

2022-23 MSTP Students by Year in Program

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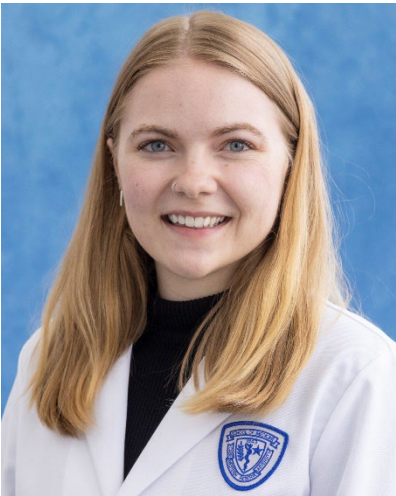
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Massachusetts – Boston



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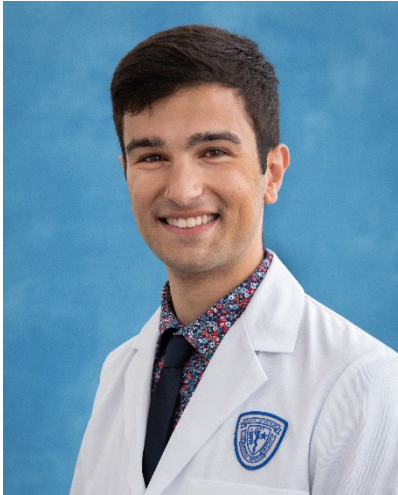
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Boston University of Maryland



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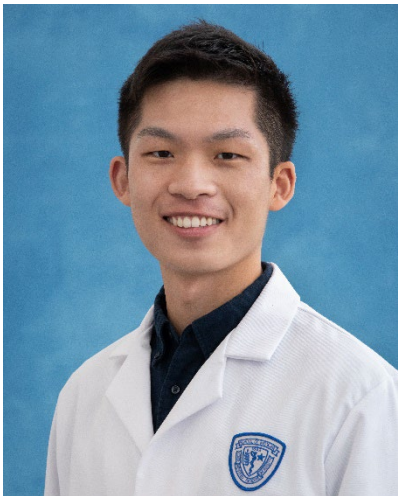
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: The Ohio State University



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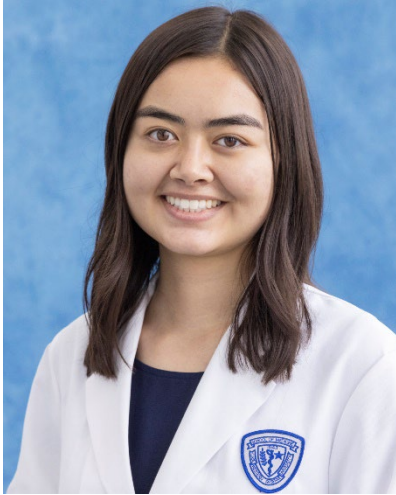
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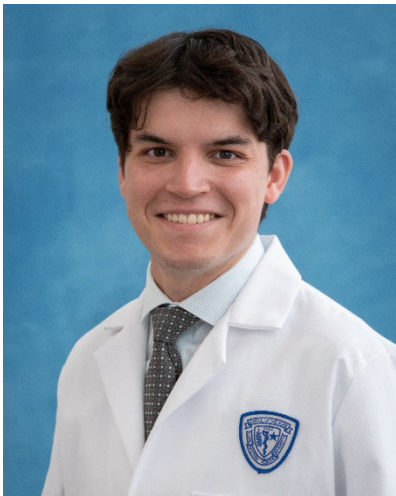
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Research Topic: Undecided

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Research Topic: Undecided

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Research Topic: Undecided

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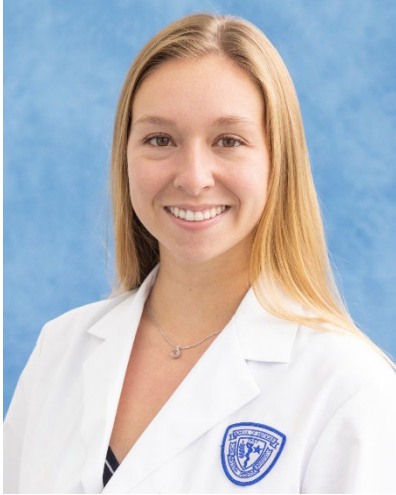
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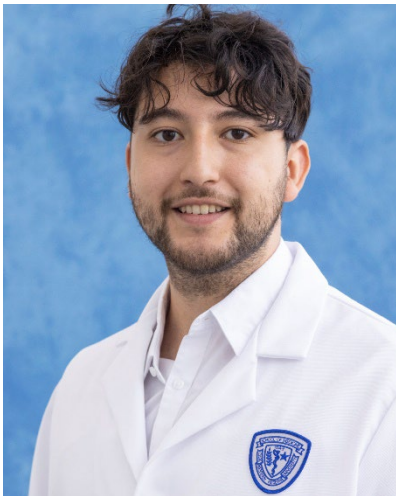
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Undergrad: College of William & Mary



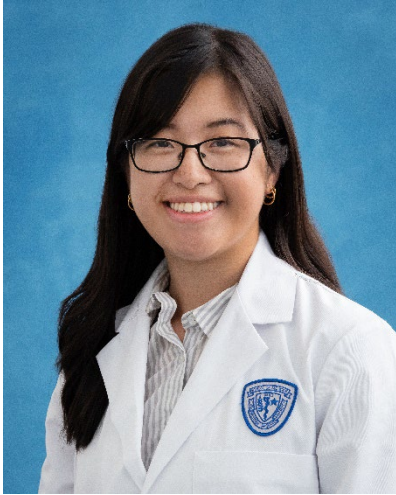
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Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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Research Topic: Undecided
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Brown University



