

23-24 Third Year Residents

Welcome Brian Adams



My name is Brian and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical PGY2 ! I am from Littleton, Colorado and went to St. Olaf College for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I have an incredible family, amazing friends, and a white fluff ball named Romeo in Denver. I'm excited to be back with them! Outside of medicine, I'm a huge fan of all the Colorado activities (hiking, biking, climbing, and skiing). I also play jazz piano and produce/compose music, which is a huge passion of mine. After residency, I'm hoping to become an academic hospitalist and also have a strong interest in global health. Let's see from there!

Welcome Yaa Asare



My name is Yaa and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Arvada, CO and went to Tulane University for undergrad and the University of Colorado School of Medicine for medical school. My family is originally from Ghana, and I am the oldest of 4 kids. I am engaged to be married in June and excited to get a puppy in a few weeks! In my free time, I enjoy spending hours in the hot sun. I love to read fiction, try new recipes, and eat ice cream. After residency, I aspire to practice in a primary care setting. I am also interested in palliative care and global health, specifically immigrant and refugee health!

Welcome Brittany Becker!



My name is Brittany and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am originally from Appleton, WI and went to Marquette University for undergrad and Medical College of Wisconsin for medical school. My family consists of my fiancé (got engaged in Ireland right before the pandemic!) who is a lawyer and my all-time favorite adventure partner, our 4-year old German Shepherd/Australian Shepherd mix, Lily, and our new sable German Shepherd puppy named Remus. In my free time I enjoy rock climbing, soccer, sand volleyball, hiking, snowboarding, growing vegetables, checking out local coffee shops and breweries with our dogs, and traveling both within the US and internationally. After residency, I hope to pursue Primary Care / Sports Medicine, Rheumatology, or Cardiology.

Welcome Sarah Beilke!



My name is Sarah and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am originally from Weston, WI and went to Marquette University for undergrad and the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health for medical school. I am excited to move to Denver with my fiancée, Bill and our mini bernedoodle, Maple. In my free time, I love staying active, especially outdoors if I can! I enjoy hiking, biking and running with my pup (most likely stopping for ice cream after), and watch way too much reality TV. After residency, I am really interested in pursuing Hematology/Oncology.

Welcome Julia Bellantoni!



My name is Julia and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Bel Air, MD and went to Duke University for both undergrad and medical school. I am the youngest of three girls and grew up in an Italian-American family just outside Baltimore. I met my fiancé Grant during college (go Blue Devils!) and we're getting married this May just before we make our move out west. We're also rescuing a sweet golden retriever from China named Daisy! In my free time, I'm a big foodie and love exploring local dining and breweries. Grant and I also love to hike, spend time on the beach or in the mountains, and be with our families. We are also fairly certain that we'll become crazy dog parents the minute Daisy arrives and spend most of our time playing with her :) After residency, I plan to pursue a career in primary care and geriatrics. I am interested in innovative healthcare delivery models that provide high-value care to our aging population.

Welcome Nick Bianchina!



My name is Nick and I'll be joining the residency program as an HTP intern! I am originally from Geneva, IL and went to Drake University for undergrad and the University of Colorado School of Medicine for medical school. My wife, Kylie and I met in undergrad and got married during medical school. We have a 1.5 year old Corgi named Waffles! In my free time, I am a giant movie fan and watch 3-4 movies a week. I have a goal this year to read 20 books, so I am trying to front load before intern year begins! After residency, I am currently interested in being a medical educator and hospitalist with a focus on QI, patient safety, and diagnostic reasoning alongside the intersection of the humanities and medicine.

