going on a morning hike, calling my mom, and meal-prepping muffins  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To show up curious every day about the medicine, about my patients, and about how to be a better teammate



Gillette, Julia S  
Brown  
Categorical

**Name:** Julia Gillette  
**Birthplace:** Lake Forest, Illinois  
**Hobbies:** Cooking, painting, ceramics (both wheel-throwing and hand-building), various arts and crafts, hiking, swimming (not particularly well, but I love it!), searching for shells/shark teeth on the beach, playing squash  
**Favorite foods:** I love Italian cuisine any day, but I'm a big foodie and really enjoy exploring new cuisines—lately I've especially been enjoying Thai and Szechuan food  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** In a ceramics studio, shelling on the beach, or painting outside in a park  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To provide compassionate, comprehensive, and patient-centered care, and being a supportive teammate to my colleagues



Hadley, Pierce  
UCSF  
PSTP

**Name:** Pierce Hadley  
**Birthplace:** St. Louis (thereabouts), Missouri  
**Hobbies:** 3D-printing, arts&crafts (mixed medias/whatever looks fun and inspiring from instagram), baking interesting foods, reading, language learning, video games  
**Favorite foods:** Panda Express (bigger plate, of course), spicy ramen, brunch food  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Sitting in my IKEA POÄNG chair reading or city walks with my girlfriend  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To identify cardiology mentors and thereby establish my research/clinical network for both clinical research during residency but also for my fellowship lab research



Hassler, Luise  
Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin  
PSTP

**Name:** Luise Hassler  
**Birthplace:** Freiburg (Germany)  
**Hobbies:** Running, reading, knitting  
**Favorite foods:** Salad and pizza  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** On a coffee walk exploring a new neighborhood  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To learn as much as possible!



Hodelin, Christine Myriam  
Yale  
Preliminary

**Name:** Christine Hodelin  
**Birthplace:** Queens/Long Island, NY  
**Hobbies:** reading, junk journaling, trying new restaurants  
**Favorite foods:** ice cream, pastries, coffee, tacos  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** reading or journaling in a cafe, exploring art galleries and museums  
**My #1 goal for internship:** build a strong medicine foundation and care for the amazing New Haven community!!



Hong, Suyeon  
Yale  
Preliminary

**Name:** Suyeon (Sue) Hong  
**Birthplace:** Seoul, South Korea  
**Hobbies:** Playing violin in the Yale Medical Symphony Orchestra, cooking, doodling  
**Favorite food:** Sundubu (soft tofu stew)  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Watching a movie with my husband  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Learn as much medicine as I can to lay a strong foundation for a future career in consultative dermatology!



Hundito, Addiskidan  
Yale  
Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

**Name:** Addy Hundito  
**Birthplace:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**Hobbies:** Baking, weightlifting  
**Favorite food:** Ethiopian food!  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** spending time with family  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Learn a strong foundation of medicine



Isguven Billmyer, Selin  
Jefferson  
Neurology (Preliminary)

**Name:** Selin Isguven Billmyer  
**Birthplace:** Istanbul, Turkiye  
**Hobbies:** baking, traveling, reading, art/art history  
**Favorite food:** all seafood  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** wandering in an art exhibit  
**My #1 goal for internship:** developing my clinical management skills while gaining independence



Jamali, Amna  
Aga Khan  
Categorical

**Name:** Amna Jamali  
**Birthplace:** Karachi, Pakistan  
**Hobby:** Cooking  
**Favorite food:** Biryani  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Going on a hike  
**My #1 goal for internship:** is to make sure I am hydrated and well-fed



Jayaraj, Christina  
Yale  
Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

**Name:** Christina Jayaraj  
**Birthplace:** Madison, Wisconsin  
**Hobbies:** Tennis, Pottery, Ice Skating, Climbing, and Running/Hiking  
**Favorite food:** Lemon Bars  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Running around East Rock Park!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To develop a system that is efficient and organized in order to deliver strong clinical care.