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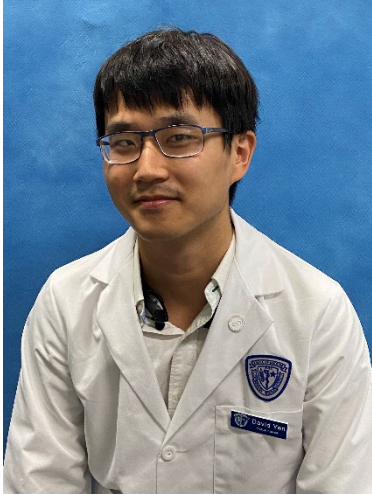
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Arizona State University



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PhD Program: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University

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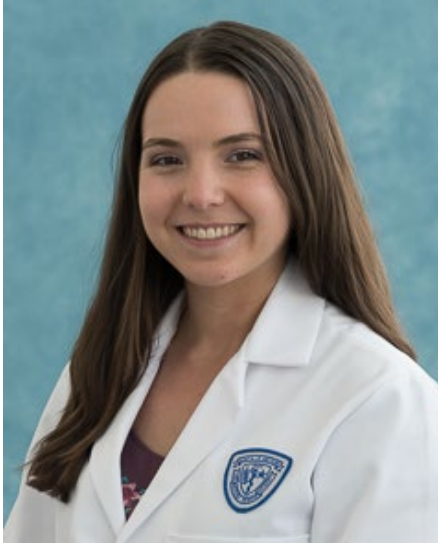
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Research Topic: Undecided

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PhD Program: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Pittsburgh



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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Carleton College



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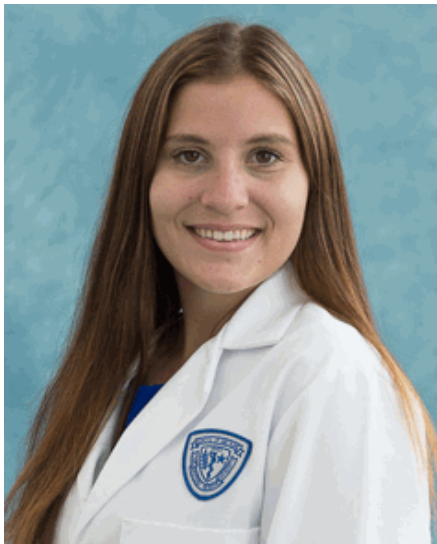
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Harvard University



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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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PhD Program: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Washington and Lee University



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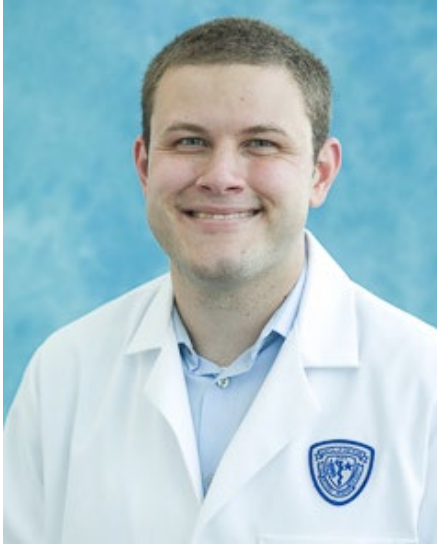
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Washington



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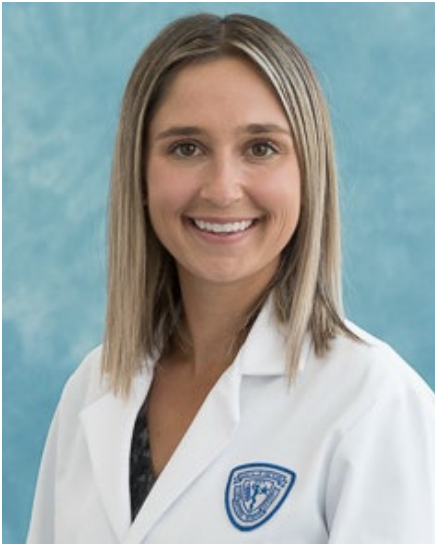
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Research Topic: Undecided

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PhD Program: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Richmond



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PhD Program: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Oberlin College



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PhD Program: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of California - Berkeley



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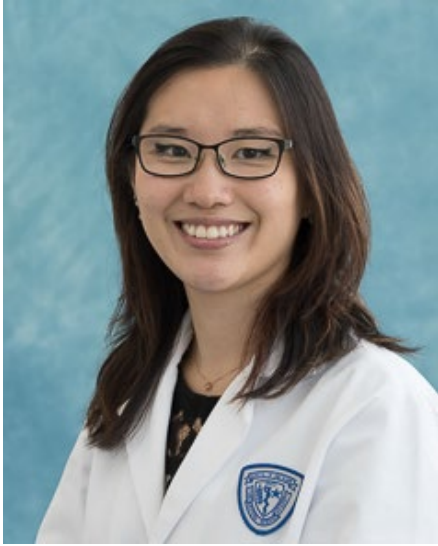
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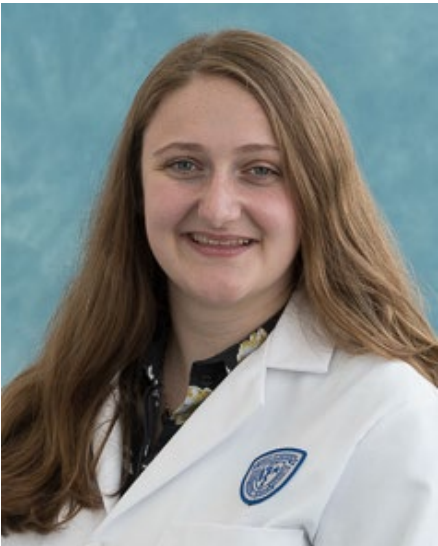
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Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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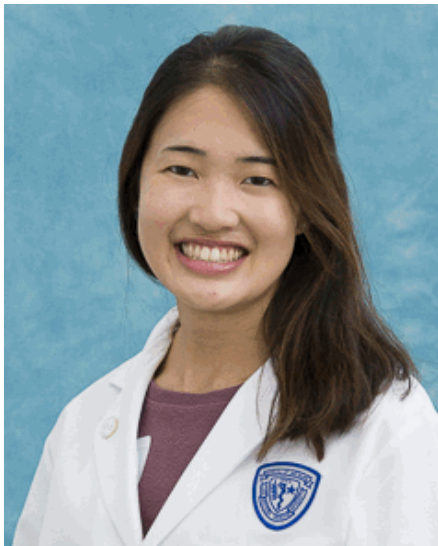
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Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: SUNY Stony Brook