Welcome Corinne Camp



My name is Corinne and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Oakley, CA and went to Boise State University for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. I met my best friend five years ago, he is a four-legged black chiweenie named Cosmo. He helped me choose the other love of my life a year later, my husband Garrett. He is a superintendent for a commercial construction company. Most of our family live in Idaho, but we also have siblings in Wyoming, California, and Arizona. In my free time, I enjoy anything outdoors (i.e. backpacking, trail running, mountain biking, skiing)! I like to hangout at local coffee shops and breweries. Also, I enjoy anything that involves great food, especially home cooked meals. I enjoy climbing (mostly bouldering), hiking national parks, eating great food, and making ice cream! After residency, I plan to subspecialize in gastroenterology and would like to practice in a rural/underserved region after fellowship.

Welcome Daniel Carlson!



My name is Daniel and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Glendale, Arizona and went to the University of Arizona for undergrad and the University of Arizona—Tucson for medical school. My mom and brother live in Phoenix along with our adorable pet cats. My dad lives near St. George, Utah. I am excited to share in this upcoming journey with all of them! In my free time, I love being outdoors and doing things like hiking and playing tennis. I also really enjoy cooking and playing games with friends. After residency, I am interested in pursuing a career in general internal medicine, but I am also keeping an open mind about subspecializing!

Welcome Carly Conran



My name is Carly and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Chicago, IL and went to the University of Michigan for undergrad and the University of Illinois for medical school. I have a younger sister (my best friend!) who lives in Manhattan. She's typically more adventurous than I am, and was a big part of why I was inspired to make the move to Colorado. My mom is a teacher and my dad is a superintendent, so I was a nerdy kid who really liked school. I'll be moving to Denver with my boyfriend (John) who is from Los Angeles and also very excited to explore a new city. Fun fact: all four of my grandparents were born in Chicago! I've lived in (or near) Chicago most of my life, and I love going for walks through the city. I typically make a new coffee shop my destination. On weekends, I love seeing stand-up comedy and improv shows. I also listen to a lot of comedians' podcasts. My favorite rotations in medical school were rheumatology and endocrinology. I think I want to do something that involves continuity of care, as well as a mix of inpatient and outpatient. I have done a lot of research involving personalized medicine (specifically genetic epidemiology), and I'm more broadly interested in genomics. I'm excited to explore more specialties!

Welcome Carston Dammann



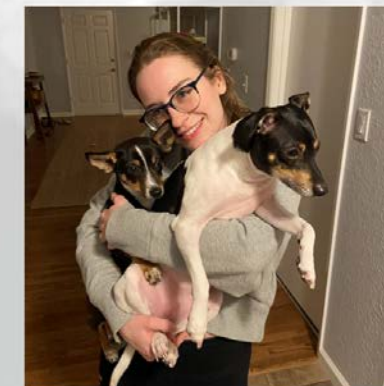
My name is Carston and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Lake City, MN and went to Gustavus Adolphus College for undergrad and Creighton University School of Medicine for medical school. My mom is an adolescent psychologist and my dad was a farmer until about 44 years of age and then went back to school and is now a nurse. I have one younger sister who currently lives in Chicago and works as a business consultant. My fiancé, Anna is getting her PhD in child clinical psychology (getting married on 10/09/21 back in Minnesota), and together we have a little dog named Zeke. In my free time, I do lots of running and racing. I also like outdoor activities including hiking, camping, rock climbing, and gardening. Right now, I'm thinking of either subspecializing in Pulm/Crit or becoming a hospitalist after residency!

Welcome Connor Enright



My name is Connor and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Milwaukee, WI and went to the University of Wisconsin for both undergrad and medical school. My wife Alia, pup Molly and I are so excited to move to Denver! As for the rest of the family, my younger brother is a year behind me at UW's medical school, my younger sister is an engineer in California, and the rest of our family resides in Milwaukee, Chicago and the Twin Cities. In my free time, I enjoy bicycle touring, running, pond hockey, dabbling in cross country skiing, and rooting for the Green Bay Packers & Milwaukee Bucks. After residency, I am planning to pursue primary care as well as obesity/diabetes/ASCVD prevention and management!