Johnson, Daniel Yee  
University of Chicago  
Categorical

**Name:** Daniel Johnson  
**Birthplace:** St. Paul, Minnesota  
**Hobbies:** Cooking, baking, running, hiking, weightlifting, pickleball, and reading  
**Favorite foods:** Ice cream and anything with seafood  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Running and then cooking while listening to a good audiobook  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Improving as a clinician, a team member, and a person every day



Kalayci, Fatma naz cemre  
Hacettepe Üniversitesi  
PSTP

**Name:** Fatma Naz Cemre Kalayci  
**Birthplace:** Antalya, Turkey  
**Hobbies:** Swimming, Pilates, tennis, dancing  
**Favorite foods:** Salmon, Turkish İskender kebab, watermelon  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Swimming, walking or hiking with friends, doing reformer Pilates  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To become a reliable and clinically excellent physician, while also building meaningful connections and a true sense of home within the New Haven community



Khan, Laibah Arshad  
King Edward  
Categorical

**Name:** Laibah Arshad Khan  
**Birthplace:** Karachi, Pakistan  
**Hobbies:** I love to travel — I've been to 11 countries and 16 U.S. states so far. I also enjoy reading, and I like to write stories and poetry in my free time. I've trained in multiple forms of martial arts and love being outdoors, especially exploring new trails. But more than anything, I really value spending quality time with the people I love and making new friends!  
**Favorite food:** Goat biryani (I've finally perfected my mom's recipe, and it's my signature dish whenever I host!)  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Exploring a new place with friends and family, either locally or out of town.  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To build the habits and mindset required to become an excellent clinician, and to carry those forward as I grow. I want to learn something meaningful from everyone I work with — attendings, co-residents, nurses, ancillary staff, and especially patients and their families. I truly believe everyone has something to teach, and I love being a student.



Kong, Maximilian  
SUNY Downstate  
Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

**Name:** Maximilian (Max) Kong  
**Birthplace:** New York City  
**Hobbies:** Cooking, Weight Training.  
**Favorite food:** Korean Braised Short Rib  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Trying out a new recipe!  
**#1 Goal for Internship:** To become a better communicator of medical information to my patients and their families.



Kouser, Taimur  
Stanford  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Taimur Kouser  
**Birthplace:** Worcester, MA  
**Hobbies:** getting chai with friends, amateur plant-dad, ceramics, basketball, collecting books  
**Favorite foods:** any Pakistani food, ramen, pho  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** catching up with friends and family  
**My #1 goal for internship:** building meaningful relationships with others



Krumholz, Sarah  
University of Vermont  
Categorical

**Name:** Sarah Krumholz  
**Birthplace:** Boston, MA  
**Hobbies:** Cooking, spending time outside, trying new restaurants, reality TV  
**Favorite food:** Cape Cod potato chips  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Trying new coffee shops (my toddler is currently on the hunt for the best croissant), going for a walk/hike.  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To grow into a confident, supportive intern and take really good care of my patients (while learning as much as I possibly can).



LeHanka, Allison  
Ohio State  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Allison LeHanka  
**Birthplace:** the Hague, the Netherlands  
**Hobbies:** watching women's basketball, reading each edition of The Atlantic magazine, writing a Substack blog, trying out new sports  
**Favorite food:** Bagels  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** cooking, calling my sisters, and getting to the gym  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To build a strong basis in internal medicine that will guide and inform my understanding and decision-making throughout my neurology residency and career



Levin, Julia  
UConn  
Categorical

**Name:** Julia Levin  
**Birthplace:** New Bedford, MA  
**Hobbies:** pilates, interior decorating, crafting/DIY projects  
**Favorite foods:** bagels and pizza, but if I had to choose one favorite I'd say bagels because they can ultimately be made into pizza!  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Spending time with my partner and our 10-year-old havapoo named Bailey, going to a workout class with friends, and if possible, spending time at the beach!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** learning how to be efficient in terms of workflow, while still prioritizing patient-centered care



Machaalani, Marc  
Lebanese University  
Categorical

**Name:** Marc Machaalani  
**Birthplace:** Beirut, Lebanon  
**Hobbies:** Piano, tennis, soccer, cycling, chess, working out, visiting museums, classic movies, cooking, and hiking  
**Favorite foods:** Tabbouleh, barbecue, kibbeh nayyeh, ice cream  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Playing piano or tennis  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To grow into a dependable, thoughtful, and independent intern whom patients and teammates can trust in any situation



Madsen, Katrine Norvang  
Yale  
Categorical

**Name:** Katrine Madsen  
**Birthplace:** Gentofte, Denmark  
**Hobbies:** Yoga, pilates, weightlifting, designing skincare routines  
**Favorite foods:** Bún Thịt Nướng, Thai food  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on my day off:** Finding a good tea shop to walk to with friends  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To prioritize time with patients, especially when the task list makes that feel impossible



Manu, Juliet  
New York Medical College  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Juliet Manu  
**Birthplace:** Bronx, New York  
**Hobbies:** Traveling, attending musicals/live performances, & runway modeling  
**Favorite foods:** French fries (the perfect side dish), Italian cuisine  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Visiting a loved one  
**My #1 goal for internship:** My number one goal is to deliver the best care I can for my patients by being a dependable and supportive team member.