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PhD Program: Undecided
Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: Bryn Mawr College

G1



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Princeton University



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Mentor: Andrew Pieper

PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular & Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill



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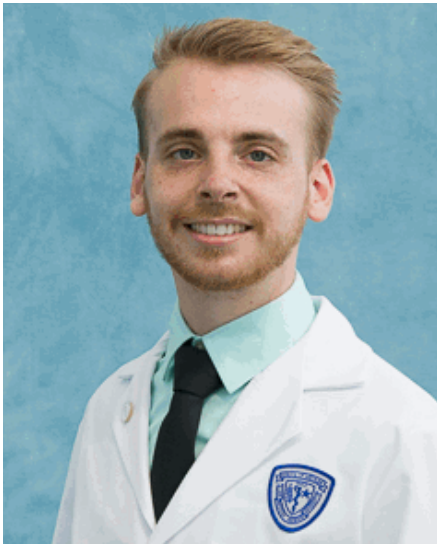
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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PhD Program: Immunology

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Pittsburgh



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Mentor: Ruth Keri

PhD Program: Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of California – Davis



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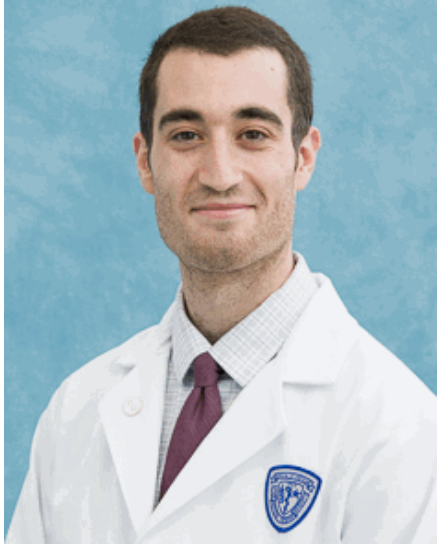
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PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular & Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Maine



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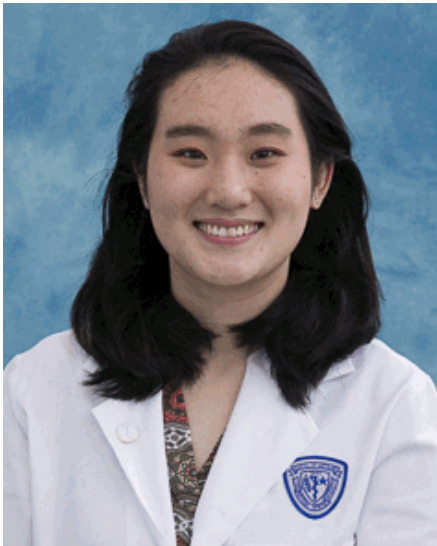
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PhD Program: Clinical Translational Science

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Hamilton College



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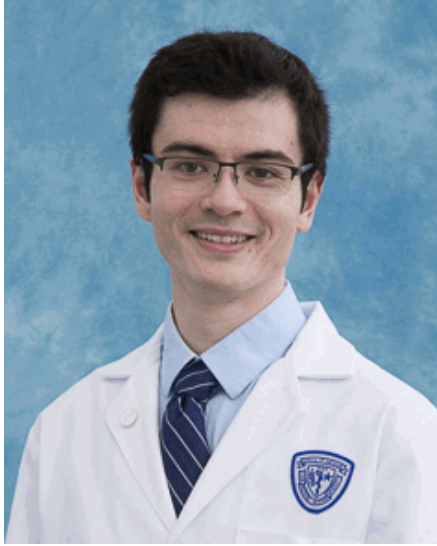
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PhD Program: Immunology

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Franklin & Marshall College



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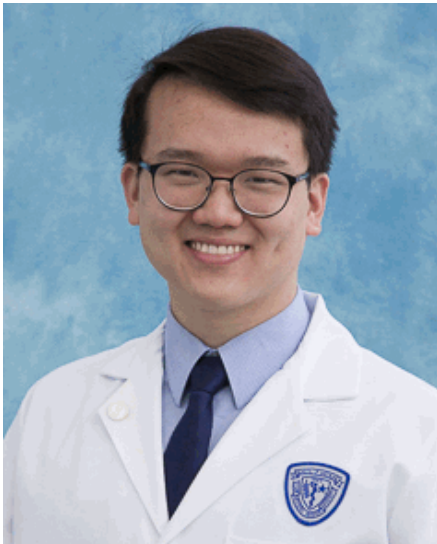
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PhD Program: Cancer Biology

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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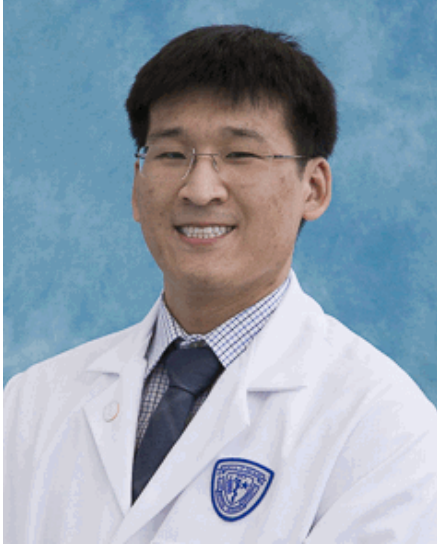
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Mentor: Peter Scacheri