Welcome Lizzie Esselman



My name is Lizzie and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Seattle, WA and went to Whitman College for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. I moved out to Colorado with my husband (married May 1st!) and our two pups, Betty and Steve. Steve is a puppy and acts the part. Most of my family is in the pacific northwest and they are expected to visit often! In my free time, I love hanging out with my partner/friends/family/dogs, reading books, going to breweries, listening to music/seeing music (when we get to again!), going on walks whilst listening to podcasts (always need new suggestions), eating appetizers, going on weekend adventures, organizing, and watching all the random things on Netflix. After residency, I am not sure what I would like to do, but I enjoy hospitalist medicine, all things liver related, addiction medicine, the integration of humanities and medicine, and working with under resourced folks!

Welcome Stephen Ferraro!



My name is Stephen and I'll be joining the residency program as an HTP intern! I am originally from Spokane, WA and went to the University of San Diego for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. I am the youngest sibling from a big family of New Jersey Italians. In my free time, I love doing just about anything that involves friends, the outdoors, and fermented beverages! After residency, I am interested in pursuing critical care, medical education, FOAM, POCUS, and chasing zebras.

Welcome Cristina Fischer!



My name is Cristina and I'll be joining the residency program as an HTP intern! I was born in New Berlin, WI and went to the University of Wisconsin—Madison for both undergrad and medical school. I grew up living with a very large family—my parents, one set of grandparents, 4 other brothers and sisters, and two dogs. It was chaotic, but so much fun! In my free time, I enjoy hiking, reading, trying new recipes by Half Baked Harvest, and being outdoors with my high energy black lab, Maci! Right now, I am very interested in hospitalist medicine, but GI and Cardiology also spark my interest. I also think I will integrate palliative care and quality improvement research into whatever specialty I end up doing!

Welcome Beret Fitzgerald!



My name is Beret and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Glencoe, MN and went to Carleton College for undergrad and the University of Minnesota for medical school. I grew up on an organic grain farm in Minnesota where my family still farms. In my free time, I like to be outside exploring! I enjoy skiing, backpacking, and climbing. Like many people during Covid, I've been baking more and have been learning about how to bake at altitude! Right now I am not sure what I'd like to do in medicine. I really enjoy the variety of internal medicine so will probably be a generalist, but I'm very open to being persuaded!

Welcome Sam Fountain!



My name is Sam and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I was born in Boulder, CO, but moved to Worcester, MA when I was 1. I went to the University of Massachusetts—Amherst for both undergrad and medical school. My parents are retired and live on the east coast. I have 1 brother who is a public defense attorney in the Bay Area, CA. I'll be moving to Colorado with my dog/best friend, Yoshi who is a 1.5 year old Shiba Inu! In my free time, I love hiking and camping, and cannot wait to explore Colorado on my bike. I also cannot say no to a good documentary or superhero movie. After residency, I am hoping to pursue a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, although other interests of mine include Hospital Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and QI!

Welcome Ally Fuher



My name is Ally and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Brooklyn Park, MN and with the University of Minnesota Twin Cities for both undergrad and medical school. I am from a larger family and we love our goof Yellow Labrador (Mylo), road trips to Glacier, Vikings games on Sundays (Skol!), cooking NYT recipes that are completely out of our wheelhouse, and lately, the Exploding Kittens card game! In my free time, I enjoy just about anything outdoors: backpacking, canoeing, cross country skiing, you name it! I also love playing guitar, soccer, fostering dogs, and cooking dinners for my friends (usually involving the Instapot). After residency, I am interested in working as a hospitalist and also pursuing a subspecialty fellowship in Pulmonary/Critical Care or Cardiology. I am really excited to explore this further during residency and further develop my skills as a clinical educator and advocate for health equity!

