

# 23-24 Intern Class

## Welcome Emily Anderson!



My name is Emily and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Seattle, Washington (though originally from Calgary, Alberta, Canada) and went to the University of Washington for undergrad and Boston University for medical school. I will be moving to Denver with my partner Vince, who is a software engineer for Strava. We spent a summer climbing and bike packing in Colorado a few years ago and can't wait to be back! I was born in Canada, but spent most of my life in the US. My parents now live in Seattle, and I have an older brother, Ethan, who lives in Austin, Texas. In my free time I like to do anything that involves being outside! Trail running, gravel biking, backpacking, rock climbing, cross country skiing, gardening, bird-watching, bike commuting...you name it! Indoors, my partner and I spend a lot of time cooking and reading together. I'm still pretty undecided what I'd like to do, but I could see myself being happy as an academic hospitalist! A few of my clinical interests are social determinants of health, health equity, and medical education.

## Welcome Dana Arenz!



My name is Dana and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Marysville, Washington and went to the University of Washington for both undergrad and medical school. I come from a small family of five. My father worked as a telephone lineman for 40 years and now works as the handyman at a drug and alcohol addiction treatment center. My mother serves as the director of that same treatment center. I have a younger brother who loves art, and an older sister who spends much of her time looking after my six nieces and nephews. I hope to soon add a fur baby to my little family. In my free time, I love to ski, boulder, hike, Zumba, read, and watch an incessant amount of television. Currently I am interested in hospitalist medicine and pulmonology/critical care!

## Welcome Soufiane Azargui!



My name is Soufiane and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Burlington, Ontario, Canada and went to Brown University for undergrad and Emory University for medical school. Most of my family is back in Morocco, where I was born. I grew up partly in Casablanca and partly in Toronto with my mom. She is the oldest of her 7 siblings and is slowly taking over for my grandmother as the de-facto matriarch of the family. She has mostly sisters, so I grew up with a lot of women in the family. My mom enrolled me in tennis at a really early age, and through the sport, I have met coaches that I now consider family: my "godparents". It is a bit of an unconventional family spread between three different countries but thankful for every family member. In my free time, I enjoy playing tennis and any other racquet sports, going to the movies, trying out new restaurants with friends, going out dancing, and attending concerts. Clinically, I'm keeping my options broad on whether to stay general vs. specialize in Ophthalmology. I love med-ed, so I would ideally practice in an academic setting that would allow me the opportunity to teach and mentor. In addition, I would love to incorporate global Ophthalmology work in my practice, particularly in the underserved parts of Morocco!

## Welcome Niv Badrinarayanan!



My name is Niv and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Raleigh, North Carolina and went to the University of Vermont for both undergrad and medical school. I will be moving to Denver from Burlington, Vermont with my partner Shane and our cat Bobbi! Shane is a social worker who will be taking a position in Colorado. Bobbi is a little indoor calico who loves pets, food and exploration. The three of us are very excited to be in Denver and start exploring the area! In my free time I like to run and discover new running paths; I will be running a half marathon in April! I'm also looking forward to hiking the large(er) mountains in Colorado after hiking a lot in Vermont. I like making art and being creative, I recently picked up crocheting this year and love to make clothes for myself and friends. I also love to cook and enjoy discovering new recipes! Clinically I am not sure yet what exactly I want to do, but am thinking either hospitalist medicine or the ICU!



## Welcome Lauren Breslin!



My name is Lauren and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Craig, Colorado and went to the University of North Carolina for undergrad and Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine for medical school. My husband, Jake, and I will celebrate our 8-year wedding anniversary this summer. We have lived apart while I have been in medical school and we are very excited to both be coming back to Colorado! We have two yorkies, Rowdy and Mowgli, who are basically our very spoiled children. I have a younger brother (Logan) who works on the dream chaser space shuttle, and my amazing Mom (Jackie) lives with my grandma (Nonee) in Peyton, CO. My grandpa (Poppy) is sadly no longer with us but remains one of the most important people in my life and the reason I chose to pursue medicine in the first place. Outside of medicine I enjoy spending time outdoors and weightlifting. Lately I have been on a jigsaw puzzle + audiobook kick that I have also really enjoyed. Clinically, I tend to be interested in whatever is in front of me, but right now I think I'm most likely to do pulmonary/critical care or maybe be a hospitalist. I am also interested in medical education and would love to be involved in UME or GME someday!

## Welcome Austin Browning!



My name is Austin and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Adrian, Georgia and went to Kennesaw State University for undergrad and Mercer University for medical school. I am a first generation college student in my family. My family lives in Georgia on the same land we have lived on for over 140 years! In my free time, I enjoy my two German shepherds: Ruger and Nala. I also enjoy wildlife and farming, most notably my South African Boer Goats. Clinically, I am really interested in Neuro-Sports Trauma, Stroke, and also vascular lesion localization!

## Welcome Jess Chandrasekhar!



My name is Jess and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Yorktown, Virginia and went to the University of Virginia for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I am excited to remain in Denver with my fiancé, Jordan, and our goofy asthmatic tabby cat, Mookie. My parents and younger brother live near the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia, and Jordan's family lives in Utah. Everyone is thrilled to be able to continue exploring Colorado with us! In my free time, I love hiking, long-distance running, drawing and painting, reading, cooking, and consuming far too much coffee. After residency, I'd like to pursue hospital medicine with a focus on quality improvement!

