




Getting to Know You 2024

	<p>Name: Rachel Aber</p> <p>Birthplace: Toronto, Canada</p> <p>Hobbies: Swimming, Canoeing, Comedy, Escape Rooms</p> <p>Favorite foods: Pizza, Greek Salad, Blue Slushies</p> <p>What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: At the beach, swimming for hours, and then laughing with friends eating pizza under the stars.</p> <p>My #1 goal for internship: To immerse myself in the New Haven community, striving to be a friendly face for my patients and supportive team player.</p>
	<p>Name: Johnny Allsop</p> <p>Birthplace: Queens, New York</p> <p>Hobbies: Rock climbing, board games, D&D, woodworking, sculpting</p> <p>Favorite foods: A New York (or New Haven!) slice of Pizza</p> <p>What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Exploring a new part of the city, finding a new outdoor spot to climb, or hosting a board game night</p> <p>My #1 goal for internship: To make the most of the resources available here to become a skilled clinician, and to get to know every one of my co-residents!</p>
	<p>Name: Jem Atillasoy</p> <p>Birthplace: Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>Hobbies: Pick-up sports (basketball, tennis, ice hockey), watching musical theater</p> <p>Favorite foods: Pizza (Sallys in particular)</p> <p>What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Playing pickup basketball at Payne Whitney gym</p> <p>My #1 goal for internship: Continue to develop my clinical competence while developing lasting relationships with my colleagues!</p>

Rachel Aber
Sackler School of Medicine
Categorical

Johnny Allsop
Drexel University College of Medicine
Categorical

Jem Atillasoy
Yale School of Medicine
Categorical



Ryan Bahar
Yale School of Medicine
Preliminary (Radiology)

Name: Ryan Bahar

Birthplace: Providence, Rhode Island

Hobbies: Long-distance/marathon running, hiking, exploring U.S. national parks (have visited 23 of the 63!), downhill skiing, nerding out about world geography, playing board/card games, and collecting bells from around the world for my mom (~150 bells and growing).

Favorite foods: In New Haven, I love the tom yum noodle soup at September In Bangkok, patatas bravas at Barcelona, and dolce salato pizza at Zeneli's! In general I am a huge fan of eggs benedict.

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Running on the Farmington Canal Trail or through East Rock, skiing in Vermont, brunching at Bella's, or binging the latest Netflix reality show.

My #1 goal for internship: Be extremely curious and ask thoughtful questions so that I can learn as much as possible before starting radiology residency!



Konan Beke
University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill School of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Konan Beke

Birthplace: Buffalo, NY

Hobbies: Hiking, collecting vinyls (mainly hip-hop, pop, R&B, and neo-soul), playing pick-up basketball, and reading fantasy/sci-fi novels

Favorite foods: Sushi

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Going to music bingo night at a local bar, playing tennis with my partner, or relaxing with a good book

My #1 goal for internship: My primary goal for internship is to push myself out of my clinical comfort zone in order to grow. For me, this would mainly involve (1) actively volunteering to do procedures to advance my procedural skills, and (2) making an extra effort to view X-rays/CTs/MRIs on my patients before reading the radiologist's report to develop my knowledge of anatomy and my image interpretation skills.



Ian Bogdanowicz
 Jacobs School of Medicine and
 Biomedical Sciences at the University at
 Buffalo
 Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Ian Bogdanowicz
Birthplace: Poughkeepsie, NY
Hobbies: Reading & collecting books, photography
Favorite foods: A soft pretzel, preferably from a baseball stadium
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Sharing a dinner with my fiance, finding a new brewery, or watching the Yankees
My #1 goal for internship: I'd like to push myself to improve my skills as a physician, and hopefully use a successful, fulfilling intern year as a springboard for the rest of my career.






Juan Cala Garcia
 Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del
 Rosario
 Categorical

Name: Juan Cala Garcia
Birthplace: Bogota, Colombia.
Hobbies: Play the piano. Hiking. Watch soccer games.
Favorite foods: Carne a la llanera (Colombian barbecue).
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Exploring new sites at the city (need to find a great coffee shop).
My #1 goal for internship: I want to be a better physician, friend, and overall human being that I was when I started.