Welcome Kellen Gil



My name is Kellen and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from St. Marys, KS and went to Washburn University for undergrad and the University of Kansas Medical Center for medical school. Most of my family lives in Kansas around the Topeka/Lawrence area. I have one older sister and am fortunate enough to have three amazing nieces all under the age of 5! I would say my two biggest hobbies currently are rock climbing and painting. I am SUPER excited to be in Denver because of all the climbing opportunities, and hope I will find some people to teach me even more about climbing. I really picked up painting a lot more during the pandemic, and stick with acrylics since they are cheaper and I'm not that great yet! Clinically speaking, I came into medical school thinking I would really enjoy hematology/oncology, and all of my experiences during medical school affirmed that is the area I want to eventually practice. It can be a difficult field at times, but also one I find to be both immensely meaningful and intellectually challenging!

Welcome Jason Gilbert



My name is Jason and I'll be joining the residency program as an HTP intern! I am from Santa Cruz, CA and went to UC Santa Barbara for undergrad and Albert Einstein College of Medicine for medical school. My partner, Briana is a 2nd year PhD student at CU-Boulder studying Biochemistry, and she recently got a new kitten named Lily! Briana is currently trying to teach Lily how to go for walks and how not to eat houseplants, but it seems like neither of the plans are going that well. In my free time, I love playing beach volleyball ("sand volleyball" for the non-coastal states). Denver even has two great indoor sand volleyball facilities to play during the winter! I also enjoy cooking, reading memoirs, and watching Steph Curry shoot a basketball (will be a lot easier now that I'll be closer to the West Coast time zone). Clinically speaking, right now I'm thinking I'd like to be an academic/teaching hospitalist! Although I am still keeping an open mind since specialties like Heme/Onc and Pulm/Crit also sound pretty cool!

Welcome Kira Grush



My name is Kira and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Boulder, CO and went to Colorado College for undergrad and the University of Colorado School of Medicine for medical school. My husband, Kyle McDaniel, and I matched into CU IM together. We have a six-year-old pup named Noelle who we adore. Both of our families are from Colorado and we feel lucky to be close to them! In my free time, I enjoy doing things for my body, mind, and spirit. For the bod: wakeboarding, weightlifting, running, and hiking. For the mind: board games, D&D, birding, and reading fantasy. For the spirit: paining, playing piano, and cheering on the Rockies! After residency, I am thinking about pursuing Interventional Cardiology! I come from a family with a long history of CVD, so I have a personal connection to the field. I also love procedures and am a big fan of the physics of the heart. Regardless of specialty, though, I know I want to care for the urban underserved and am completely jazzed about the opportunity to continue working at Denver Health!

Welcome Kayla Gu!



My name is Kayla and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am originally from China and went to the University of Chicago for undergrad and UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine for medical school. My dad still lives in China doing business, while my mom is in Georgia doing things with Bitcoin. My sister makes films and is hoping to go to Germany. My husband works in public defense and is a Benin prince! In my free time, I love playing video games (PS, Xbox), Virtual Reality games (Beat Saber, half-life Alyx), and this fun Werewolf game! After residency, I am interested in opening primary care clinics in areas where they are limited or are not currently established.

Welcome Josh Ho!



My name is Josh and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from San Ramon, California and went to the University of California—Berkeley for undergrad and the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania for medical school. I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area where my parents and younger sister live. My girlfriend is based in San Francisco, but often works remotely and is excited to get to know Colorado. My friends are scattered around the country and the rest of my family is in LA, London, and Hong Kong. In my free time, I love being outside whenever I can! In particular, climbing, backpacking, volleyball (+indoor), and studying reptiles/amphibians. I also enjoy checking out good food, drinks, movies, and music with friends. After residency, I am considering general internal medicine vs. subspecialty medicine (pulmonary/critical care or infectious diseases). I took a year off to pursue an MBA focused on my interests in innovation, technology, and value for underserved populations, and am excited to use this in my practice!