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Yale University



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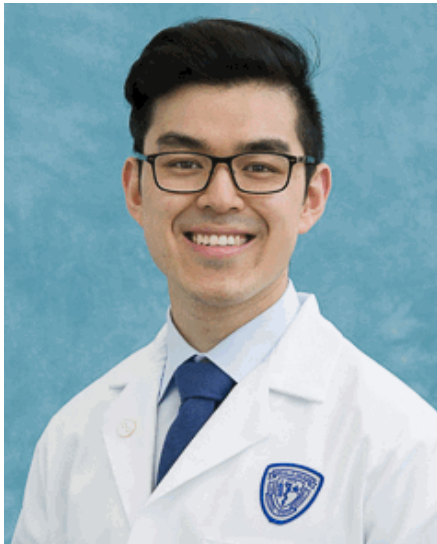
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PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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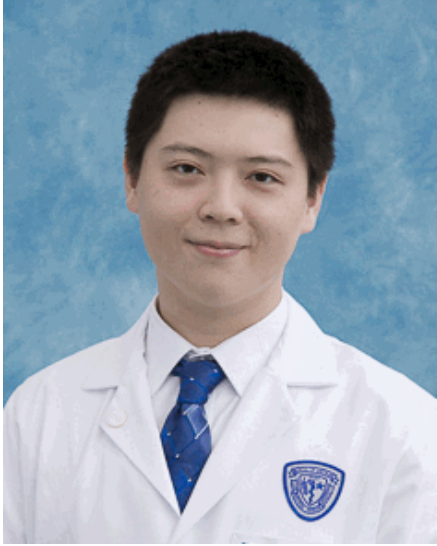
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Mentor: Paul Tesar

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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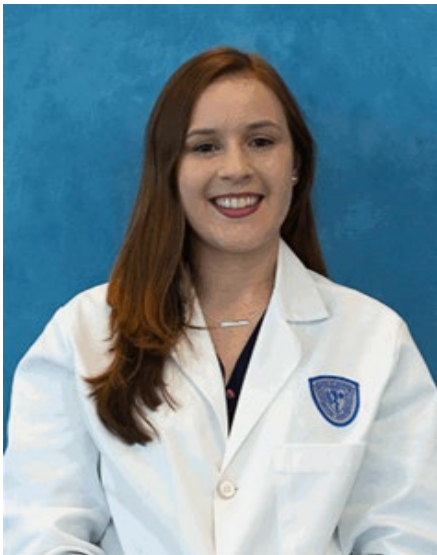
Mentor: Dan Ma

PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University

G2



Alicia Aguilar

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Mentor: Alex Huang

PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: The effects of Piezo1 calcium flux on T cell activation, differentiation, and memory cell development

Undergrad: Oklahoma State University



Sarah Barker

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Mentor: Andrew Pieper

PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: The role of tau acetylation in the increased risk for Alzheimer's disease after traumatic brain injury

Undergrad: Colorado College



Bijoya Basu

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Mentor: Atul Chopra

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: The role of asprosin in anxiety-like behavior

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



Razaq Durodoye

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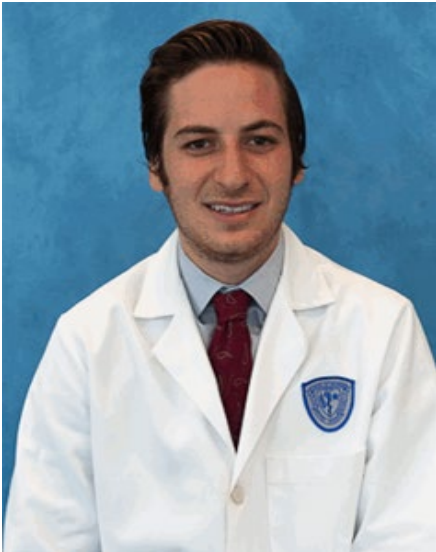
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Mentor: Scott Williams

PhD Program: Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Research Topic: Evaluating ApoE risk variant effect modification due to global and local ancestry in Non-Hispanic African American, Hispanic, and Non-Hispanic White populations in the United States

Undergrad: The University of Texas at Dallas



Daniel Feinberg

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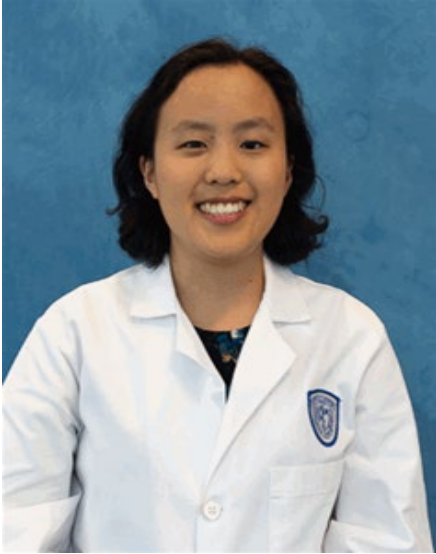
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Mentor: Reshmi Parameswaran

PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Understanding factors regulating NK cell cytotoxicity and improving NK cell adoptive therapy

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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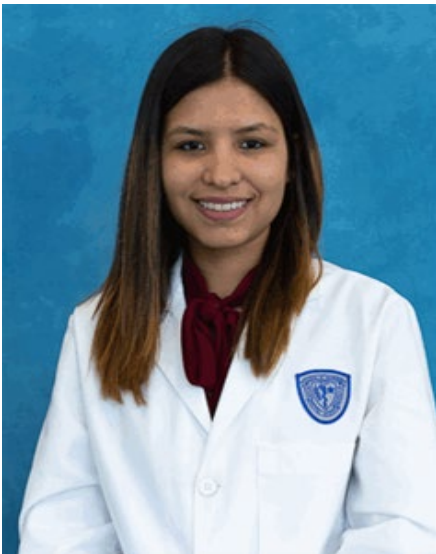
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Mentor: Andrei Maiseyeu

PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

Research Topic: Investigating the use of itaconate for the following: 1) to reduce cholesterol absorption from the gastrointestinal tract, and 2) to modulate inflammation in the setting of multiple sclerosis

Undergrad: Carnegie Mellon University



Natasha Ingles

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Mentor: Ruth Keri

PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology

Research Topic: Elucidating the role of YES1 in taxane-resistant triple negative breast cancer

Undergrad: University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez



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Mentor: Jacob Scott

PhD Program: Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

Research Topic: A novel computational model for predicting drug resistance

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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Mentor: Sudha Chakrapani

PhD Program: Physiology & Biophysics

Research Topic: Understanding the structural mechanisms of glycine receptors expressed during neurodevelopment

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Enteric glial cells drive colorectal cancer progression via epigenomic changes

Undergrad: Princeton University



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Mentor: Thaddeus Stappenbeck

PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Innate immune mechanisms that facilitate *Debagomyces hansenii* persistence

Undergrad: Vassar College



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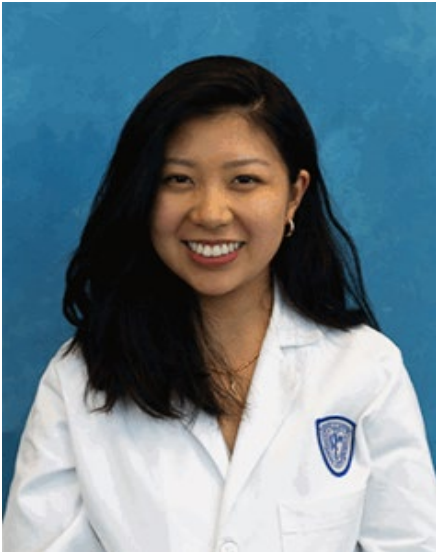
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PhD Program: Biochemistry

Research Topic: Regulation of alternative splicing via S-nitrosylation

Undergrad: Middlebury College



Sabrina Wang

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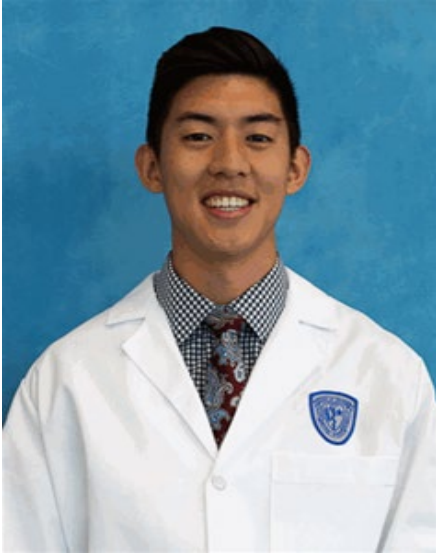
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Mentor: Justin Lathia

PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology

Research Topic: Identifying the function of lipocalin 2 in glioblastoma

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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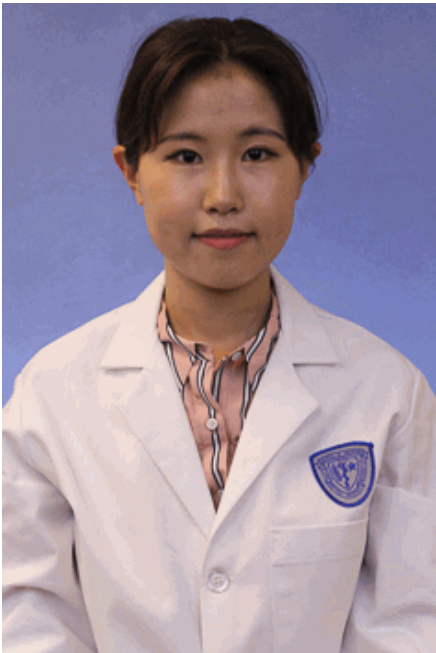
Mentor: Paul Tesar

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Investigating the circadian aspect of oligodendroglia biology

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University

G3



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Mentor: Ashleigh Schaffer

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Mapping IER3IP1 epistasis to understand its function and MEDS pathogenesis

Undergrad: Duke University



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PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology

Research Topic: PIEZO1's impact on the phenotype and effector functioning of tumor-associated myeloid cells

Undergrad: University of Southern California



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PhD Program: Neurosciences

Research Topic: B cell and stromal cell interactions in the CNS

Undergrad: University of Wisconsin – Madison



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Activity-based protein profiling identifies new drug targets and mechanisms in inflammatory diseases

Undergrad: Cornell University



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Mentor: Jonathan Stamler

PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: S-nitrosylation in regulation of signaling through beta-adrenergic receptors and impact on cardiovascular function

Undergrad: University of California – Berkeley



Emily Hannon

MSTP Year: G3

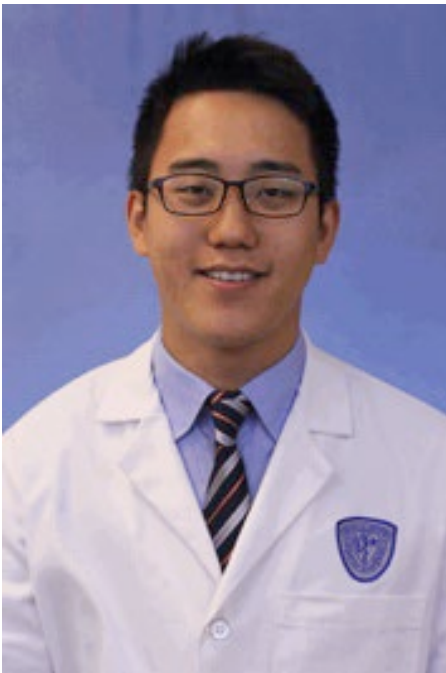
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PhD Program: Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Research Topic: Epigenetics during acute malaria infection