Meepagala, Shawn Ravindu  
Howard  
Categorical

**Name:** Shawn Meepagala  
**Birthplace:** Silver Spring, MD  
**Hobbies:** Origami, old video games, and all manner of puzzles  
**Favorite foods:** Wambatu moju (Sri Lankan eggplant pickle), donuts, and pizza  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Trying out a new restaurant or enjoying a scenic walk  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Improve each day to develop my clinical reasoning and grow into a compassionate and curious physician



Mella Bonilla, Isabella  
UNIBE  
Categorical

**Name:** Isabella Mella Bonilla  
**Birthplace:** Dominican Republic  
**Hobbies:** Hot pilates and yoga, outdoor activities such as walking, running, biking, and cooking new recipes  
**Favorite foods:** Wood-fired pizza, sushi, and paella  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** On a day off, I would most likely be at a local coffee shop with friends, taking a hot pilates class, or watching a romantic comedy movie or TV show  
**My #1 goal for internship:** My #1 goal for internship is to make the most of each learning opportunity as I grow into a compassionate, thoughtful and rigorous physician and build a strong foundation in both clinical and academic medicine.



Ostrowski, John Peter  
Medical College of Georgia at Augusta  
University  
Categorical

**Name:** John Ostrowski  
**Birthplace:** Atlanta, GA  
**Hobbies:** Baking sourdough, watching college football, dungeons and dragons  
**Favorite food:** Chicken (specifically teriyaki or parmesan)  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Sitting outside waiting for my puppy to go to the bathroom  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Get a better understanding of if, and what, I want to specialize into (and obviously learning to be the best physician I can be)



Ozay, Zeynep Irem  
Gazi Univ  
Categorical

**Name:** Zeynep Irem Ozay  
**Birthplace:** Turkiye  
**Hobbies:** Hiking, pickleball, board games  
**Favorite food:** Everything Mediterranean!  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Exploring trails around New Haven and hosting board game nights with co-interns  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To become a skilled physician while building a strong community at Yale



Parker, Eleanor  
University of Massachusetts  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Ellie Parker  
**Birthplace:** Morristown, NJ  
**Hobbies:** books, birds, and Ru Paul's Drag Race  
**Favorite food:** Italian sub (now accepting recs for New Haven's best)  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** taking my dog to the park  
**My #1 goal for internship:** become an EKG whiz



Pastena, Paola  
Univ Cattolica Sacro Cuore  
Categorical

**Name:** Paola Pastena  
**Birthplace:** Sant'Angelo Dei Lombardi, Italy  
**Hobbies:** Chess, volleyball, piano, drawing  
**Favorite foods:** Pancakes, ribs, gnocchi alla sorrentina  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** On a day off, you'll most likely find me trying out new restaurants and cuisines with friends, going for a bike ride, or watching The Rings extended cut.  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To be the resident my patients and team can rely on. I aim to grow as a compassionate and thoughtful clinician who thinks independently and takes ownership of patient care, while staying curious, committed to learning, and building meaningful connections with patients, families, and the team.



Phan, Julia  
UT Southwestern  
PSTP

**Name:** Julia Phan  
**Birthplace:** Anaheim, California  
**Hobbies:** houseplants, gardening, cooking, Pilates, crossword puzzles  
**Favorite foods:** sushi and Italian  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** making breakfast with my fiance, taking our goldendoodle to the park or on a hike, trying a new restaurant  
**My #1 goal for internship:** learn as much medicine as possible and become someone the team can rely on



Qureshi, Omar  
Yale  
Categorical

**Name:** Omar Qureshi  
**Birthplace:** Okinawa, Japan  
**Hobbies:** Rock climbing, live music, cooking, traveling  
**Favorite foods:** Biryani and sushi  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** going to a concert or hitting the climbing gym!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** to become the best physician and teammate I can be for my patients and colleagues



Restrepo Espinosa, Valentina  
Universidad del Norte  
Categorical

**Name:** Valentina Restrepo  
**Birthplace:** Barranquilla, Colombia (Shakira's hometown!)  
**Hobbies:** Dancing, painting, tennis, taking long walks with my dog Lorenzo, cooking, and exploring new cafés and restaurants.  
**Favorite foods:** Ice cream and pizza (very convenient living in New Haven!)  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Exercising, taking Lorenzo for a walk, spending time with friends, or trying new recipes.  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To continue growing as both a physician and a person, while being someone my patients feel safe with and my team can always rely on.