Welcome James Jurica



My name is James and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Houston, TX and went to the University of St. Thomas for undergrad and Baylor College of Medicine for medical school. I come from a large, but close-knit family (I am the 5th of 8 kids). Most of my family still lives in Houston, except for my older brother John, who lives in Denver! So far, we have 3 engineers, a psychologist, a CPA, a Biochemist, and a physician in my immediate family. In my free time, I tend to pick up hobbies sporadically. The constants though are exercising, playing music, and finding good food. I enjoy running, hiking, skiing, biking, basically anything outdoors, and play piano pretty regularly. Although I was classically trained, I most enjoy playing by ear and improvising. After residency, I would like to specialize in Heme/Onc, but am considering the possibility of working as a Hospitalist. I really enjoy the physician-patient interaction in Heme/Onc and am fascinated by the constant progress in medical understanding/treatment options for different malignancies. My other interest is in hospital admin. I enjoy learning about the strategy, operations, and quality improvement initiatives at different hospitals. In the future, I hope to use my MBA in an administrative role to improve quality and access to care.

Welcome Katarina Leyba



My name is Katarina and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Rio Rancho, NM and went to the University of New Mexico for both undergrad and medical school. My husband, Ryan and I have two dogs (Regan and Jefferson) and a cat (Winston). We are all really excited to move to Colorado! In my free time, I love playing sports and watching live sports (go KC Chiefs!). I also enjoy concerts, sushi, craft beer, board games, and binge-watching Friends. After residency, I am interested in pursuing Cardiology, Hospital Medicine, or some other subspecialty!

Welcome Irvin Ma



My name is Irvin and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Reno, Nevada and went to the University of Nevada—Reno for both undergrad and medical school. I was born and raised in Reno where my family still lives. I recently moved to Colorado with my partner who just finished her pediatric residency in Los Angeles. In my free time, I am a huge NBA and boxing fan. I also love music, so you'll usually see me with my iPod. Clinically, I have an early interest in GI and medical education!

Welcome Molly McCallum!



My name is Molly and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I was born in St. Louis, MO and went to Boston College for undergrad and Emory University for medical school. I have a brother and two sisters, none of whom are in medicine. My parents just retired and moved to the desert on a whim. I am coming to Denver with my partner, Brandon! In my free time, I love to read and watch TV (if I'm being honest), hike, and doing anything that gets me outside. After residency, I am currently interested in Critical Care and Infectious Disease, but am open to other possibilities!

Welcome Kyle McDaniel



My name is Kyle and I'll be joining the residency program as an HTP intern! I am from Littleton, CO and went to the University of Colorado School of Medicine for both undergrad and medical school. I'm the oldest of five children, and my wife (Kira Grush) is also an intern in the program! We have the world's best pup, Noelle, who splits her time between our place and my in-laws. In my free time, I enjoy hiking 14ers, climbing, D&D, playing guitar badly, baking a good loaf, and singing in the shower. After residency, I would like to be a hospitalist and do work in medical education!

Welcome Marita Meyer



My name is Marita and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am originally from Pretoria, South Africa and went to UCLA for undergrad and UC San Diego for medical school. My parents and two younger siblings currently live in Clovis, CA and I'll be joined in Denver by my feline friend Penny Lane. In my free time, I like to spend as much time outside as I can whether it be camping, hiking, biking, playing tennis, or hanging out at a local park. I'm also a huge music fan and avid pre-covid concertgoer (hopefully soon again, can't wait to catch my first show at the legendary Red Rocks!) After residency, I am considering fellowship in heme/onc, pulm/crit, or palliative care!

Welcome Rahul Mohan!



My name is Rahul and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Nashville, TN and went to Emory University for undergrad and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center for medical school. My parents were born in South India and came to the US in their 20s. My mom is a programmer and my dad and older brother are small business owners in the healthcare field. They are all based in Nashville! My significant other, Priya, is a Ped's resident at CU and a Colorado native! In my free time, I love to play and watch sports (basketball, tennis, football, and soccer), hike, ski, lift weights, travel, but most importantly eat dessert. Clinically, I am primarily interested in GI, but am also considering Pulmonary Critical Care or hospitalist medicine!