## Welcome Nick Ciano!



My name is Nick and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern! I am from Denver, Colorado and went to the University of Colorado for both undergrad and medical school. My family is all in Colorado except for my older sister who currently lives in San Diego and who I miss a lot. Outside of the hospital I really enjoy traveling, hiking, and getting outdoors in the Colorado sunshine as well as staying inside and watching movies and reading books. While I am not entirely sure where my path in medicine is heading I have strong interests in both radiology, musculoskeletal systems, as well as the cardiac and pulmonary systems!



## Welcome Justin Cillay!



My name is Justin and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Pullman, Washington and went to the University of Redlands for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. I grew up in a small community in Washington State and am very close with my immediate family and grandparents who reside throughout Washington, Idaho and California. My partner is also in medicine and will be an intern this year at St. Joe's. We have two dogs, a Cockapoo and a German Shepherd, who essentially run our lives. In my free time, I enjoy pretty much anything outdoors with my partner and our dogs. I also enjoy traveling when I can. When time doesn't permit for an outdoor activity or travel, I like to explore different food options in the city or attend sporting events, concerts, or other shows. My partner and I are looking forward to living in Denver and getting to know the city as well as exploring the many different forests, lakes and mountains of Colorado. Clinically, I came into medical school wanting to do rural family medicine because I enjoy primary care. However, throughout training, I developed an interest in hospital medicine and pulmonary/critical care, particularly in underserved settings. I could see myself doing any of these things but know there are specialties that I have yet to be exposed to and look forward to learning more about. I still plan to someday practice in a rural setting but appreciate the acuity and diversity that comes with training in an urban and academic environment!

## Welcome Shea Claflin!



My name is Shea and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Canon City, Colorado and went to the University of Denver for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. My parents live in my hometown Canon City (which is where my grandparents and lots of my cousins are, too). I have two younger sisters--the younger of the two stuck around to attend my alma mater DU, and the other recently moved out to the Washington DC area. In my free time I enjoy doing the typical Colorado activities (minus the winter sports) including mountain biking, fly fishing, and camping. When I'm not able to make it to the mountains I enjoy basketball, tennis, and going to the gym. Clinically, I am interested in practicing general internal medicine, possibly returning to a rural area to work as a traditionalist!

## Welcome Megan Connor!



My name is Megan I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Leawood, Kansas and went to the University of Missouri-Kansas City for undergrad and the University of Kansas for medical school. My boyfriend is in medical school in Kansas City, and I have two puppies who will be making frequent trips to Colorado to visit! I love yoga and will try to convert anyone and everyone around me to be a fellow yogi. I also love being outdoors and hope to take up skiing during the next couple of years, as well as exploring all different types of cuisine. Clinically, I have a passion for medical education. While I am undecided, I really love hematology/oncology or rheumatology and also have a love for public health!

## Welcome Rachel Cuzzo!



My name is Rachel and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Coral Springs, Florida and went to MIT for undergrad and Stony Brook University for medical school. My husband and I are excited to welcome our baby girl in June! Outside of medicine, I enjoy working out, hiking, playing and exploring music (violin, vox, & learning the bass guitar). After my preliminary year, I am interested in neurology with a focus on women's health, i.e. headache and sleep medicine in setting of menopause, menstruation, etc.!



## Welcome Morgan Edwards-Fligner!



My name is Morgan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Albuquerque, New Mexico and went to Lawrence University for undergrad and the University of New Mexico for medical school. My close family includes my parents, granddad, sister, two awesome nieces and an amazing nephew! We drive each other crazy sometimes but they are a huge support to me and I'm going to miss them when I make the move from New Mexico. Most of my free time involves biking, running, cooking, catering to the whims of my cat Frito, and/or listening to podcasts. Sometimes I climb, and I also love to watch horror movies and trashy reality shows. Clinically speaking, I'm not 100% sure what I want to do but I do like infectious disease!

## Welcome Connor Eggleston!



My name is Connor and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Clarkston, Washington and went to Lewis & Clark College for undergrad and Creighton University for medical school. I come from a big, crazy family and am the oldest of eight siblings. My six sisters and younger brother are spread across Washington, Nebraska, and here in Denver! My parents are incredible and besides constantly traveling for kids and grandkids, they live and work as doctors in eastern Washington. My wife Katelyn is a nurse, and we will be moving to Denver with our two little girls, Sage (2 years), and Rose (2 months), and goldendoodle, Zepi. We can't wait to be back in the mountains and closer to family! I now spend a good bit of my free time chasing a two-year old around parks and the zoo with Katelyn! I am passionate about being in the outdoors and love to fish, hunt, snowboard, and hike. I enjoy reading and music (both playing guitar and live shows) and we are excited to be close to some awesome venues around Denver! I'm also a big baseball fan and have a love-hate relationship with golf. Clinically I am interested in GI, specifically GI care in underserved and rural communities, but also find rheumatology fascinating. I hope to continue learning about and being involved in global health as well!

## Welcome Reagan Farmer!



My name is Reagan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Fredericksburg, Virginia and went to the University of South Carolina for both undergrad and medical school. I have two amazing parents who live in Virginia, and are looking forward to visiting me in Denver! In my free time, I love to travel, read, cook, try out new restaurants/breweries, and go to concerts! Currently, I am interested in doing hospital medicine and working in medical education after residency.

## Welcome Wes Figg!



My name is Wes and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Dripping Springs, Texas and went to Texas A&M University for undergrad and Baylor University for medical school. My wife (Brooke) and I are newly married and moved to Denver with our two mini dachshunds, Gus and Woody. My parents (Wayne and Sarah) live on a small ranch in Lometa, Texas raising cattle and horses. I have two brothers—Wayne who is an architect in Dallas and Cody who is currently an undergrad at Texas A&M University. I love mountain biking, hiking, skiing, and fly fishing. After residency, I am interested in pursuing fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine!