Santiago Callegari
 Universidad De Los Andes (Colombia)
 Categorical

Name: Santiago Callegari
Birthplace: Bogota, Colombia.
Hobbies: Playing the bass guitar, worst soccer player in the world, traveling, go to the movies, learning new cultures and perspectives
Favorite foods: Pasta! Although Colombian food (ie, arepa, bandeja paisa) are close #1
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Visiting new places in New Haven, traveling New England area, catching up with friends and family, sleeping!
My #1 goal for internship: Be the best internist I can be and give back to my community (the program, my coresidents, Yale, my mentors, New Haven community)

 <p>Tommy Chang Yale School of Medicine Preliminary (Ophthalmology)</p>	<p>Name: Tommy Chang</p> <p>Birthplace: Pasadena, California</p> <p>Hobbies: Brewing beer/mead, fishing, crabbing, pickleball, watching basketball, video games</p> <p>Favorite foods: Sushi, Chinese</p> <p>What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Hanging out with friends, reading</p> <p>My #1 goal for internship: Absorb and learn as much as possible!</p>
 <p>Kurtis Chien-Young Boston University School of Medicine Preliminary (Neurology)</p>	<p>Name: Kurtis Chien-Young</p> <p>Birthplace: Concord, Massachusetts</p> <p>Hobbies: Painting, Bouldering</p> <p>Favorite foods: Sushi, Noodles, Hot Pot</p> <p>What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Trying out new recipes for meal prep</p> <p>My #1 goal for internship: Be able to utilize resources (Guidelines, Literature) consistently when presenting evidence for my clinical decisions. Being better at knowing where to look when I do not know what to do.</p>
 <p>Tomas Correa Gaviria Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana Facultad de Medicina Categorical</p>	<p>Name: Tomas Correa Gaviria</p> <p>Birthplace: Medellin, Colombia</p> <p>Hobbies: Playing piano, hiking, swimming, salsa dancing, and tennis.</p> <p>Favorite foods: Salmon in any presentation, Gnocchi alla Vodka, and Pulled Pork See Ew from September in Bangkok.</p> <p>What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Enjoy a cup of coffee in the morning, followed by a hike in East Rock or Sleeping Giant. In the afternoon play the piano or enjoy a good movie, and at the end of the day enjoy dinner in September in Bangkok or Zeneli's.</p> <p>My #1 goal for internship: My number one goal is to master the essential skills required for excellence in the field, while advocating for my patients, embracing every learning opportunity, and enjoying this journey with my fellow interns, senior residents, and attending physicians.</p>



Melissa Daou
Université Saint-Joseph
Categorical

Name: Melissa Daou

Birthplace: Beirut, Lebanon

Hobbies: Traveling, Hiking, and Camping

Favorite foods: Lebanese and Japanese cuisine

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: On my day off, you'll find me somewhere in nature, enjoying a well-deserved chocolate ice cream, after hiking one of the many trails we're lucky to have in New England.

My #1 goal for internship: Continue to grow as a person and a physician, and I am looking forward to meeting my fellow co-interns and building my home away from home.



Jonadab Dos Santos Silva
Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF)
Faculdade de Medicina
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Jonadab dos Santos Silva

Birthplace: Maceió, Brazil

Hobbies: Singing

Favorite foods: Lasagna and Pad Thai

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Hanging out with friends/family or watching a musical play somewhere

My #1 goal for internship: Growing as a doctor and as a person while building the foundations of my medical career.



Aaron Eisman
The Warren Alpert Medical School of
Brown University
PSTP

Name: Aaron Eisman

Birthplace: Worcester, Massachusetts

Hobbies: Photography, Cooking, Golf, Coffee

Favorite foods: Lobster rolls

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Beach and/or brewery with my wife and 2.5-year-old daughter

My #1 goal for internship: Do no harm



Cole Goodman
Wayne State University School of
Medicine
Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

Name: Cole Goodman

Birthplace: Berkeley, California

Hobbies: All things fitness, baseball, backpacking, breweries, PC gaming

Favorite Foods: I like everything

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: gym, laundry, Costco run and hanging out with friends

My #1 goal for internship: Gain knowledge and perspective to enhance my role as a future ophthalmologist.



