2023 Student Profiles



Andrew Adeyiga

Medical School: University Of Central Florida College Of Medicine

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: Florida International University

Expected year of Graduation: 2026

Major(s): Biological Sciences and Natural and Applied Sciences

Preceptor: Miho Tanaka, MD, PhD; August Mazzocca, MD

Junior Preceptor(s): Nikitha Crasta Department: Orthopaedic Surgery



Enock Arthur

Medical School: Frank H. Netter MD School Of Medicine At Quinnipiac University

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: Montclair State University

Major(s): Biochemistry Year of Graduation: 2021

Preceptor: Sagar Nigwekar, MBBS, MD **Department:** Medicine Nephrology



Zoe Barinaga

Undergraduate Institution: University of Florida

Major(s): Biomedical Engineering

Minor(s): Al Fundamentals and Applications

Year of Graduation: 2023

Preceptor: Michael Talkowski, PhD Junior Preceptor: Serkan Erdin, PhD Department: Center for Genomic Medicine



Joshua Carreras

Medical School: Georgetown University School of Medicine Washington, DC

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026 Undergraduate Institution: Vassar College

Major(s): Cognitive Science Year of Graduation: 2020

Preceptor(s): Charles "Hank" Adelman, Ph; David Fisher, MD, PhD

Department: Dermatology



Neian Contreras-Alvarado

Medical School: University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: University of Puerto, Rio Piedras Campus

Major(s): Interdisciplinary Studies on Natural Sciences

Year of Graduation: 2022

Preceptor: Timothy Padera, MD, PhD

Junior Preceptors(s): Meghan O'Melia, PhD; Pinji Lei, PhD

Department: Radiation Oncology



Angelique de Rouen

Undergraduate Institution: Yale University

Major(s): Neuroscience Minor(s): French

Year of Graduation: 2024

Preceptor: Jonathan Rosand, MD, MSc **Junior Preceptor:** Alice Lam, Md, PhD

Department: Neurology



Ana Elise Dornbusch

Medical School: Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Texas Tech El Paso

Expected year of Graduation: 2026 Undergraduate

Institution: St. Mary's University

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s): Chemistry and Music Year of Graduation: 2022 Preceptor: Karen Miller, MD

Junior Preceptor: Jennifer Thomas, PhD; Madhusmita Misra, MD, MPH

Department: Medicine, Pediatric Endocrinology



Maria Florentin

Medical School: Indiana University School of Medicine

Expected year of Graduation: 2026

Graduate School Institutions: Johns Hopkins University

Major(s): M.S. in Biotechnology, Concentration in Regenerative & Stem Cell Technologies

Year of Graduation: 2022

Undergraduate Institution: University of Richmond

Major(s): Chemistry

Minor(s): Business Administration Year of Graduation: 2019

Preceptor: Russel w. Jenkins, MD, PhD **Junior Preceptor**: Hongyan Xie, PhD

Department: Cancer Center



Adela Francis Malave

Medical School: University Of Pennsylvania Perelman School Of Medicine

Expected year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Major(s): Biology, Cellular and Molecular

Year of Graduation: 2020 Preceptor: Julie Price, PhD Junior Preceptor: Jessie Fu, PhD

Department: Radiology



Ome Garcia

Undergraduate Institution: San Jose State University

Major(s): Psychology Minor(s): Chemistry Year of Graduation: 2018

Preceptor: Paolo Cassano, MD, PhD

Junior Preceptor: Aura Hurtado Puerto, MD

Department: Psychiatry



Jarius Garner

Medical School: Morehouse School of Medicine

Expected year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: Howard University

Major(s): Biology Minor(s): Chemistry Year of Graduation: 2022

Preceptor: Gavin Dunn, MD, PhD **Department:** Neurosurgery



Nikolina Hanniford

Undergraduate Institution: Howard University

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s): Chemistry and Psychology

Year of Graduation: 2024 Preceptor: Lydia Shook, MD

Junior Preceptor: Kalpana Acharya, BAMS, PhD

Department: Obstetrics and Gynecology



Deborah Chiamaka Ijebuonwu

Medical School: Morehouse School of Medicine

Expected year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: Cornell University Major(s): Human Biology, Health, and Society

Year of Graduation: 2020

Preceptor(s): Ariel Louis Miller; Seun Johnson-Akeju, MD

Junior Preceptor: Timothy Houle, PhD

Department: Anesthesia Critical Care and Pain Medicine



Jihra James

Undergraduate Institution: Langston University

Major(s): Chemistry
Minor(s): Psychology
Year of Graduation: 2024

Preceptors: Mark Poznansky, MD, PhD; Fatma Dogan, PhD, MSC

Department: Medicine, Infectious Disease (Vaccine And Immunology Center)



Parker Jones

Undergraduate Institution: Brandeis University

Major(s): Biology and Health: Science, Society and Policy

Year of Graduation: 2024 Preceptor: Ebru Oral, PhD

Junior Preceptor: Amita Sekar, PhD

Department: Center for Skeletal Research - Orthopaedic Surgery



Kelvin Jones Ikems

Undergraduate Institution: University of Texas, Dallas

Major(s): Psychology Minor(s): Chemistry Year of Graduation: 2022

Preceptor: Vibha Singhal, MD, MBBS Junior Preceptor: Ishita Jindal, MBBS

Department: Pediatrics



William V. McTeigue

Undergraduate Institution: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Major(s): Biological Engineering Minor(s): Computer Science