## Welcome Danny Galvan!



My name is Danny and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Mission, Texas and went to Texas A&M University for undergrad and the University of Texas at Southwestern for medical school. I am a first-generation student, and my parents have been my biggest supporters throughout my journey. They have made incredible sacrifices to allow me to pursue my dreams and continue to inspire me each day. My older sister is also my best friend, and I now have my first nephew! My wife and I have been together since high school, went to Texas A&M for undergrad, UTSW for medical school, and will now be starting our next chapter here at Colorado. She will be doing pediatrics! Lastly, the star of our family is Koda, our pandemic corgi. His tiny body can barely hold his huge personality! During my free time, I love traveling, hiking, or taking Koda to network at the dog park. I also enjoy exploring new coffee shops and playing board games, and am always looking for new TV shows to binge! Clinically, I am interested in hospital medicine and health advocacy and equity!

## Welcome Nathan Garza!



My name is Nathan I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Roma, Texas and went to the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley for undergrad and UT Southwestern for medical school. I'm the middle child with my older brother being an ED nurse and my younger sister currently attending nursing school. My family is still down in South Texas, but they're excited to come and visit Colorado! In my free time, I like to play board games with friends, read, and play with Legos. Recently, my friends and I from back home have had virtual game nights since we're all in different parts of the country. After residency, I would like to do primary care!

## Welcome Brock Gilsdorf!



My name is Brock and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Reedsville, Wisconsin and went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for both undergrad and medical school. My wife (Kaitlin) is a pediatric nurse, and we are very excited to move to Denver! My mom, sister, brother, 2 nephews, and 1 niece all live in Wisconsin but are all ready to come and visit! In my free time, I enjoy doing almost anything active (running, hiking, biking (road + Peloton!), basketball, skiing) as well as cooking, and going to breweries, sporting events, and concerts/shows. If I am not doing any of the above, you will likely find me cheering on my Wisconsin sports teams! I am currently undecided on what exactly I want to do after residency, but I generally am interested in conditions that have a lifestyle component to prevention and management/treatment such as heart disease, diabetes, etc. I do know that I want to incorporate caring for rural residents in the future to help bridge their access to healthcare!

## Welcome Tim Halbesma!



My name is Tim and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Oswego, Illinois and went to Vanderbilt University for undergrad and the University of Illinois for medical school. I am one of seven (!) kids, and my whole family is basically in Illinois. Outside of the hospital, I enjoy winter sports, chess, hiking, electronic music, and skating. After my preliminary year, I'm really excited to pursue everything there is in Neurology!



## Welcome Nikolai Harroun!



My name is Nikolai and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Longmont, Colorado and went to Grinnell College for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. My family lives spread out across the front range, from Fort Collins to attend Vet school to Aurora as a public school teacher. My partner, Emmeline is a first year ophthalmology resident here at CU and we live with our dog Artie in RiNo. I love making time to see my family, especially board game nights! In my free time I do a bit of everything! I love playing soccer, practicing chess, reading, trying new food, and taking my dog for adventures. I'm planning to pursue a career in GI and medical education! Whatever I end up doing, I know I'll be teaching and mentoring those coming up next.

## Welcome Rayna Jayanth!



My name is Rayna and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Palatine, Illinois and went to Saint Louis University for both undergrad and medical school. While I don't have much family who live in America, of those that do, most including my parents reside in the Chicagoland area. I have one younger brother who will starting undergrad this year in Florida. Lastly, the love of my life, my cat Luna, will be joining me in Denver soon! In my free time, I like to crochet, cook, and dance! After residency I am considering pursuing general neurology or perhaps headache medicine!

## Welcome Tennyson Jellins!



My name is Tennyson and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Menlo Park, California and went to the University of California-Los Angeles for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I live in Denver with my fiancé Matt and puppy Riley (she's 2.5)! In my free time I enjoy road trips, visiting the many CO breweries, and watching all types of sporting events (Bay Area teams and UCLA). Right now I am considering heme/onc, but am open to almost everything right now!

## Welcome Aspen Johnston!



My name is Aspen and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Monument, Colorado and went to the University of Arizona for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I am lucky to have my parents and siblings all living close by in various areas of Colorado. In my family we have 3 engineers, a special ed teacher, a ski instructor, and now a doctor. And of course there is my dog, Koda, a spirited 1-yr old Australian Shepherd pup. In my free time I like to get outdoors to ski, hike, trail run, climb, camp, and bike. I love to dance (especially swing dancing), and cheer for the Broncos, Avalanche, and UofA basketball. To chill I like to read, listen to music, and hang out with friends at the many breweries here in Denver! I am unsure what I want to do in medicine, but I am interested in hospital medicine, palliative care, and critical care!



## Welcome Katie Julian!



My name is Katie and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Columbus, Ohio and went to the Ohio State University for undergrad and Penn State for medical school. I come from a close-knit family consisting of my mom, dad, three younger siblings, and rescue pup named Rocky. They are all currently in the Midwest. My partner, Greg, is moving to Denver with me and we can't wait to explore the city and outdoor activities this area has to offer! In my free time, I love to go for walks outside, hike, play volleyball, listen to true crime podcasts, and spend time with my family and friends. Clinically, I'm currently interested in heme/onc or cardiology, women's health, and medical education!