Welcome Taís Moreira Protasio



My name is Tais and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and went to the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro for both for undergrad and medical school. I come from a very big and musical family, and am the youngest of three siblings. I am married to Daniel, a Brazilian guy who grew up in the US, and we have our cat Queijo, who we adopted in Rio. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, cooking and baking, and being outside whenever I can. I love going to the beach, hiking, and traveling. I like to play tennis, try out new board games, and watch sports. After residency, I want to be a general internist, as I like both hospitalist medicine and primary care. I am interested in working with the underserved populations, health equity, high-value care, and integrative medicine.

Welcome Alex Paap!



My name is Alex and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I was born in Highlands Ranch, CO and went to the University of Virginia for both undergrad and medical school. Most of my extended family lives in Colorado, and it will be really nice to have them nearby! In my free time, I love playing and watching hockey (I am an avid Avs fan!), golfing, watching soccer, playing piano and guitar, skiing, and spending time outdoors. Clinically, I am passionate about primary care!

Welcome Vivek Patel



My name is Vivek and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Shawnee, KS and went to the University of Kansas for both undergrad and medical school. My family is spread out mainly through the KC and St. Louis area. My parents, older brother and one aunt are in KC, and my dad's other sisters and nieces are in St. Louis. We all usually get together 2-3 times a year to travel and hang out. We're hoping to make up for lost traveling time due to the pandemic in the next several years! In my free time, I enjoy tennis, staying active outdoors, staying inactive indoors browsing Reddit, watching Chiefs games, fantasy football/basketball, and finding the best new shows on streaming services. After residency, I am interested in heme/onc, and I'd definitely like to be in a position where I can work with students, residents and fellows!

Welcome Andrew Pham



My name is Andrew and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Aurora, CO and went to the University of Denver for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. My family still lives in SE Aurora. I have two younger siblings (each 6 years apart!), a brother in undergrad at CU Boulder and a sister who's a freshman in high school. In my free time, I enjoy climbing (mostly bouldering), hiking national parks, eating great food, and making ice cream! After residency, I am considering becoming a hospitalist or pursuing fellowship, but am unsure in which subspecialty.

Welcome Karan Rai!



My name is Karan and I'll be joining the residency program as a HTP intern! I am from Columbus, OH and went to The Ohio State University for undergrad and Dartmouth for medical school. My wife and I met in college and are recently married. She is a nurse and has been so supportive of my path in medicine! In my free time, I'm a big sports fan (particularly college and professional football), and an avid supporter of the Buckeyes on Saturdays and my fantasy football team on Sundays. I also enjoy reading, exploring new restaurants, bars, and breweries, and spending time with family and friends. Clinically, I am interested in inpatient specialties and strongly considering Pulmonary Critical Care. Additionally, my interests include health services and outcomes research, quality improvement, health system leadership, and entrepreneurship.

Welcome Tyler Reese



My name is Tyler and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Cleveland, Ohio and went to The Ohio State University for undergrad and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine for medical school. I am the youngest in a family of lawyers who love to travel, rock out to Fleetwood Mac, and passionately debate which board game to play. In my free time, I am a dedicated student of America's Test Kitchen and love trying out new recipes, dishes for dinner parties and potlucks. I also enjoy exploring the city I live in, discovering new restaurants, bars, and live music venues. Excited to see all that Denver has to offer! Clinically, I am passionate about primary care, public health, LGBTQIA and HIV medicine, mental health, and working with underserved urban populations.

Welcome Nathan Rockey



My name is Nathan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Corvallis, OR and went to Carleton College for undergrad and Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine for medical school. My two, wonderful parents live in Oregon and am fortunate to have two order brothers who have taught me lots! I am excitedly joining my partner, Mel in Denver—she is graduating as a PA from the University of Colorado. In my free time, I love to read and listen to podcasts. Mel and I like to go on walks, throw the Frisbee, and drink coffee. We also LOVE to dog-sit...if anyone with a pup is going out of town, let us know! After residency, I am really excited to be a general internist working to make health care a human right!