Expected Year of Graduation: 2025

Undergraduate Institution: University of New Mexico, Los Alamos

Major(s): EMT Basic-Lab, EMS System Robotics

Year of Graduation: 2021

Preceptor: Kenneth Shelton, MD, PhD **Junior Preceptor:** Kelly Tankard, MD

Department: Anesthesia Critical Care and Pain Medicine



Omar Morales Rosario

Medical School: University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus

Expected year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

Major(s): Cellular and Molecular Biology

Year of Graduation: 2022

Preceptor: John O. Hwabejire, MBBS, MPH

Junior Preceptor(s): Emanuele Lagazzi, MD; May Abiad, MD

Department: Surgery, Trauma Surgery



Emmanuel Odekunle

Medical School: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Expected year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: New Jersey Institute of Technology

Major(s): Biology

Year of Graduation: 2022

Preceptor: Asishana Osho, MD, MPH **Department:** Surgery, Cardiovascular Surgery



Bianca Ortiz Diaz

Undergraduate Institution: Wesleyan University Major(s): Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Expected Year of Graduation: 2024 Preceptor: Benjamin Medoff, MD, PhD Junior Preceptor: Ingo Ganzleben, MD

Department: Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care



Yael Quiles Ramirez

Medical School: University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences

Expected year of Graduation: 2026

Graduate Institution: Northwestern University

Major(s): Science in Law, Health Medicine, and Life Sciences

Year Graduation: 2022

Undergraduate Institution: University of Puerto Rico, Aguadilla Campus

Year of Graduation: 2021

Major(s): Biology with concentration in Biomedical Sciences

Preceptor: Jason Roh, MD, MHS Junior Preceptor: Abhilasha Singh, PhD Department: Medicine, Cardiology



Yoselin Rios-Saldivar

Undergraduate Institution: Smith College

Major(s): Psychology

Expected Year of Graduation: 2024 **Preceptor:** Artur Indzhykulian, MD, PhD

Junior Preceptor: Pedro De la Torre Marquez, PhD Department: Otolaryngology, Mass Eye and Ear



Cesar Rubio Ramos

Medical School: University of Connecticut, School of Medicine

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

Major(s): Biological Sciences Year of Graduation: 2022

Preceptor: Juan Manuel Gonzalez-Rosa, PhD **Junior Preceptor:** Miriam Fernandez-Lajarin

Department: Medicine, Cardiology - Cardiovascular Research Center



Patricia Sanchez Oriver

Undergraduate Institution: University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Major(s): Molecular and Cellular Biology

Minor(s): Medical Humanities Expected Year of Graduation: 2024 Preceptors: Elaine Yu, MD, MMSc

Department: Center for Skeletal Research, Medicine - Endocrinology



Carol Sanchez Santana

Medical School: San Juan Bautista School of Medicine

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: Bay Path University Longmeadow

Major(s): Medical Science Year of Graduation: 2019

Preceptor: Kori Saucer Zachrison, MD, MSC

Department: Emergency Medicine



Kiara Stanifer

Medical School: SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026

Graduate Institution: Relay Graduate School of Education **Graduate Major(s):** Master of Art of Teaching and Biology **Undergraduate Institution:** University of California, Los Angeles

Year of Graduation: 2022

Major(s): Human Biology and Society with Medicine & Public Health

Year of Graduation: 2019

Preceptor: Anne Eden Evins, MD, MPH **Junior Preceptor:** Gladys Pachas, MD

Department: Psychiatry



Juliana Tapia

Undergraduate Institution: Barnard College

Major(s): Neuroscience & Behavior

Minor(s): Spanish & Latin American Cultures

Year of Graduation: 2023

Preceptor: Leonora Balaj, PhD; Bob Carter, MD, PhD **Junior Preceptor:** Syeda Maheen Batool, MD

Department: Neurosurgery



Victoria Turnier

Undergraduate Institution: Denison University

Major(s): Health, Exercise & Sports Studies, and Global Health

Expected Year of Graduation: 2024 **Preceptor:** Abner Louissaint, MD, PhD

Department: Pathology



Jerome Watts

Medical School: Howard University College of Medicine

Expected Year of Graduation: 2025

Undergraduate Institution: Haverford College

Major(s): Biology Minor(s): Health Studies Year of Graduation: 2017 Preceptor(s): Efren Flores, MD

Junior Preceptor(s): Gary Wang, MD, PhD

Department: Radiology



Carey Williams

Medical School: The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026

Undergraduate Institution: Tougaloo College

Major(s): Biology

Year of Graduation: 2022

Preceptor(s): Margaret Samuels-Kalow, MD, MPhil, MSHP

Junior Preceptor(s): Rama Salhi, MD, MHS, MSC

Department: Emergency Medicine