## Welcome Elise Kahn!



My name is Elise and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Glen Ellyn, Illinois and went to the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign for undergrad and the Medical College of Wisconsin for medical school. I'll be moving to Colorado with my significant other Jimmy and my cat George! I have two older siblings that I'm excited to be moving closer to. My sister lives in Denver and teaches yoga a few nights a week, so I'm looking forward to taking some of her classes! My brother lives in Portland, and my parents still live in the Chicago suburbs (and are probably sad that all of their kids decided to move out west, though happy that two will be in the same city). In my free time I'm a big reader and love listening to live music. I'm always down to explore a local coffee shop, bookstore, or brewery. Jimmy and I have never been skiing (sorry everyone) but we love spending time outdoors and are excited for the great hiking around Denver! Clinically I am interested in women's health and health advocacy!

## Welcome Imran Kassam!



My name is Imran and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Albuquerque, New Mexico and went to Yale University for undergrad and the University of New Mexico for medical school. My partner's name is Alishah and she is from Toronto, ON (we just got married in May!). We've been together for 6 years, doing a lot of long distance, so are very excited to make Denver our new home! I have 2 awesome parents and a younger sister in Albuquerque. My Dad is from Tanzania and my mom from Pakistan, but I was born in Abq! My sister is just finishing university and is thinking about a career somewhere in medicine. In my free time I love to spend time outside, hiking, running, biking, and swimming. Just as much, I enjoy watching Netflix and playing video games. I am hoping to be able to take some day trips and explore more of Denver and Colorado over these next few years. Right now I'm interested in Pulmonary and Critical Care. Long term, I am also hoping to devote some of my career to global health work!

## Welcome Emmeline Kim!



My name is Emmeline and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Diamond Bar, California and went to the University of Southern California for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I am happy to be staying in Colorado with my dog, Artie (cavapoo), and my partner Nikolai! Being a short 2 hour flight away to see family and friends in LA is also a plus! In my free time I like to cook, try new restaurants in town, snowboard, play with my dog, and watch TV (recent favorites are The Bear and Ted Lasso). After my preliminary year, I'm excited to pursue Ophthalmology!



## Welcome Kenten Kingsbury!



My name is Kenten I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Lawton, Iowa and went to the University of Iowa for both undergrad and medical school. I have a twin brother who lives in Seattle and an older sister who lives in Wisconsin! In my free time I enjoy exercising, cooking, decorating cakes, and wandering the aisles of Trader Joe's. My current interests include cornea and pediatric Ophthalmology, but I'm excited to explore all the other fields in Ophthalmology during residency!

## Welcome Elizabeth Konon!



My name is Elizabeth and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Mequon, Wisconsin and went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I am so excited to have matched at CU with my partner, Jack, who is starting orthopedic surgery residency! In my free time, I love to hike, ski, and play tennis (I recently tried pickle ball as well and would love to find people to play with!). I also love exploring new coffee shops and restaurants (Barcelona Wine Bar in RiNo is one of my favorites)! After residency, I am interested in pursuing a fellowship in Rheumatology or Endocrinology!

## Welcome Megan Kotzin!



My name is Megan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Phoenix, Arizona and went to the University of Arizona for undergrad and Rush University for medical school. My partner is an EM resident here in Denver and I am so excited to finally be living in the same city as him! Outside of medicine, I love being outside, especially running and hiking. I recently learned how to ski and I still have a lot of work to do, but have really been enjoying that too. Clinically, I am still undecided, but some of my interests are cardiology, pulmonology/critical care, and nephrology!

## Welcome Dmitriy Kravtsov!



My name is Dmitriy and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Bayside, Wisconsin and went to Marquette University for undergrad and the University of Wisconsin for medical school. I am excited to finally be closer to the mountains! My fiancée Cat is also excited to move to Denver after finishing dental school next spring. I come from a big family of 7 siblings (I'm the third). In my free time, I like to go camping and hiking, have played soccer most of my life, love playing all other sports, and enjoy reading (mostly nonfiction books). Clinically, I am interested in Hospital Medicine, Cardiology, GI, and Pulm/Crit. I am also passionate about medical education and plan to practice in academic medicine!



## Welcome Hana Kusumoto!



My name is Hana and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Jacksonville, Florida and went to the University of Florida for undergrad and Emory University for medical school. I have the humbling pleasure of being the middle of three sisters and was the only one who chose to follow my parents into healthcare. I'm excited to be moving closer to my older sister in Utah this summer (albeit further from most of my family in the southeast)! I'm your casual hiker/biker/runner and I enjoy birding in local parks. I was deemed a "master birder" (in name only) last fall and I am excited to learn more about the birds in CO! You can also find me attempting home DIY crafts or at a brewery discussing sci-fi pop culture and stand up comedy. In addition to primary care, I'm interested in medical education and considering specializing in geriatrics!

## Welcome Sarah Lentz!



My name is Sarah and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Stillwater, Minnesota and went to the University of Minnesota for both undergrad and medical school. I have a huge family with 10 siblings and 12 nieces and nephews! I am especially close with my sisters and I love having art class or dance parties with the kiddos. My partner Keith (behind the camera) is an aspiring real estate developer, chef, and Lululemon model. In my free time I'm big into hiking, which makes the move to Denver very exciting! I also love traveling; this photo was taken on a hunt for the best banh mi in Vietnam in March. On a quiet afternoon, you can find me on a long walk in the park, catching up with a friend over tea, or watercolor painting. And in the evening, I'm probably at the nearest salsa dancing venue! After residency I'm planning to become a hospitalist. I also love palliative medicine, but not ready to commit to fellowship just yet. Excited to see what else clicks!

