

## 2025-26 MSTP Students by Year in Program

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M1

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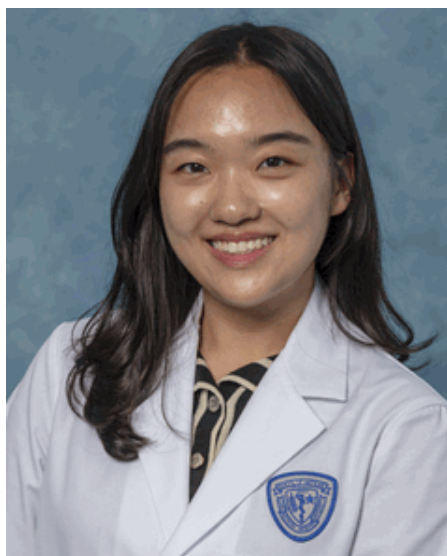
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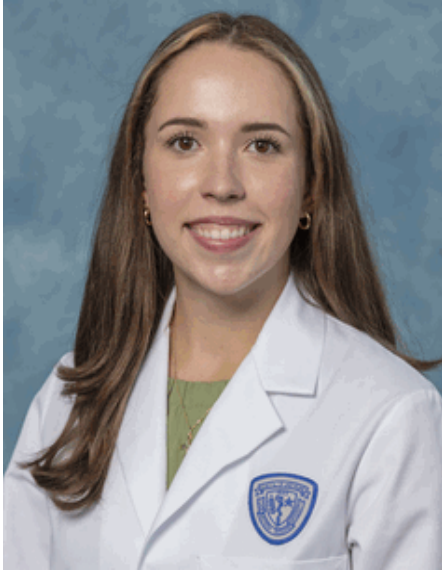
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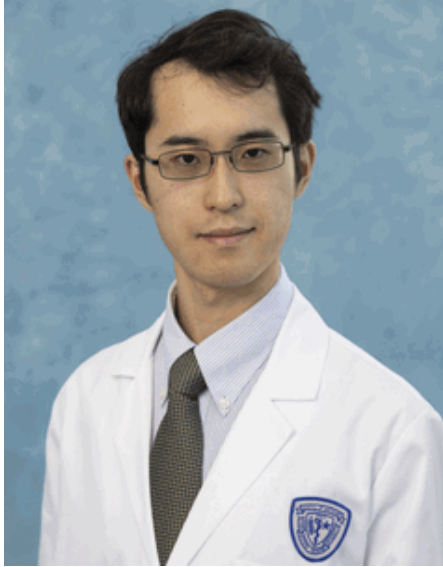
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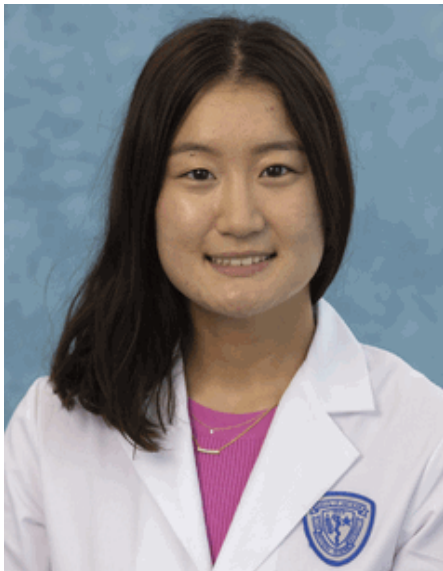
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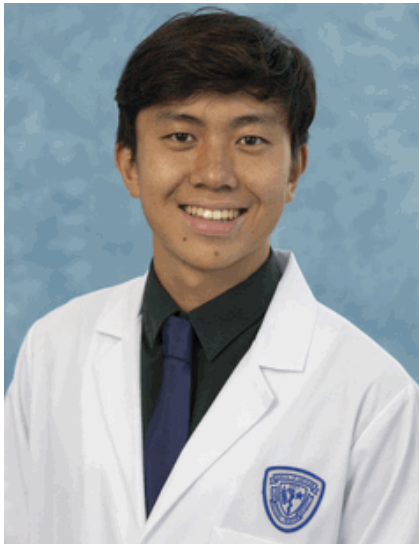
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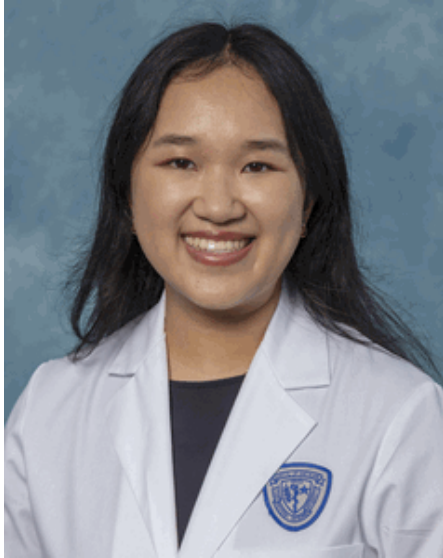
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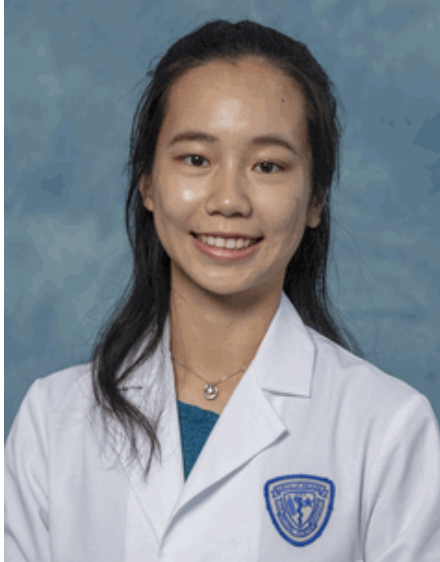
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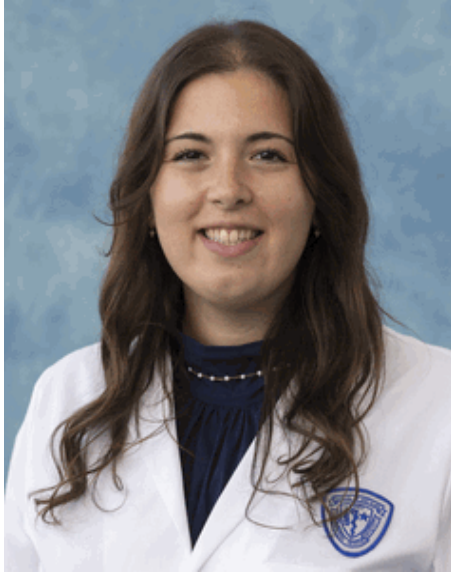
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G1