Undergrad: University of Colorado at Boulder



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Mentor: Atul Chopra

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Investigating TGF- β 1 signaling and asprosin transcription of adipose tissue in obesity

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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Mentor: Robert Fairchild

PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: TLR9 and type I interferons in allograft ischemia reperfusion injury

Undergrad: Cornell University



Alexander Lesser

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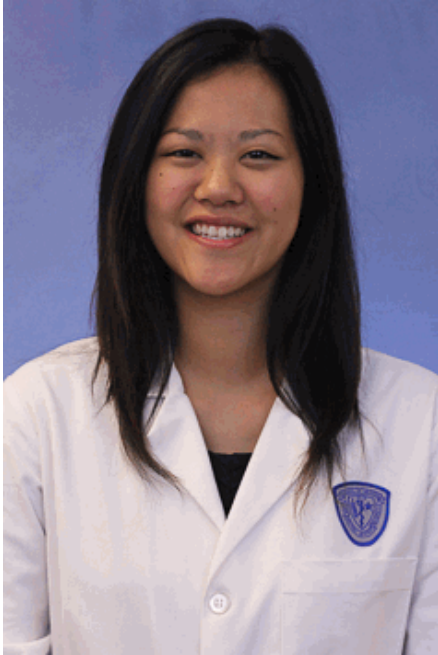
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Mentor: Mukesh Jain

PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: The role of brown adipose tissue KLF15 in coordinating nutrient switching in the face of different metabolic demands

Undergrad: Cornell University



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Mentor: Parameswaran Ramakrishnan

PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Role of NF-kappaB c-Rel and O-GlcNAcylation in B cell function in autoimmune diabetes

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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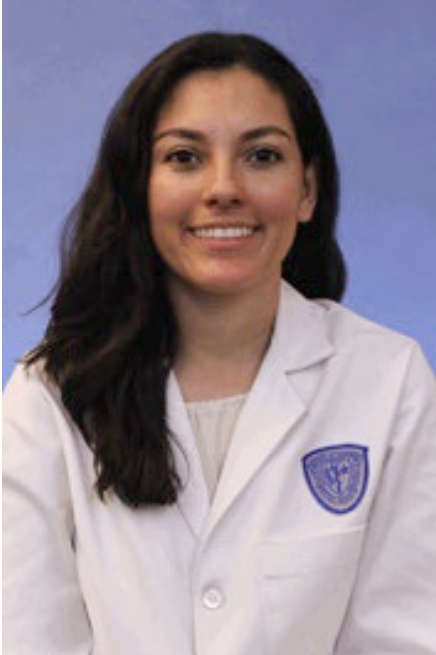
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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Investigating the role of RIPK2 in the innate immune response

Undergrad: Northeastern University



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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Host and microbe-dependent mechanisms of enhanced autoimmune susceptibility driven by checkpoint inhibitors

Undergrad: Washington University in St Louis



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Research Topic: The ESCRT protein CHMP5 as a critical mediator of peripheral tissue homeostasis

Undergrad: Middlebury College



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PhD Program: Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

Research Topic: Network science approaches to design precision therapies for treatment of cancer

Undergrad: Duke University



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PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

Research Topic: Modeling the blood-brain barrier using an organoid-on-a-chip device

Undergrad: University of Nevada – Reno

G4+



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Research Topic: T-cell anti-tumor activity is dependent on functional PIEZO1 expression

Undergrad: SUNY Binghamton



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Research Topic: MR applications in heart and prostate

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Molecular mechanisms of Caspase-1-mediated Pro-IL-1 β processing

Undergrad: University of Maryland – Baltimore County



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Pathological mechanotransduction by oligodendrocytes after traumatic brain injury

Undergrad: Wesleyan University



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PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

Research Topic: Assessing vascular permeability and nanobubble extravasation with contrast-enhanced ultrasound imaging

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Bidirectional communication between circulating and mucosal T cells and the intestinal epithelium

Undergrad: Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst



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Research Topic: Niacin metabolites enhance cardiovascular disease risk via endothelial activation

Undergrad: University of Florida



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Research Topic: Single-cell genomics identifies disease-relevant genes in pancreatic islets

Undergrad: Syracuse University



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Research Topic: Phosphorylation as a mechanism to modulate TDP-43 phase separation and aggregation

Undergrad: Emory University



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Research Topic: Dissecting the role of intercellular heterogeneity of extrachromosomal DNA in glioblastoma

Undergrad: Cornell University



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Research Topic: Defining the role of glia in regulating synapse number in the *Drosophila* antennal lobe

Undergrad: Stanford University



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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Contributions of gasdermin family members to pyroptotic cell death

Undergrad: Cornell University



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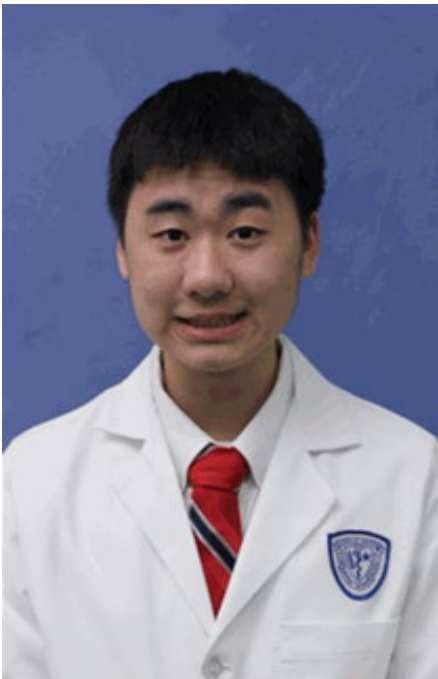
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Research Topic: Mapping protein-protein interactions in the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* type III secretion system translocon