## Welcome Randy Lu!



My name is Randy and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from originally from Shanghai, China and went to the University of Washington for both undergrad and medical school. I was born in Shanghai and grew up in Bellevue, Washington. I'm super excited to move to Denver with my wife Anna and our dog Joey! In my free time I enjoy weightlifting, skiing, basketball, golf, poker, and trying new restaurants. After residency, I'm looking forward to practicing comprehensive Ophthalmology!

## Welcome Max Mayeda!



My name is Max and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Denver, Colorado and went to the University of Denver for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I recently got engaged to my fiancé, Kayla and my parents live in Golden, CO. My sister is a dentist and lives in Edwards, CO. My brother lives near Boulder and works as a software engineer for Teledoc. In my free time, I like to spend time with friends and family. I enjoy fly fishing, trail running, skiing, basketball, and scuba diving when I get the chance to travel. After my preliminary year, I'm really excited to become an Ophthalmologist!



## Welcome Reid McCallister!



My name is Reid and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Ann Arbor, Michigan and went to Vanderbilt University for undergrad and the University of Michigan for medical school. I'll be coming to Colorado with my fiancée Greer (getting married in June!) and our little Australian Shepherd, Koda. Other than that, I am the third of four siblings and have a huge, fun family who mostly live in Michigan. I spend most of my free time outside hiking, biking, running, skiing, camping or just relaxing so I'm very excited for the move to Colorado! At home, I love cooking, amateur gardening, and doing crossword puzzles. I'm also happy almost anywhere you can find live music. As far as areas of medicine, I am most interested in pulmonary and critical care medicine and infectious diseases. I'm also passionate about care of underserved populations and enjoy clinical research!

## Welcome Megan Moore!



My name is Megan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Littleton, Colorado and went to Duke University for undergrad and Tufts University for medical school. I was born and raised in Colorado and grew up down the street from my cousins. I'm very close with my extended family which includes 11 aunts and uncles and 32 cousins! I am also close with my sister who lives in DC with her husband and 4 kids. In my free time, I love to read and watch tv/movies, run, hike, ski, and indoor climb. Right now I am leaning towards pulmonology and critical care but also really like GI! I'm very interested in health systems, including healthcare policy, operations, and management.

## Welcome Priyanka Nadar!



My name is Priyanka and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania and went to Mary Baldwin College for undergrad and Dartmouth College for graduate school before heading to Drexel University for medical school. My dad lives in Mechanicsburg and I have a sister in NYC! I am moving to Denver with my favorite family member, my cat, Peter. In my free time, I enjoy reading, writing, yoga, and am hoping to become an amateur geologist if there's time. Clinically I am interested in cardiology, women's/LGBTQ+ health, and pulm-crit!

## Welcome Sarah Newman!



My name is Sarah and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Coral Springs, Florida and went to Wesleyan University for undergrad and New York Medical College for medical school. I am the youngest of six children with all of them living in either New York or Florida. My mother still lives in my hometown of Coral Springs and is my superhero. My family is really supportive and always sending me positive texts (and cute pictures of my cats!). My significant other, Noah, and I have a great support group of family and friends here in Colorado so we consider it our home away from home. We are so happy to be moving back to CO! In our free time, Noah and I love attending concerts (especially at the best venue ever, Red Rocks!), traveling, playing sports outside, and attending sporting events. I also enjoy baking, hiking, bingeing Netflix, and exploring new food scenes. After residency, I am still undecided on what I want to pursue, but I am interested in pursuing a fellowship in Cardiology or Gastroenterology with a strong interest in medical education.



## Welcome Anthony Nguyen!



My name is Anthony and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Mansfield, Texas and went to Notre Dame for undergrad and UT Southwestern for medical school. I come from a big family—I'm the third of four kids. My parents live in Cedar Hill, Texas. My oldest sister is a pediatrician in Nashville who just had adorable twin boys in February. My second older sister is a graphic designer in Dallas, and my younger brother works in tech in NYC. I anticipate them all visiting Denver soon! In my free time I enjoy hiking, running, and climbing (mostly bouldering gyms, real rocks scare me). I'm also a big fan of sappy, coming-of-age films and mindless reality TV. Right now I am considering pulm/crit or palliative care, but who knows if I'll end up changing my mind!

## Welcome Cecilia Nguyen!



My name is Cecilia and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Bowie, Maryland and went to the University of Maryland for undergrad and Drexel University for medical school. I'm an only child - both my parents were immigrants from Vietnam. My dad worked his way from his first job as a dishwasher to currently an electrical engineer at NASA and my mom works in IT for the federal government. I met my significant other in medical school and we have together explored and loved Colorado (he took that picture of me at RMNP!). He will be applying for ENT residency in the next cycle so we are hoping he will be able to join me in Colorado next year! In my free time you can find me, figuring out the next adventure/hike/sunrise/sunset I can catch, trying to be better at skiing and tennis, spending way too much money on tea/coffee, taking too many pictures of mountains, on yelp reading reviews for new restaurants/foods to try out, or chilling inside watching home and cooking shows! As a prelim in neurology, my interests involve pretty much everything at the moment - stroke, movement disorders, general neurology, neuro-hospitalist as well as medical education and health advocacy!

## Welcome Natalie Nguyen!



My name is Natalie and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Austin, Texas and went to the University of Texas for undergrad and Baylor College of Medicine for medical school. I have one older brother, and my family live in Austin. I recently got engaged to my fiancé! In my free time, I like to cook, play boardgames, and hike. After residency, I am currently considering fellowships in Gastroenterology or Hepatology!