Anna Goshua
Stanford University School of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Anna Goshua

Birthplace: Moscow, Russia

Hobbies: writing, dance

Favorite food: khachapuri

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: goofing around with my big brother

My #1 goal for internship: develop clinical reasoning frameworks for all major types of patient presentations



Danielle Grant
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at
Thomas Jefferson University
Categorical

Name: Danielle Renee Grant

Birthplace: New Brunswick, New Jersey

Hobbies: Video Games, Cooking and Eating Oxtail (and other Jamaican Food), Gym, Guitar, Hanging with friends

Favorite Food: My Mother's Oxtail

What I'm Most likely to be found doing on a day off: Going on a scenic walk

My #1 goal for internship: Learn the skills and tools to provide compassionate and equitable patient care



Taylor Horgan
University of Virginia School of
Medicine
Categorical

Name: Taylor Horgan
Birthplace: Phoenixville, PA
Hobbies: Reading, tennis, baking, watching movies
Favorite food: Pad thai
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
Exploring the outdoors, trying new restaurants with friends,
and ending the day with a good book and cup of tea!
My #1 goal for internship: To learn as much as possible
while getting to explore New Haven!



Patrick Hunt
Baylor College of Medicine
Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

Name: Patrick J. Hunt
Birthplace: Mount Clemens, MI
Hobbies: Running, swimming, seeing live music, reading
Favorite foods: My mom's apple pie
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
Spending time with my wife, Fabiola, and our dog, Atlas
My #1 goal for internship: Provide excellent patient care



Mendel Jacobs
SUNY Downstate Health Sciences
University College of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Menachem Mendel Jacobs (I go by Mendel)
Birthplace: Lebanon, New Hampshire
Hobbies: Running around with my toddler, biking, and
reading a good book.
Favorite food: My mother's fried Sfenj.
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
Hiking East Rock with my family.
My #1 goal for internship: To learn as much as I can and
develop deep relationships with colleagues and mentors.



Carey Jansen
Emory University School of Medicine
PSTP

Name: Carey Jansen

Birthplace: I was born in Athens, GA and grew up in the small rural community of Farmington, GA

Hobbies: Outside of work and spending time with my 4 year old daughter, I dabble in tennis and pickleball, and I love spending time in my kitchen with a good glass of wine while cooking something delicious for our family and friends.

Favorite foods: garlic bread, white corn on the cob, or freshly baked chocolate chip cookies

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Soaking up the sunshine playing outside with my daughter and our dog.

My #1 goal for internship: To take excellent care of my patients, to build a strong foundation for the rest of my career as a physician-scientist, and to continue honing my skills as a mentor, educator, and leader.



Xaviar Jones
Universidad Nacional de Córdoba
Facultad de Ciencias Médicas
Categorical

Name: Xaviar Michael Jones

Birthplace: Venado Tuerto, Argentina

Hobbies: Watch basketball games (Let's go LAKERS!), play board-games with my wife, and explore different restaurants along with family and friends

Favorite foods: Argentinian Barbecue and Pizza

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Playing basketball in a park or taking a long walk, watching Netflix with my wife or hanging out with friends

My #1 goal for internship: Be the best doctor and person I can be, while learning and working alongside my amazing colleagues, attendings, and staff



Asanish Kalyanasundaram
University of Cambridge School of
Clinical Medicine
Categorical

Name: Asanish Kalyanasundaram

Birthplace: Chennai, India (but hometown is Burnley, United Kingdom)

Hobbies: Long walks (urban + out in nature), reading/audiobooks, badminton, board games, language learning

Favorite foods: Dosa + molaga podi (homemade crispy fermented rice pancake + roasted lentil/chili powder with oil)

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Walking around town while listening to a podcast or audiobook/series

My #1 goal for internship: To leave everyone better off for me having been here, be it at the individual level (both the patients I look after and my colleagues), at a ward/hospital-level (through quality improvement projects that improve local workflows) and at a subject-wide level (through research). I hope to start all of this over the course of internship and set myself up well to continue over the course of residency/the rest of my career.