Rosencrans, Robert  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Rob Rosencrans  
**Birthplace:** New Orleans, Louisiana  
**Hobbies:** Bread baking and gardening  
**Favorite foods:** Plant-based Szechuan, Korean, and foods of the Deep South  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Our hound mix, Okra, enjoys taking my wife Gwen and I for a walk  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Building a foundation for superlative clinical care



Ryan, Christine  
University of Miami  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Christine Ryan  
**Birthplace:** Glenview, IL  
**Hobbies:** Running/working out, painting, playing piano  
**Favorite foods:** Honeycrisp apples with peanut butter  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Either suffering through reformer Pilates or relaxing with my kitties  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To build strong foundation in internal medicine as a future neurologist!



Safa, Adrian  
Humanitas University Medical School  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Adrian Safa  
**Birthplace:** Milan, Italy  
**Hobbies:** I love playing and watching soccer, and I'm a big fan of the AC Milan team in Italy. I also enjoy reading books and watching movies based on true stories, as well as jogging on the beach and listening to pop music.  
**Favorite foods:** My favorite foods are lasagna and baklava!  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Watching a soccer game or spending time with friends!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** My primary goal during my preliminary year is to become a highly reliable and efficient clinician whom the team can depend on for sound clinical judgment, clear communication, and full ownership of patient care. I want to build a strong foundation in managing complex medical conditions so that I can enter neurology training with confidence and clinical maturity.



Salgado de la mora, Moises  
Universidad de Guadalajara  
Categorical

**Name:** Moises Salgado de la Mora  
**Birthplace:** Guadalajara, Mexico  
**Hobbies:** basketball, chess, traveling, and watching movies or TV shows  
**Favorite foods:** BBQ ribs, tacos, and crepes  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** exploring new restaurants with my wife, spending time with friends, or taking my dogs to the park  
**My #1 goal for internship:** to learn as much as possible from every member of the team



Scott, Thomas Gabriel William  
University of Virginia  
Categorical

**Name:** Tom Scott  
**Birthplace:** Biloxi, MS  
**Hobbies:** Running, hiking, cooking  
**Favorite foods:** Thai, pizza  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Watching the Packers or an obscure professional track meet  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Improving towards being the best doctor I can be for our patients



Shah, Darshi N  
SUNY Stony Brook  
Categorical

**Name:** Darshi Shah  
**Birthplace:** India  
**Hobbies:** Painting, Yoga, Reading, Hiking, Organizing Potlucks, Movie and Board Game Nights with Friends/Family  
**Favorite foods:** Paneer Tikka Masala, Mexican Veggie Bowl, Cheesy Penne Pasta  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Yoga in the morning, going to the beach/waterfront, reading a nice book or painting something scenic, and dinner/fun hangout with friends  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Could not come up with #1, so here's a few that are tied 😊: To develop both the art and the science of medicine with guidance from amazing mentors and peers; to learn more about my co-interns' unique paths and my patients' stories; and to explore all that New Haven has to offer!



Sialer, Diego Oswaldo  
Weill Cornell  
Categorical

**Name:** Diego Sialer  
**Birthplace:** Lima, Peru  
**Hobbies:** Exploring with my dog, hanging out with family/friends, watching live sports/music  
**Favorite foods:** Lomo saltado, pancakes  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Catching a game and catching up with old friends  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Getting to know the hospital staff and learning from those around me



Sipple, Matthew Thomas  
University of Rochester  
PSTP

**Name:** Matthew Sipple  
**Birthplace:** Buffalo, NY  
**Hobbies:** Cycling, hiking, golfing, coffee  
**Favorite foods:** Thai and Italian food  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Going on a walk with our dog or baking sourdough bread.  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To further develop my clinical reasoning skills and gain confidence in managing increasingly complex patients.