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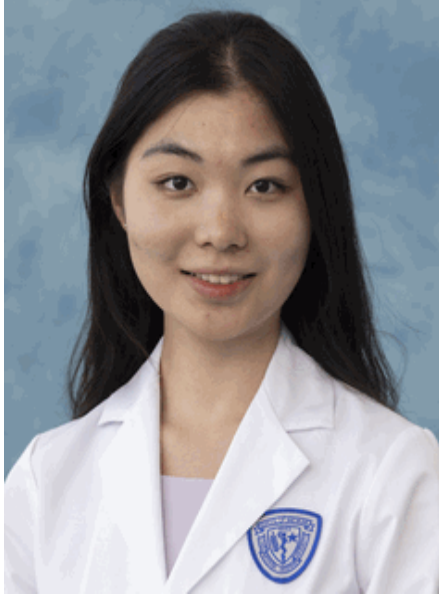
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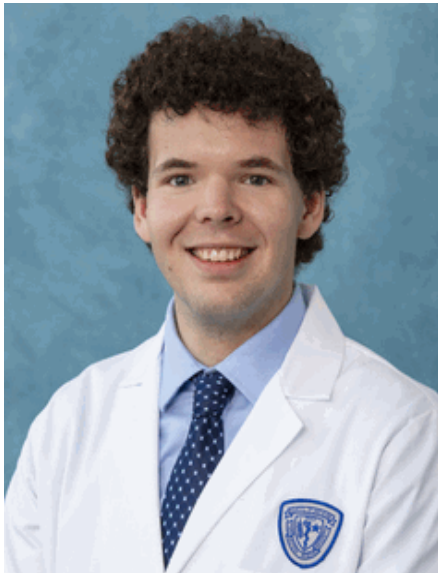
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PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering  
Research Topic: Cardiac diffusion MRI  
Undergrad: University of Florida