Tamar Kaminski
Yale School of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Tamar Kaminski

Birthplace: Jerusalem

Hobbies: Reading, watching movies, visiting new cities, trying new food

Favorite foods: Soup or anything that could be considered a dumpling

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Watching a cozy movie with my cat, Julius, or going for a nature walk with my partner, Adam

My #1 goal for internship: To take good care of patients



Ben Keepers
University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill School of Medicine
PSTP

Name: Benjamin Phillip Keepers

Birthplace: Edison, New Jersey (specifically JFK Hospital)

Hobbies: Cooking (especially anything hot and fast, but relish days where I can spend an entire afternoon on a dish), Yoga (which I'm ramping back up in this post-pandemic phase), Travel (two big trips we recently took were the Sierra National Forrest in CA and Maui and Kauai in HI)

Favorite foods: Tofu of all sorts, rice and legumes of all sorts, any roasted cruciferous vegetable. This winter I have been more interested in stews than usual.

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:

Enjoying morning coffee with my wife before we take our dog Bernie for a trek outdoors.



Yong-hun Kim
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine
Preliminary (Dermatology)

Name: Yong-hun Kim

Birthplace: Iksan, South Korea

Hobbies: Board games, weightlifting, playing the violin, cooking, and watching NBA, UFC, and Kdramas

Favorite foods: Korean BBQ, Pad kee mao, Birria tacos, and New Haven pizza

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:

Finding a trail to walk or trying a new restaurant

My #1 goal for internship: Bond with my co-interns!



Mahesh Krishna
Johns Hopkins University School of
Medicine
Categorical

Name: Mahesh Krishna

Birthplace: West Chester, Pennsylvania

Hobbies: Playing chess, playing pick-up basketball, hanging out with my cat, Hades, and watching anime.

Favorite foods: Sichuan food

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:

Trying new restaurants and exploring new places with my girlfriend

My #1 goal for internship: Become a strong clinician who has a deep connection with my patients



Roberto Lapetina Arroyo
University of Puerto Rico School of
Medicine
Categorical

Name: Roberto J. Lapetina Arroyo (my friends [that is you guys] call me Bobby)

Birthplace: Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

Hobbies: Reading, Writing, Kitesurfing, and Vinyl Record Collecting

Favorite Food: My father has done a great job in instilling in me a profound addiction to chocolate chip cookies.

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: If its windy and I'm near a beach: kitesurfing. If not, probably reading a novel and (hopefully) working on a new short story.

My #1 goal for internship: Being a kind physician to as many patients as possible and eating as many New Haven pizza slices as possible.



Ibrahim Laswi
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Ibrahim Laswi (he/him/his).

Birthplace: Doha, Qatar.

Hobbies: running, trying new coffee shops/coffee drinks, squash, video games (mainly League of Legends on computer or FIFA on PS5), doing jigsaw puzzles.

Favorite foods: anything and everything Mediterranean (grill, shawarma, etc.), fried noodles, steaks.

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: at a coffee shop having a V60 with friends or catching up on some work, going on a jog/run or a long walk at a waterfront, playing squash, playing video games with friends, working on a puzzle.

My #1 goal for internship: getting through intern year, but more seriously, I hope to grow as a clinician as I think my intern year will have the greatest influence on shaping my clinical trajectory moving forward.



Ethan Maahs
Yale School of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Ethan Maahs
Birthplace: Northern California
Hobbies: Weightlifting/Guitar/Cooking
Favorite Food: Tacos/Mexican Food
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Bike Riding/Getting out into nature
My #1 goal for internship: Develop true patient ownership skills and lead by example for Yale med students



Marah Jawad Faye Maayah
Yale School of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Marah Maayah
Birthplace: Amman, Jordan
Hobbies: Horseback riding
Favorite foods: Mansaf (Jordanian dish with rice, yogurt sauce, and lamb)
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Riding a horse or taking a nap with my cat
My #1 goal for internship: getting better at guiding patients through difficult medical decisions