## Welcome Andrew Ormsby!



My name is Andrew I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Ken Caryl, Colorado and went to the University of Colorado for both undergrad and medical school. I have been married to Cali for 5 years. My mom lives in Lakewood, Colorado and my dad lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. In my free time I like to run, paint, hike, climb, and travel! Clinically, I enjoy hospital work. I'm thinking of specializing in Rheumatology, Nephrology, or Pulmonary, though I am not sure which one yet!



## Welcome RayLee Otero-Bell!



My name is RayLee and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Santa Fe, New Mexico and went to the University of New Mexico for undergrad and Creighton University for my Masters before heading back to the University of New Mexico for medical school. I was born in Taos, NM and grew up in Santa Fe. I have a younger sister named Eliana who's also a doctor (Family Medicine). My parents still live in Santa Fe and are enjoying (hopefully!) heading towards retirement. My boyfriend, Andy and I have an 8 month-old labradoodle named Zoe (short for Zozobra, a New Mexico tradition). Andy and Zoe will be moving to Tampa for a one-year PM&R fellowship at the VA in Prosthetics and Amputee Medicine! In my free time I enjoy all things under the water (scuba diving, snorkeling), running, hiking, traveling, trying new foods, visiting museums and all things history. Clinically, I am interested in neuropalliative care, palliative care, or neurocritical care. I'm pretty open to all neuro specialties, but my ultimate choice might be guided by my vasovagal issues with blood and smells, discovered in medical school!

## Welcome Elena Penhos!



My name is Elena and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Tiffin, Ohio and went to Miami University of Ohio for undergrad and The Ohio State University for medical school. I'm from a big family and am the youngest of 5. I have 6 nieces and nephews. I got married in May, and we will be "Miami Mergers." My best friend lives in Denver, and we are looking forward to exploring the area together. In my free time I like to read, lift, go on walks, cook, hike, and ski. Clinically, I would love to be a general neurologist with a niche/extra expertise in headaches and concussions. I am also interested in pursuing additional training in integrative medicine!

## Welcome Paige Peterson!



My name is Paige and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Windsor, Colorado and went to Colorado State University for undergrad and St. Louis University for medical school. My husband, David, and I have been married since 2012 (we grew up across the street from each other!) and we have a sassy 11-year-old German Shepherd Dog named Breckyn who is incredibly spoiled! In my free time, I love to take Breckyn to the park (even at 11-years-old, she is the ultimate frisbee player!). I'm also an avid baker and I run a small baking business, but I mostly love to bake for friends, co-workers, and volunteer organizations. Clinically, I love hospital medicine! Some of my favorite specialties are cardiology, endocrinology, and infectious disease; especially how they intersect with critical care medicine.

## Welcome Vinny Pizzuti!



My name is Vinny and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Follansbee, West Virginia and went to the University of Notre Dame for undergrad and Purdue University for grad school before heading to West Virginia University for medical school. My parents and younger brother currently live in Follansbee and are looking forward to visiting Colorado. My canine best friend, Bo, will be moving to Denver with me! In my free time I enjoy running, hiking with my dog and friends, and most other outdoor activities! I also like cooking/baking new recipes and playing video games in my spare time. After residency, I am interested in pursuing heme/onc! I am also interested in medical education and hope to work in an academic setting in the future.



## Welcome Roshnee Raithatha!



My name is Roshnee and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Lexington, Kentucky and went to Harvard University for undergrad and Tufts University for medical school. Born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky I come from a long line of Kentucky Wildcats basketball fans! I have a big family with three older brothers and love spending time with them. I love to cook, read, and spend time outdoors. I love hosting dinner parties because it combines some of my favorite things - food, friends, and good conversation! I'm currently planning to have a career as a generalist! I'm also interested in medical education and systems-based healthcare. I'm excited for all of the experience that residency will bring when it comes to shaping my career!

## Welcome Ali Sakher!



My name is Ali and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I was born in Toronto, Ontario and then lived in Apex, North Carolina before moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota. I never know what to call my hometown these days! I went to the University of Minnesota for both undergrad and medical school. I have three siblings, including a 16 year old sister who is my favorite human! I'm moving to Denver on my own but have a lot of friends lining up to visit (and my parents)! In my free time I enjoy running, hiking, yoga, reading (particularly Harry Potter for the millionth time), cooking, and brewing my own kombucha. Its been a minute since I skied but I'm very excited to re-learn. I'm currently deciding between hospital medicine vs critical care! I am also very interested in medical education and global health. My pipe dream is to be a PD someday!

## Welcome Jesse Sanchez!



My name is Jesse and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Lake Elsinore, California and went to the University of Southern California for both undergrad and medical school. I'm the son of two first generation immigrants: my mother is from Mexico and my dad is from Puerto Rico. I have one older brother that moved to Glendale, CO around 2015, and my parents live in Denver/LA throughout the year. In my free time I enjoy long distance running, hiking, camping, baking, watching Lakers basketball, weight lifting, and trying new restaurants/bars! Clinically, I am very interested in pursuing a career working to address health disparities within the world of hematology/oncology!

## Welcome Sapan Shah!



My name is Sapan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Kenosha, Wisconsin and went to Union College for undergrad and Albany Medical College for medical school. My parents live in Wisconsin and I have one older sister who lives in New York City. My partner is moving with me to Denver from Boston to start the next chapter of our lives. Most of my extended family lives in New Jersey, and everyone is excited to visit soon! I am into all things cars—magazines, videos, racing games, and driving different cars! I also enjoy hiking and visiting National Parks. I have a National Parks Passport and collect stamps at every site I visit. Currently I am deciding between pursuing cardiology fellowship or staying in general practice. I also am interested in health systems and policy work!