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology

Research Topic: CDDO-2P-Im induces unfolded protein response and apoptosis in multiple myeloma cells

Undergrad: University of Wisconsin



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PhD Program: Pharmacology

Research Topic: Molecular mechanisms and therapeutic approaches in neurodegenerative disorders of the retina

Undergrad: University of California – Los Angeles



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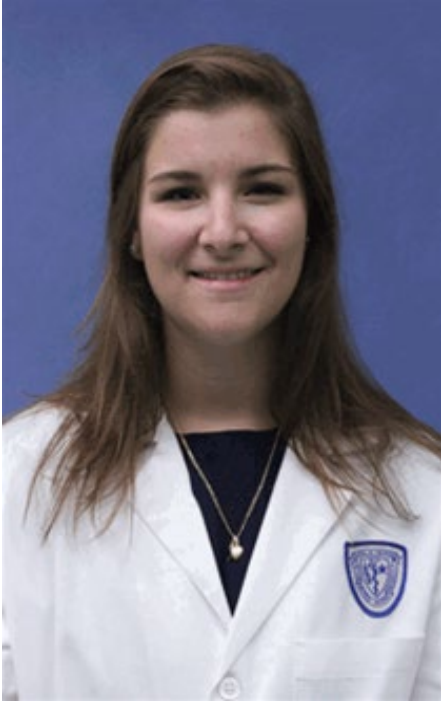
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PhD Program: Clinical Translational Science

Research Topic: Developing a virtual reality assessment tool for instrumental activities of daily living in Parkinson's Disease

Undergrad: Miami University – Ohio



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PhD Program: Pharmacology

Research Topic: The Src family kinase, YES1, controls chromosomal stability in triple negative breast cancer

Undergrad: Ithaca College



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Understanding the signaling mechanisms of 8,9-unsaturated sterols in enhancing oligodendrocyte formation

Undergrad: University of California – Berkeley



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PhD Program: Neurosciences

Research Topic: Oxidative stress in TBI

Undergrad: Carnegie-Mellon University



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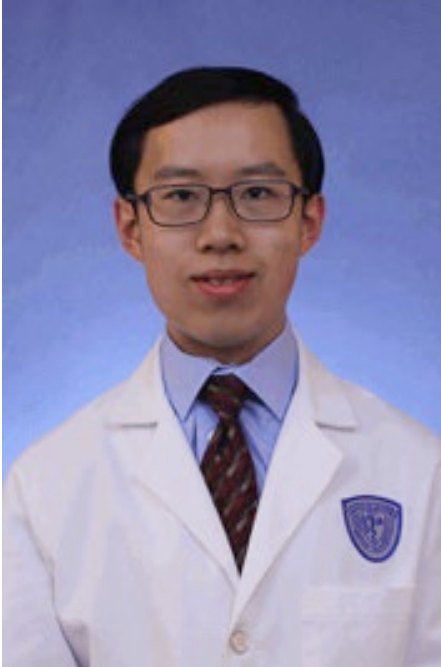
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PhD Program: Biochemistry

Research Topic: The role of S-nitrosylation in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

Undergrad: The Ohio State University



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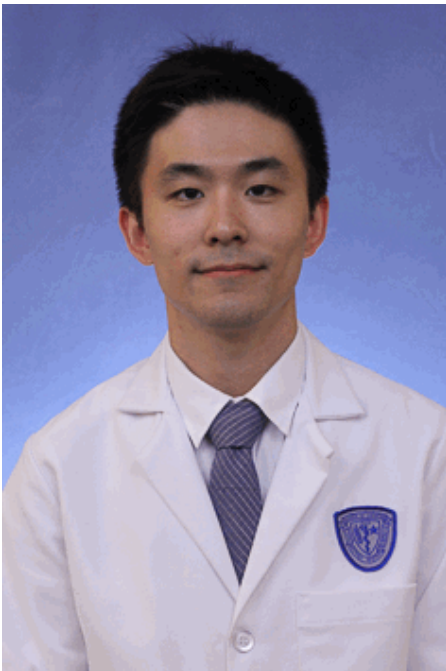
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Research Topic: Development of novel cancer immunotherapies for the treatment of B cell malignancies

Undergrad: University of Chicago



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PhD Program: Biochemistry

Research Topic: Mapping global RNA-binding protein occupancies using femtosecond pulsed UV laser crosslinking

Undergrad: Cooper Union

M3



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Research Topic: The unfolded protein response sensors in T-cell development and effector differentiation

Undergrad: University of Rochester



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Research Topic: The Microbiome-gut-behavior axis in a mouse model of Crohn's Disease-like ileitis

Undergrad: University of Chicago



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Research Topic: SERPINB3 drives cancer stem cell survival in glioblastoma

Undergrad: University of Wisconsin



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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Mechanisms of glucocorticoid resistance in T Cells

Undergrad: Kenyon College



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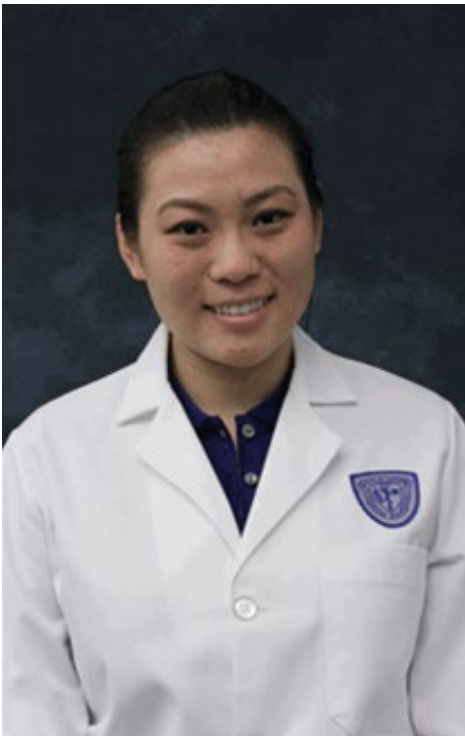
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PhD Program: Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