Sarah Marc
Renaissance School of Medicine at
Stony Brook University
Categorical

Name: Sarah Marc
Birthplace: Suffern, NY
Hobbies: Drawing, watercolor painting, watching psychological thrillers
Favorite foods: Baked mac and cheese, rice and beans, fried plantains
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Enjoying a good cup of coffee, catching up on a tv show, trying a new restaurant with friends
My #1 goal for internship: My #1 goal for internship is to grow comfortable in my role as a physician and learn from my peers and patients



Michelle Matesva
Yale School of Medicine
Preliminary (Radiology)

Name: Michelle Matesva

Birthplace: Nyanga, Zimbabwe

Hobbies: traveling, cooking, singing, trying out different restaurants

Favorite foods: tacos, drunken noodles

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Cooking my favorite meals, spending time with family and friends, or watching Netflix

My #1 goal for internship: To develop a strong clinical foundation while building lifelong connections with co-residents and faculty



Alejandra Meza
Universidad Peruana de Ciencias
Aplicadas (UPC) Escuela de Medicina
Categorical

Name: Alejandra Meza

Birthplace: Lima, Peru

Hobbies: dancing, playing piano, going for walks

Favorite foods: anything Peruvian (best food in the world!)

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: exploring new walking trails

My #1 goal for internship: bond with co-interns



Alyssa Mitson-Salazar
Yale School of Medicine
PSTP

Name: Alyssa Mitson-Salazar

Birthplace: Alamosa, CO

Hobbies: hiking, gardening, dancing

Favorite foods: tacos

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: hiking CT state parks and binge watching 00's sitcoms with my spouse, dog, and two cats

My #1 goal for internship: learn how to manage large panels of patients with complex multisystem diseases



Maryam Mooghali
Shiraz University of Medical Sciences
Categorical

Name: Maryam Mooghali

Birthplace: Shiraz, Iran

Hobbies: Hiking/biking, traveling

Favorite foods: pastries (especially croissant and danish),
cooked fish (especially ono and salmon)

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Biking
in the Farmington canal trail to a café for either a breakfast
or an afternoon coffee & pastry. If I have more time off, I
would like to visit a small town nearby.

My #1 goal for internship: In addition to improve on the
clinical decision-making skills, I hope to decide about my
future subspecialty. I have narrowed down my options to
heme/oncand rheumatology and need more exposure and
guidance to make my decision.



Sidnei Newman
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at
Temple University
Categorical

Name: Sidnei Newman

Birthplace: Wilmington, DE

Hobbies: Real Housewives fan (all franchises), reading
(historical fiction is my favorite genre), amateur sushi critic

Favorite foods: sushi, dark chocolate, carrot cake

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: going
to a local coffee shop followed by a long walk with my
husband and dog.

My #1 goal for internship: master the bread and butter
medicine cases while building my diagnostic skillset and
maintaining empathy for my patients, colleagues, and
myself.



Mai Nguyen
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School
of Medicine
PSTP

Name: Mai Rachel Nguyen

Birthplace: (South) Vietnam

Hobbies: reading, bunnies, hiking

Favorite foods: sushi, ramen, pho, BBQ

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
catching up with friends, trying new restaurants, and of
course sleeping!

My #1 goal for internship: to be a competent doctor and
a reliable friend my co-residents can count on



Jolanta Pach
Yale School of Medicine
Preliminary (Dermatology)

Name: Jolanta ("Jola") Pach

Birthplace: Evanston, IL

Hobbies: Cooking/baking, running, spending time with my
partner & family

Favorite foods: I love so many kinds of food but lately the
#1 has been Mediterranean

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
going for a long walk with my partner or family
culminating in pastries and coffee or trying a new lunch
spot!

My #1 goal for internship: to take amazing care of
patients and to build a strong foundation in medicine for
my advanced training in dermatology



Carmen Pajarillo
Yale School of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Carmen Pajarillo

Birthplace: Boston, MA

Hobbies: watching movies (arthouse especially), thrifting/furniture flipping, reading, birdwatching, hiking

Favorite foods: Coffee and chocolate

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: cleaning, going to a museum, enjoying a meal at a local restaurant

My #1 goal for internship: My #1 goal in residency is to lay the groundwork for my clinical and research career as an academic medicine physician. I aim to excel clinically, fostering strong patient relationships and practicing excellent medical care, and build a robust foundation for researching healthcare disparities and implementing systemic solutions.