Sra, Manraj Singh  
AIIMS, New Delhi  
Categorical

**Name:** Manraj Singh Sra  
**Birthplace:** Chandigarh, India  
**Hobbies:** Brewing coffee, Reading, Running  
**Favorite foods:** Ramen, Ice Cream  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Reading a good book or hiking  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Learn how to be a strong advocate for patients



Surapaneni, Leena  
Yale  
Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

**Name:** Leena Surapaneni  
**Birthplace:** Anaheim, CA  
**Hobbies:** Walking, going to the movies, cooking  
**Favorite foods:** pasta, molten lava cakes  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** coffee shop, a walk, and shopping  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To learn from every patient and team member!



Taweh, Noor  
UConn  
Categorical

**Name:** Noor Taweh  
**Birthplace:** New Britain, Connecticut  
**Hobbies:** Dancing, cooking, hiking, & board games!  
**Favorite foods:** Anything Middle Eastern but especially grape leaves  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Spending time outdoors or hanging out with my partner  
**My #1 goal for internship:** I want to find my footing so that I feel confident in my role as a physician, and master the fundamentals so I can instead focus on developing meaningful & deep relationships with my patients



Tetreault, Julia  
Donald and Barbara Zucker  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Julia Tetreault (she/her)  
**Birthplace:** Providence, RI  
**Hobbies:** Crocheting, walking, reading, painting, swing dancing  
**Favorite foods:** Pasta, pizza and ice cream  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Going to the beach!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Build confidence in my abilities as a new MD



Vaidyam, Aditya  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Aditya Vaidyam  
**Birthplace:** Cupertino, CA  
**Hobbies:** Teaching my cats to talk using buttons, video games, traveling, programming  
**Favorite foods:** Pizza, Boba Tea  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Playing with my cats or trying new restaurants with my wife  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Build an exceptional foundation of medical knowledge and clinical ability



Wernecke, Elena Rose  
Medical College of Georgia at Augusta  
University  
Categorical

**Name:** Elena Wernecke  
**Birthplace:** St. Paul, MN  
**Hobbies:** tennis, weightlifting, running, Bananagrams, musical theatre, audiobooks, crochet  
**Favorite foods:** My Nana's spaghetti and meatballs, moose tracks ice cream  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Being outside (tennis, picnic, walk, run) or exploring new coffee shops with friends!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Grow with my new team into a physician that is well-equipped to provide excellent, compassionate care to a wide array of patients!!



Yarahmadi, Pourya  
Tehran University  
Categorical

**Name:** Pourya Yarahmadi  
**Birthplace:** Borojerd, Iran  
**Hobbies:** Soccer, hiking, cycling, and museum hopping  
**Favorite foods:** Tahchin, Ghorme Sabzi, and pizza!  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Walking on a hiking trail, lifting dumbbells at the gym, kicking a ball on a soccer field, playing pickleball on a court, or hanging out and making memories with friends!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To gain as much clinical confidence and knowledge as I possibly can.



Zalaquett, Ziad  
Université Saint-Joseph  
Categorical

**Name:** Ziad Zalaquett  
**Birthplace:** Zahle, Lebanon  
**Hobbies:** Soccer, Tennis, Watching Sitcoms  
**Favorite foods:** Sfiha (Lebanese flatbread with ground beef)  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Outdoors - on a run or playing soccer!  
**My #1 goal for internship:** To become a confident and reliable intern, while learning from an amazing team and improving every single day.



Zhao, Joseph  
Yong Loo Lin School of Med  
Categorical

**Name:** Joseph Zhao  
**Birthplace:** Singapore  
**Hobbies:** Bioinformatics, exploring nature  
**Favorite food:** Japanese food!  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Sleeping, catching up on studying/reading around interesting cases over the week, catching up on academic work  
**My #1 goal for internship:** Unlearning my bad practices I've developed over the years in Singapore and overcoming my learning curves in managing US specific diseases and system level practices



Zumerkorn Pipek, Leonardo  
Universidade de São Paulo  
Preliminary (Neurology)

**Name:** Leonardo Zumerkorn Pipek  
**Birthplace:** São Paulo, Brazil  
**Hobbies:** Playing tennis, running, hiking, technology...  
**Favorite foods:** Barbecue / hamburger  
**What I am most likely to be found doing on a day off:** Sports, spending the day with my girlfriend, studying  
**My #1 goal for internship:** My goal is to work in neurocritical care, so during my PGY1, I want to learn as much as possible about critical care. Having done my neurology residency in Brazil before, I know how important internal medicine is to take good care of the patients.