Research Topic: An evolutionary-inspired approach to the extraction and translation of biomarkers for the prediction of therapeutic response in cancer

Undergrad: University of San Francisco



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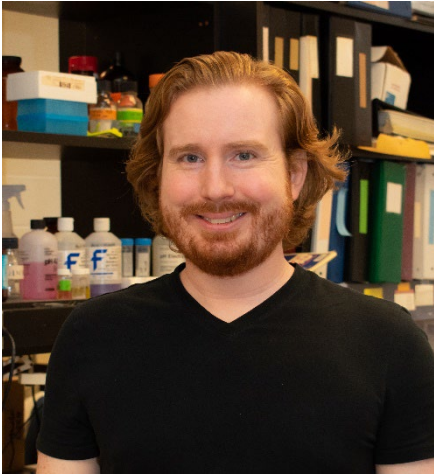
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Research Topic: Targeting innate immune system to prolong lifespan of intracortically implanted recording microelectrode

Undergrad: Boston College



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PhD Program: Neurosciences

Research Topic: Investigating the role of two anatomically distinct macrophage populations in peripheral nerve regeneration



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PhD Program: Neurosciences

Research Topic: A Hox5-dependent genetic program shapes respiratory motor output

Undergrad: Northwestern University



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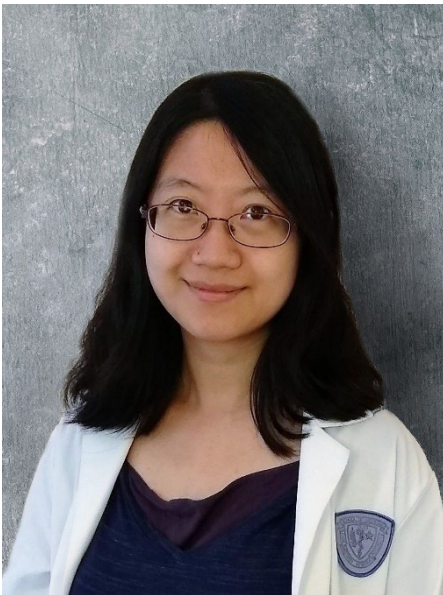
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PhD Program: Biochemistry

Research Topic: Coordination of phase separation and translation initiation by DEAD-box RNA helicase DDX3X

Undergrad: University of Cincinnati



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Research Topic: Regulation of chromatin accessibility and Pet1/FEV binding during serotonergic (5-HT) neuron development

Undergrad: Harvard University

M4



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Oligodendrocyte formation in health and disease

Undergrad: University of Rochester



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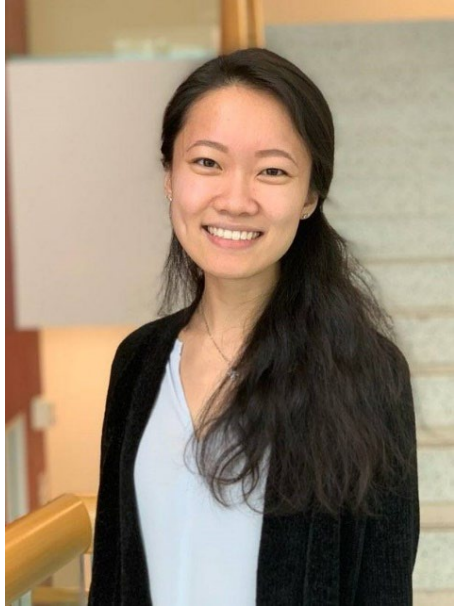
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Research Topic: Retinal physiology and pathophysiology associated with isomerases expressed in the retinal pigment epithelium

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Role of skeletal muscle Kruppel-like factor 15 (KLF15) in the regulation of systemic metabolism

Undergrad: University of Pittsburgh



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PhD Program: Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Research Topic: Genomic and co-evolutionary determinants of active TB severity

Undergrad: Emory University



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: The role of tRNA abundance on mRNA

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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Exploring molecular pathogenesis to streamline future therapeutics in rare diseases using GSD1a as a model

Undergrad: Ohio University



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PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

Research Topic: Development of a Extradomain-B fibronectin targeted MRI contrast agent for pancreatic cancer detection

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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PhD Program: Pharmacology

Research Topic: Cryo-electron microscopy single particle analysis of interphotoreceptor retinoid binding protein and the Periphein2/ROM1 complex, proteins necessary for the sensation of vision

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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Research Topic: Gene rescue of nonsense mutation in inherited retinal disease mouse model using adenine base editor

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PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Krüppel-like factor 2 regulation of aging and healthspan: a link between the 3D nucleome and disease

Undergrad: The Ohio State University



Bryan Webb

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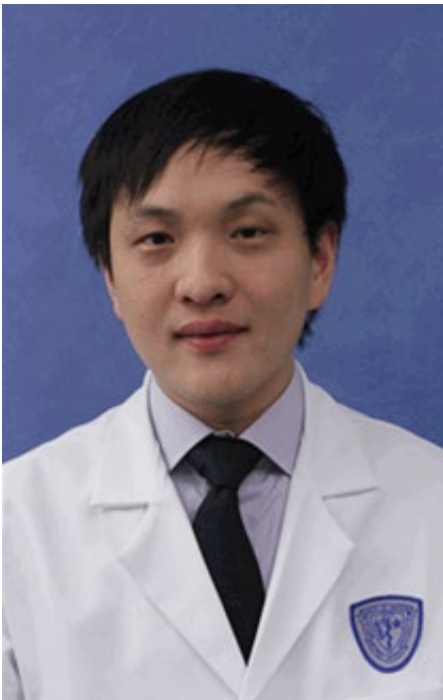
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Research Topic: Defining super-enhancer landscapes in TNBC subtypes

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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Gasdermins: a lattice network of cell death effectors

Undergrad: Princeton University