Maitri Patel
University of Virginia School of
Medicine
Categorical

Name: Maitri Patel

Birthplace: Ahmedabad, India

Hobbies: Rock climbing, board game nights, eating out at restaurants, and exploring new places/trying out new things with friends!

Favorite foods: Garlic bread, hands down.

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: hiking, hosting friends at my place, and taking naps

My #1 goal for internship: To develop the skills and partnerships I need to continue working to address both international and domestic inequities in healthcare



Sud Perera
The Warren Alpert Medical School of
Brown University
Categorical

Name: Sud Perera
Birthplace: Teaneck, New Jersey
Hobbies: Jazz saxophone
Favorite foods: Anything Sri Lankan (lumprais, appa, fish curry, seeni sambol...all of it!)
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Laundry??
My #1 goal for internship: Really get to know all of my co-residents! Can't wait to learn from and grow alongside everyone in this stellar community :)



Harlan Pietz
Weill Cornell Medicine
PSTP

Name: Harlan Pietz
Birthplace: Boston, MA (but "hometown" is Albuquerque, NM)
Hobbies: Cycling, running, cross-country skiing, and gardening.
Favorite foods: Cheese and yoghurt, especially halloumi and labneh as of late.
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Cycling to a coffee shop or bakery for a treat.
My #1 goal for internship: Learn as much medicine as possible! And goal #1.1: meet many new friends while doing so!



Claire Polizu
Renaissance School of Medicine at
Stony Brook University
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Claire Polizu
Birthplace: Long Island, NY
Hobbies: baking desserts and long walks exploring new places
Favorite foods: toasted everything bagel with lox cream cheese
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: spending a nice day outside or gathering a few friends at home to try out a new dessert recipe together
My #1 goal for internship: To get as comfortable as possible with as much medicine as I can before heading into neurology!



Henry Pratt
University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan
School of Medicine
PSTP

Name: Henry Pratt
Birthplace: Marblehead, MA
Hobbies: skiing, playing guitar, cooking, traveling
Favorite foods: Hard to choose! I'm partial to Spanish tapas from my time studying abroad during undergrad, particularly croquetas, calamares, and huevos estrellados
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: going for a hike or swim, trying a new restaurant, watching the Celtics/Patriots
My #1 goal for internship: develop strong relationships with my patients, co-residents, and future research mentors



Madison Reed
Johns Hopkins University School of
Medicine
Categorical

Name: Madison Reed
Birthplace: Red Bank, NJ
Hobbies: Reading, baking, trivia/preparing for my dream of being a contestant on Jeopardy!
Favorite foods: Breakfast carbs (pancakes > waffles)
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Sleeping in, trying a new brunch spot with family and friends, reading a book in the sunshine
My #1 goal for internship: Building strong relationships with my new Yale family and the New Haven community!



Clarissa Ren
Johns Hopkins University School of
Medicine
Categorical

Name: Clarissa Ren
Birthplace: North Carolina, USA
Hobbies: Ice Skating, Yoga, Meditation, Traveling, Hiking
Favorite foods: Dumplings, Peking Duck, Hot Pot, Japanese Cheesecake
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Going to a workout class or the ice rink, calling family, hiking and finding the best food spots with friends
My #1 goal for internship: Growing into a competent, compassionate, and more independent clinician



Paola Rivera
 University of Puerto Rico School of
 Medicine
 Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

Name: Paola Alejandra Rivera Morales
Birthplace: Arecibo, Puerto Rico
Hobbies: Board games, beach tennis, cooking
Favorite foods: Asian, Puerto Rican, and Italian
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
 Going out to eat with friends/family
My #1 goal for internship: Become a well-rounded doctor
 and develop long-lasting relationships with colleagues



Bahar Saberzadeh Ardestani
 Tehran University of Medical Sciences
 School of Medicine
 Categorical

Name: Bahar Saberzadeh Ardestani
 (Although my legal last name is "Saberzadeh
 Ardestani" the first part of it is very hard for people to
 pronounce in the US, so I was hoping to go by Bahar
 Ardestani)
Birthplace: Tehran, Iran
Hobbies: Playing piano, reading books and hiking
Favorite foods: Pizza, Kebab
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
 Playing board game with my friends
My #1 goal for internship: Integrate and engage with my
 new environment to grow alongside my new family.