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Research Topic: Nanoparticle synthesis optimization with ML  
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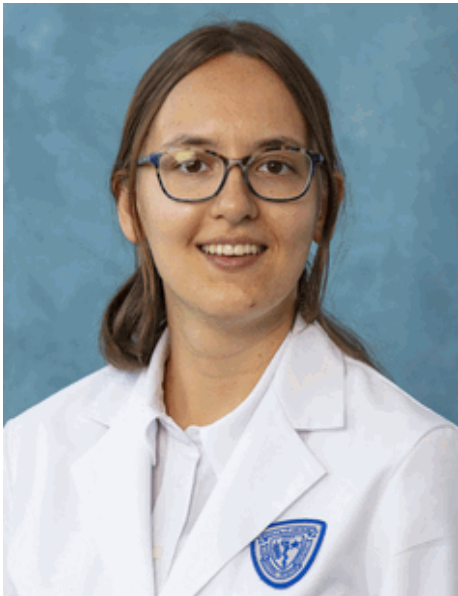
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Research Topic: Immunotherapy, precision immunoncology

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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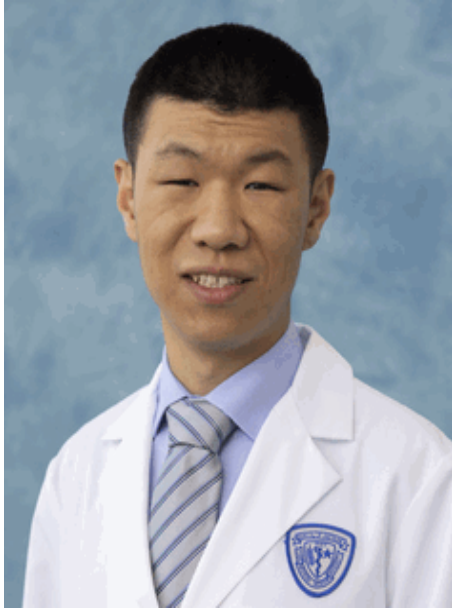
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Research Topic: Using radiomic features and deep learning to characterize cancer severity and spread using digital histology, MRI, and CT imaging

Undergrad: Georgia Institute of Technology



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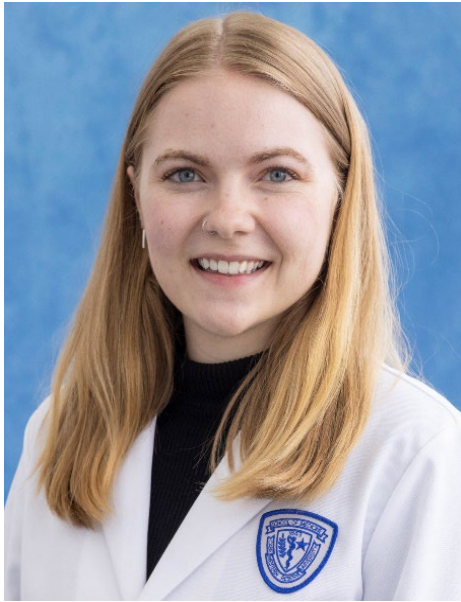
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G2



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PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology  
Research Topic: Validation of Radiosensitivity Index (RSI) signature in cervical cancer  
Undergrad: University of Massachusetts – Boston