Welcome Laura Rodriguez!



My name is Laura and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am originally from the beautiful country of Bogota, Columbia, but have lived in Atlanta, GA since I was 7! I went to the University of Georgia for undergrad and the Medical College of Georgia for medical school. Most of my extended family is still in Columbia so my family and I get to go back and visit every once in a while. My younger sister is graduating from high school this year (woot woot!) and we have a pet Dachshund named Charlie, who is basically our baby brother...definitely the cutest one of the bunch. In my free time, I like doing anything and everything outside! I love being out in nature and soaking up some sunshine. In Augusta, one of my favorite things to do is take walks/runs by the Savannah River. I definitely feel recharged after enjoying a day outdoors. Additionally, I love exploring new restaurants/places, and am always down to go on an adventure! Clinically, I enjoy both inpatient and outpatient medicine. I'm trying to decide between Hospital Medicine versus fellowship (GI, Nephrology, or Heme/Onc). I am also interested in medical education and community service/outreach!

Welcome Savannah Roy



My name is Savannah and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Sea Girt, New Jersey and went to the University of Notre Dame for undergrad and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. I am the second of four children and we all love our crazy hyper golden doodle, Annie! In my free time, I love doing Pilates, running, hiking, and reading. I am unsure what exactly I'd like to do after residency, but I am interested in Hematology / Oncology. I envision my career focusing on global health and teaching!

Welcome Jenny Santos!



My name is Jenny and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Baltimore, Maryland and went to Wake Forest University for undergrad and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville for medical school. I'm moving to Colorado with an awesome support system—my fiancé, Jordan and my cat, Mac. The rest of my family still lives in Maryland, but they are very excited to visit Colorado! In my free time, I love to run, bike, garden, and drink beer! The picture above is from a hike on my first visit to Colorado 3 years ago, and I felt at home right away. I'm thrilled that I'll be surrounded by down to earth colleagues who also enjoy the outdoors! Clinically, I'm interested in Heme/Onc, Immunology, and health equity. I'm keeping an open-mind because I find almost everything in medicine to be interesting (I'm a nerd, I know)!

Welcome Katlyn Sawyer



My name is Katlyn and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Rochester, Indiana and went to Rollins College for undergrad and Indiana University School of Medicine for medical school. My parents just recently moved to Westfield, Indiana and it has been nice to have them close by the past year. I have one sibling, a younger brother named Jackson who is finishing up his senior year at IU! I have played volleyball my entire life, and I love to do anything outdoors. I usually enjoy traveling, but haven't been able to do much of that the past year due to COVID. I was able to try sailing for the first time though, a fun and socially distanced activity! After residency, I am interested Heme / Onc or Endocrinology, as well as physician advocacy and health policy.

Welcome Nikhil Shamapant



My name is Nikhil and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Austin, TX and went to Rice University for undergrad and Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai for medical school. My sister is starting PA school this year, and my parents are in finance and speech pathology. We love to watch movies and hang with Mia, our adorable dog. In my free time, I love long walks, reading fantasy fiction (just started 3 Body Problem), and am teaching myself investing. I am really looking forward to exploring the brewery scene in Colorado! Clinically, I like thinking about cardiac problems, especially arrhythmias, but I am also interested in critical care and public health!

Welcome Nicole Shammass!



My name is Nicole and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Indianapolis, IN and went to Purdue University for undergrad and Indiana University School of Medicine for medical school. My family is half Middle Eastern, half Cuban and loves cooking. I'm a typical middle child with 2 older and 2 younger siblings. We love dogs, and between all of my siblings we have 7 dogs! In my free time, I enjoy painting, tennis, and playing piano. After residency, I am interested in teaching and research, and am also considering the possibility of fellowship in GI/Hepatology or Cardiology!