## Welcome Laura Simon!



My name is Laura and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Orinda, California and went to the University of California-Berkeley for undergrad and the University of California-San Diego for medical school. I have a partner, Tyler Kirchberg, who will be an EM intern at Denver Health this year! My older brother (Mark Simon) is a toxicology fellow at Denver Health and has loved living in Denver with his wife (Natalie) and dog (Kuna). My mom (Kathy) is a retired teacher and my dad (Dave) works for the Sierra Club. I love to swim, bike, run, hike, backpack, surf, and ski! Basically, I love to do anything outdoors. I also enjoy playing board/card games (highly recommend Catan, Seven Wonders, and Euchre). Right now I think I want to go into either hospital medicine or pulm/critical care, though I also want to get more exposure to heme/onc and GI. I am also interested in clinical research and medical education!

## Welcome John-David Slaugh!



My name is John-David and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Salt Lake City, Utah and Colorado Springs, Colorado and went to Carleton College for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I have a wonderful wife whose name is Abby (just married this March!), she is an engineer by training but is now currently working as a project manager. We have two wonderful cats named Pepper and Rosemary and plan on adding more cats to the spice rack in the future. My mother lives in Colorado Springs and is a teacher at a high school and my father and the rest of my extended family live out in Utah. My father is an artist who paints primarily with oil as his medium. I have recently got back into climbing which I really enjoy doing. I also play too many video games for my own good and recently built myself a new computer. I also love going to breweries (though I haven't gone to as many as I would like), dancing, playing guitar, playing piano, and singing in the shower. Right now I am thinking of being a hospitalist, though I have been thinking about flirting with gastroenterology!

## Welcome Luke Smith!



My name is Luke and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Groton, South Dakota and went to the University of South Dakota for both undergrad and medical school. My partner, Alexis, is a middle school special education teacher. Together, we have two children: Felix (3 y/o) and Frannie (3 months). In my free time, I enjoy playing board games, hiking, camping, baking/cooking, reading, gardening, thrifting, and birdwatching. Right now I am undecided what I'd like to do clinically, but am interested in neuro-palliative care, neuroimmunology, and movement disorders!

## Welcome Melina Smith!



My name is Melina and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Chapel Hill, North Carolina and went to Duke University for undergrad and the University of North Carolina for medical school. I'm moving to Denver with my partner Jordan and our dog Odin! Jordan works as a software engineer and loves DIY projects and the outdoors. Our parents live in NC, but we are excited to move closer to extended family out west! I spend most of my free time cooking, hosting, and going out to restaurants and concerts with friends. I'm a big fan of the outdoors, and I'm excited to go hiking, backpacking, and skiing with my co-interns! I'm also trying to get back into playing the piano, and I like to do crafty projects around the house. Currently I am interested in medical oncology and academic medicine. In particular, I am interested in helping patients and families navigate metastatic cancer. In the future, I'd like to teach and conduct research in health disparities!



## Welcome Sophie Sugar!



My name is Sophie and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Columbus, Ohio and went to Gettysburg College for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. While most of my family members still live in Ohio, I am very close to them! They are some of the funniest and most supportive people I know. My partner and I are excited to be staying in Colorado and hope to add a furry friend to our household soon. Outside of medicine, I enjoy skiing, hiking, and visiting national parks. Lacrosse is my favorite sport to play, and I love watching both college and professional football. I also enjoy arranging flowers and listening to music in my downtime. Clinically, I am interested in hospital-based medicine with a particular passion for addiction medicine and health equity!

## Welcome Nick Tan!



My name is Nick and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Queens, New York and went to CUNY Brooklyn College for undergrad and SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University for medical school. I'm currently the age my dad was when he immigrated from Manila to NYC. New York to Denver is basically the same thing...right? Outside of medicine, I like to eat, read, meditate, bike, game, and build. Clinically, there are many paths in ophthalmology and I hope to figure out how I can best contribute with my skillset. Whether it's advocacy, device R&D, service, education, or something else, I'll keep my eyes open (haha). Or maybe cataract cowboy and glaucoma gunslinger are enough :)

## Welcome Beza Tayachew!



My name is Beza and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and went to the University of Colorado for both undergrad and medical school. My wonderful husband and I have been married for about four years and have two girls. My 2 year old is curious, independent, and full of fun, and fills our lives with joy with her caring and loving personality, especially toward her baby sister. In my free time, I like going for walks and hikes and enjoying the outdoors, exploring new restaurants, cooking, and spending time with my husband, my girls, and friends. Clinically, I have strong interests in chronic disease prevention and caring for the medically underserved. I've really enjoyed doing research in medical school and I'm looking forward to integrating GIM research in the future focusing on metabolic disease and access to care!

## Welcome Richie Tran!



My name is Richie and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern before heading to New York for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation! I am from Englewood, Colorado and went to Stanford University for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. My parents still live in Colorado. My sister and her husband live in Nashville and are expecting a daughter, making me a new uncle! In my free time I like to play soccer, volleyball and pickleball, go skiing, and play the guitar and piano. I love live/acoustic music. I used to work at a tech startup, and I used to break/dance, so my claim to fame is starting the TikTok/content trend before it got big. But then all the youth joined -- the kids these days are too talented, I couldn't hang! Clinically, I am interested in musculoskeletal medicine, sports medicine, and pain management. I am particularly interested in leveraging technology to improve systems efficiency, health equity, and access to care!