Jasmine Saini
 Government Medical College
 Chandigarh
 Categorical

Name: Jasmine Saini
Birthplace: Haryana, India
Hobbies: I enjoy watercolor painting, creating digital
 illustrations, and roller skating. Recently took a discovery
 flight as well
Favorite foods: Everything Italian, Indian street food,
 Crepes, Falafel/Hummus/Pita, and Pho
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
 Sitting in a cafe or a library
My #1 goal for internship: Adapt to a new healthcare
 system (including non-medicine stuff such as
 logistics), learn from seniors and patients, and find
 potential mentors.



Tareq Salah
Al-Quds University Faculty of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Tareq Salah.

Birthplace: Bethlehem, Palestine.

Hobbies: working out, volleyball, and dabke (folkloric Levantine dance).

Favorite foods: Stuffed grape leaves and shawarma.

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: calling family abroad, trying new food and local coffee spots, and enjoying a sunny day in nature.

My #1 goal for internship: build a strong foundation to become a great clinician, and spend time getting to know and connecting with my co-residents and my team.



Renée Maria Saliby
Université Saint-Joseph Faculté de
Médecine
Categorical

Name: Renée Maria Saliby

Birthplace: Beirut

Hobbies: Watching/practicing sports, travelling, reading

Favorite foods: Gnocchi with pesto or truffle sauce

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Early morning hike, calling my family, having a nice coffee+pastry while reading a book, watching a movie/sports game, and getting together with friends.

My #1 goal for internship: Learning to become an outstanding physician with amazing new friends



Lea Sayegh
American University of Beirut Faculty of
Medicine
Categorical

Name: Lea Sayegh

Birthplace: Danbury, CT

Hobbies: Dancing, theatre, piano, all kinds of games (boardgames, escape the room, trivia) and basketball (although I'm an amateur)

Favorite foods: Pizza, Shawarma, Sushi, Chocolate cake

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Trying a new restaurant with friends, boardgames, and if the weather is nice hiking or taking a walk in the park.

My #1 goal for internship: To be able to run a code confidently by the end of intern year.



Beatriz Sorti Chara
Universidade da Região de Joinville
(UNIVILLE)
Categorical

Name: Beatriz Sordi Chara
Birthplace: Curitiba, Santa Catarina (a very small town in the south of Brazil)
Hobbies: Crafting, Music, Yoga, Traveling/ exploring new places (my favorite one).
Favorite food: Italian (any) or sushi
What you are most likely to be found doing on a day off: Exercising (yoga, hiking), hanging out with friends or traveling.
My #1 goal for internship: Embrace every opportunity for learning, from each patient case and every member of the team. Always aiming to treat my patients with compassion and attention.



Razia Sultana
Renaissance School of Medicine at
Stony Brook University
Categorical

Name: Razia Sultana
Birthplace: Sandwip, Bangladesh
Hobbies: Floral acrylic painting & henna art, taking nature walks, being a proud plant mom, reading something wonderful
Favorite foods: Biryani, fried chicken, tteokbokki, cream puffs, chai
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Doodling while watching a Netflix show or roaming NYC with friends and enjoying a babka from Bread's Bakery
My #1 goal for internship: Learning to ask good, insightful questions and building my confidence in my doctoring skills



Srikar Tallavajhala
University of Virginia School of
Medicine
Categorical

Name: Srikar Tallavajhala

Birthplace: Manhasset, NY

Hobbies: cooking, video/board games, basketball, podcasts, time with friends and family

Favorite foods: most things! To pick a few: Indian food, pizza, Thai (pad Thai, curry)

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: sleeping in, playing basketball with friends, trying a new restaurant, relaxing with my SO

My #1 goal for internship: developing my clinical skills, from diagnostic reasoning to time management. Working toward being a more independent provider.