Welcome Victoria Stoffers



My name is Victoria and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Sugar Land, TX and went to UCLA for undergrad and the University of Michigan for medical school. I grew up outside of Houston, TX but spent lots of time visiting Colorado over the years with my family, particularly Vail where my parents now live. My significant other and I couples matched to the University of Colorado and we are thrilled to be in Denver for residency! Also excited to make the move to Denver are our 2 cats, Tux & Beau, who we adopted during the pandemic. In my free time, I love to dance whenever and wherever I can! I was a ballerina growing up and still love all kinds of dance. I also love downhill skiing and hiking, and recently started taking up cross country skiing. When I'm not enjoying the outdoors I'm usually playing with my cats (who have learned to play fetch!) or trying to dress them up in sports jerseys or sweaters. After residency, I am not entirely sure just yet, but I think I'd love being a hospitalist!

Welcome Benjamin Titus



My name is Benjamin and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Bellevue, WA and went to Gonzaga University for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. I couples-matched with my fiancé, Marisa Wickerath, who will be joining St. Joseph's Family Medicine Residency. I always like to share that she was the 2011 Ellensburg Rodeo Princess. My family is otherwise back in WA. They put up with my unhealthy archery addiction, even when my arrows miss and go into the kitchen. In my free time, I enjoy archery, road biking, and backpacking! After residency, I am interested in pursuing Cardiology.

Welcome Rebecca Unterborn



My name is Rebecca and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Marblehead, MA and went to Lehigh University for undergrad and Temple University for medical school. My family is amazing. We have a 50/50 split with doctors (my dad and now me!) and nurses (my mom and soon to be my sister!). I also have a boyfriend (not in medicine) who is moving to Denver with me, and we are so excited to explore this new city together! My favorite thing to do in my free time is hang out with my friends and family. I also love to cook/bake, work out/be active, and travel/explore new places. After residency, I'm probably most interested in infectious disease and also like nephrology and endocrinology, but want to keep my options open as I learn/see more in residency!

Welcome Bang Zheng



My name is Bang and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Seattle, WA and went to the University of Washington for both undergrad and medical school. I am married with no kids, but I do have 7 guinea pigs! In my free time, I enjoy watching baseball, reading novels, and hiking. After residency, I am considering going into hospitalist medicine or primary care!

Welcome Jess Zhu



My name is Jess and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Cottonwood Heights, UT and went to Boston College for undergrad and the University of Utah School of Medicine for medical school. First and most importantly is my quarantine puppy/running buddy, Lucille moving with me to Denver. Give her a chicken nugget and she'll love you forever. Next is my (angel) mom, dad (who skis 100+ days/year), 2 younger twin siblings, Alex and Angela (who gang up on me and keep me humble), and a strong group of ladies. In my free time, I like to run some, and eat a lot (especially chips)! After residency, I am interested in pursuing Palliative Care/ Oncology.

Welcome Frankie Zirille



My name is Frankie and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Fort Wayne, Indiana and went to Indiana University for both undergrad and medical school. My wife, Ali and I recently got married on May 7th! We both are from Indiana and met on a cruise ship while we were in undergrad. We both come from big families (I'm one of 4 and she's one of 6) with brothers and sisters all over the country! In my free time, I am an outdoor enthusiast. I enjoy hiking, backpacking, snowboarding, cycling and running. My bucket list includes hiking in each of the U.S. National Parks, which has been a little hard to do coming from Indiana. I have always had a love for sports both as an athlete playing soccer and as a fan (Notre Dame Football and Indiana Basketball). Ali and I also love trying new foods, listening to live music, traveling, and exploring new places. Right now I am interested in a career in cardiology after residency. I also hope to use my MBA to be involved in hospital/practice leadership down the road. I have a particular interest in healthcare technologies and innovation!