## Welcome Emily Vicks!



My name is Emily and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Clinton, New York and went to Middlebury College for undergrad and the University of Massachusetts for medical school. I come from a family of skiers, musicians (with a special appreciation for Broadway and Bruce Springsteen), and travelers (they like to debate their favorite airlines and points racked up in a year). The vacations we take together are always centered on physical activity (preferably in nature), planning the next meal, and downtime is defined as reading books in front of the fire (my dad's a printer) or watching Star Wars re-runs. In my free time, I love to hike, ski, ride my peloton, yoga, and find new walking trails. I love to cook and bake for my family and friends and love to experiment with new recipes that are friendly for those with food allergies/intolerances (me!). Right now I am interested in critical care, oncology, or gastroenterology and also have a passion for medical education and physician wellness in medicine!

## Welcome Chey Vincent!



My name is Chey and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Tucson, Arizona and went to the University of Arizona for both undergrad and medical school. My parents and younger sister live in Tucson and my older sister lives in Phoenix with my brother in law and two adorable nieces! In my free time I enjoy working out, trying new exercise classes, painting, interior design, and exploring new restaurants/cuisine Right now I am interested in blending academic hospital medicine with addiction medicine to expand addiction care to hospitalized patients!

## Welcome Sanjna Vinze!



My name is Sanjna and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Greenwood, Indiana and went to Purdue University for undergrad and Indiana University for medical school. I am an only child, and my parents are currently in Indianapolis. I am very close to my parents and we love traveling together. I grew up in India until I was about 8 years old so most of my extended family is back there and am fortunate to visit every few years. Also my partner, Joey, is moving with me to Denver and we are so excited to hike, explore and get to know everyone! In my free time, I enjoy cooking, yoga, reading thrillers, exploring the city/restaurants, walking, and spending time with my loved ones. I love design and DIY in all forms - interior, fashion, industrial, and architecture so I'm often scrolling through Pinterest looking for inspiration for my next DIY project. I also enjoy photography and want to explore Denver through my camera lens. Clinically, I have had an interest in geriatrics for a while, but I am also interested in GI!

## Welcome Grace Vitek!



My name is Grace and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Elmhurst, Illinois and went to Pepperdine University for undergrad and Creighton University for medical school. I have 2 amazing parents who live in Illinois, while my 3 siblings are now scattered around Illinois, Wisconsin, and North Carolina. I couples matched with my wonderful, boyfriend CJ who is joining the CU pediatrics residency program, and we are excited to move to Denver! In my free time I enjoy playing soccer, running, hiking, skiing, traveling, and wine tasting. Clinically I am most interested in Movement Disorders, Stroke, and Sports Neurology!



## Welcome Ruth Wang!



My name is Ruth and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern before going to the University of California San Diego for Dermatology! I am from Albuquerque, New Mexico and went to the University of New Mexico for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. My family is still in New Mexico, and I love to go visit them! In my free time I enjoy hiking, rock climbing, seeing live music, and cooking. While I'm not entirely sure what exactly in Dermatology I want to focus on, I'm really excited to pursue a career in Dermatology!

## Welcome Garrett Weskamp!



My name is Garrett and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Springfield, Missouri and went to the University of Southern California for undergrad and Case Western Reserve University for medical school. My partner is a physician assistant student/soon-to-be-graduate who will be moving with me to Denver from Cleveland, Ohio. We met during my first year of medical school and got engaged in Bryce Canyon National Park in March 2022. We were super excited to move to Colorado to be closer to some of my family who live out here (Mom, Dad, and Sister), and I also have a brother in Chicago and sister in DC. I try to do a lot of outdoors/fitness activity when time allows: peloton workouts, hiking, have even dabbled in rock climbing and mountain biking in the past. When my partner and I want to wind down, we love cooking at home and trying out some new craft cocktail recipes. Two of my passions in medicine are Gastroenterology and LGBTQ+ Health. I would love to one day have a GI practice that involves dedicated time to working with LGBTQ+ patients!

## Welcome Jason Worley!



My name is Jason and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from La Cañada Flintridge, California and went to Brigham Young University for undergrad and Tulane University for medical school. I live with my spouse (Kylie), my newborn baby (Charlotte), and my two feline children (Toulouse and Berlioz). Kylie works in marketing, Charlotte just learned how to smile, and Toulouse and Berlioz put in their hours providing daily emotional support. In my free time, I love reading (mostly Cormac McCarthy), watching movies (mostly Coen brothers), taking pictures (mostly of the cats), making tacos (mostly carnitas), playing chess (mostly losing), and doing nothing at all. In residency there are a few paths I want to explore! Currently, hospital medicine, palliative care, and heme/onc are my top contenders!

## Welcome Nancy Wu!



My name is Nancy and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Tianjin, China and went to the University of Science and Technology of China for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. I have an amazing husband, Xiaosong, and two lovely sons, Vincent and Albert. We have an exotic shorthair cat Tiger and two pet axolotls. I love to cook, hike, garden, and watch my sons play ice hockey. Clinically I am mostly interested in Hematology/Oncology. I came to medicine as a second career after I completed my PhD training at UT Southwestern and postdoctoral training at Fred Hutch Cancer Center. I am interested in patient care, clinical research, and medical education!



## Welcome Caterina Zagona-Prizio!



My name is Caterina and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Dermatology at CU! I am from Boulder, Colorado and went to the University of Washington for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I live with a wonderful husband (Clark), cat (Milo), and dog (Kiowa)! I'm also lucky to be so close to friends and family living across Colorado. In my free time I like to hike, bike, cook, blockprint, and play music with my people and pets. Clinically, I am really excited to be going into dermatology!