Aaron Talsma
Case Western Reserve University School
of Medicine
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Aaron Talsma

Birthplace: Chicago, IL

Hobbies: Climbing, cooking, hiking/camping

Favorite foods: Shepherds pie and Brownie Sunday

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: At the rock gym

My #1 goal for internship: Building confidence in my medical knowledge (and getting to know my co-interns)



Francesca Thau
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Categorical

Name: Francesca Thau

Birthplace: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Hobbies: Cooking/baking, reading, skiing

Favorite foods: sushi, pizza, pasta

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Spending time with my family and friends

My #1 goal for internship: To gain confidence and independence in the clinical setting



Phil Titcombe
University of Minnesota Medical School
PSTP

Name: Phil Titcombe

Birthplace: Eagan, Minnesota

Hobbies: Reading, music/concerts, podcasts, soccer, learning Italian, traveling, being outside

Favorite foods: Pizza (mostly Neapolitan, but curious to try true New Haven-style!)

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Spending time with my wife Francesca and greyhound Luigi

My #1 goal for internship: Finding footing as a clinician and joy in the learning process



Geffen Treiman
Emory University School of Medicine
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Geffen Treiman

Birthplace: Los Angeles, California

Hobbies: Making and repairing jewelry, drawing, hot yoga, crosswords, playing with my puppy Gio, beating my friends at Scrabble and Boggle

Favorite foods: Persimmons

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Buying things I don't need at Target

My #1 goal for internship: Build a solid foundation in internal medicine before specializing



Sarita Walvekar
Case Western Reserve University School
of Medicine
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Sarita Walvekar

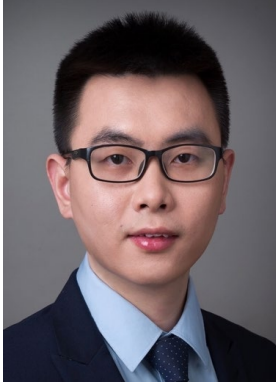
Birthplace: Fullerton, CA

Hobbies: Baking, embroidery

Favorite foods: Boba, cheesecake

What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Spending time outdoors, doing the NYT crossword/spelling bee, discovering new bakeries and restaurants in the area!

My #1 goal for internship: Become comfortable and efficient at managing a breadth of medical conditions



Dengyu Wang
Tsinghua University School of Medicine
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Dengyu Wang
Birthplace: A small town in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province in southwestern China
Hobbies: Crime mystery/detective fiction and movies, swimming, running, hiking, and road trips
Favorite foods: Chinese food, especially Sichuan cuisine (i.e., my hometown cuisine)
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Exploring new restaurants or enjoying a hike in nature
My #1 goal for the internship: To be a good team player and make friends



Jasmin Williams
University of Connecticut School of Medicine
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Jasmin Williams
Birthplace: Norwalk, CT
Hobbies: Tennis, Wheel-Throwing Pottery, Baking
Favorite foods: Anything Italian, Thai or Indian
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: Relaxing by the water, Trying new restaurants, Visiting family, Attending a sports game
My #1 goal for internship: Bake as much as I can for my co-residents



Anderson Woite Silva
Universidade de São Paulo Faculdade de Medicina São Paulo (FMSP-USP)
Categorical

Name: Anderson Woite
Birthplace: Sao Luis, Brazil
Hobbies: reading, language learning, hiking
Favorite foods: Brazilian barbecue, seafood
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off: playing with my dog at the park
My #1 goal for internship: provide the best care possible to patients



Michael Wong
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at
Thomas Jefferson University
Preliminary (Ophthalmology)

Name: Michael Wong
Birthplace: Honolulu, HI
Hobbies: Volleyball, Eating
Favorite foods: Poke, Pho
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
Playing volleyball, spending time with friends and family
My #1 goal for internship: Learn as much as I can,
explore CT outside of New Haven



Julia Zhang
New York Medical College
Preliminary (Neurology)

Name: Julia Zhang
Birthplace: Yantai, China
Hobbies: Hiking and camping, painting, baking
Favorite foods: everything! I love trying different things.
Some current favourites are anything
What I'm most likely to be found doing on a day off:
Hiking with my dog or baking something new.
My #1 goal for internship: Learn as much as I can while
also enjoying new experiences in New Haven.