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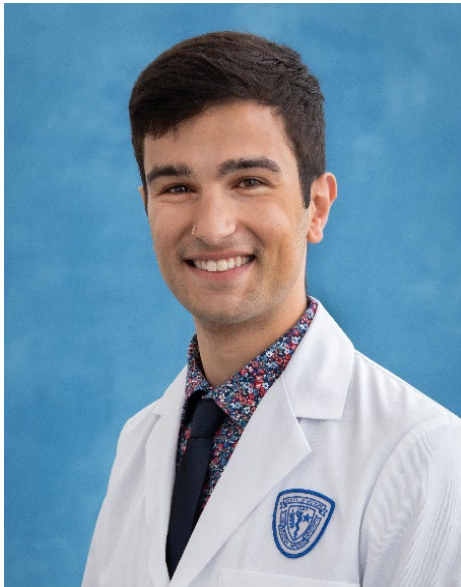
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Research Topic: The role of ursodeoxycholic acid in mediating antitumor responses in CD19-directed CAR T-cell therapy

Undergrad: Boston University of Maryland



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PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular & Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Mechanistic insights into impaired cognition resulting from cereblon deficiency

Undergrad: The Ohio State University



## Andy Chen

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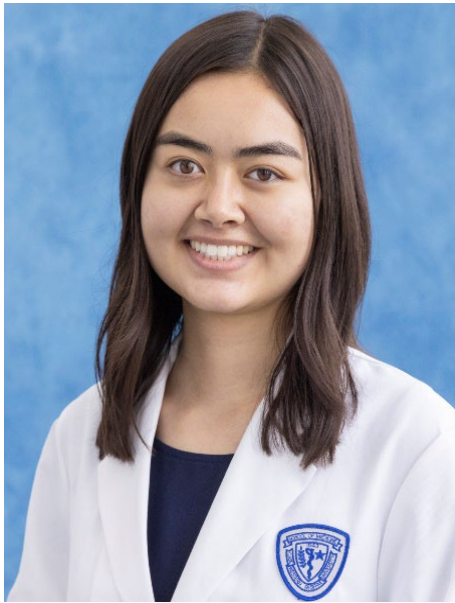
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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Untangling the genetic underpinnings of keratoconus pathophysiology using patient-derived corneal organoids

Undergrad: Emory University



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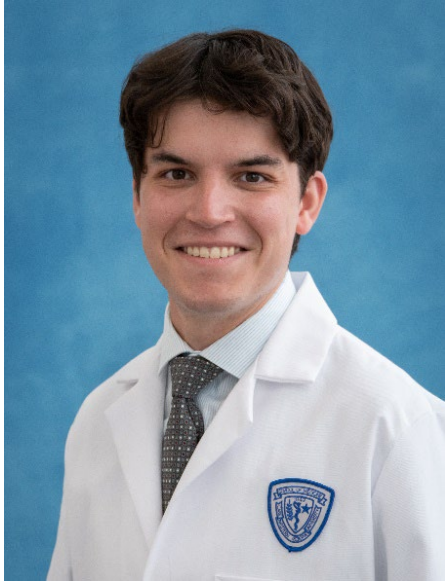
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PhD Program: Novel cationic nanobubbles enable ultrasound-triggered gene delivery

Research Topic: Biological engineering

Undergrad: Massachusetts Institute of Technology





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Research Topic: Identifying regulatory mechanisms of a GBM-specific immunosuppressive myeloid cell population

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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Research Topic: Glia control experience-dependent plasticity in an olfactory critical period

Undergrad: University of California – Irvine



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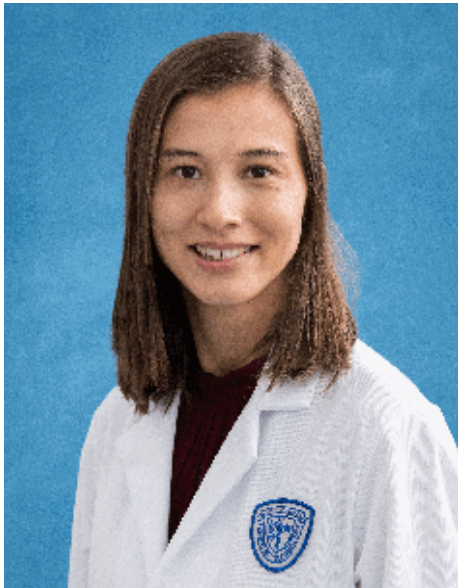
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Research Topic: Multiomic insights into mechanisms of androgen receptor-driven radioresistance in triple-negative breast cancer

Undergrad: College of William & Mary



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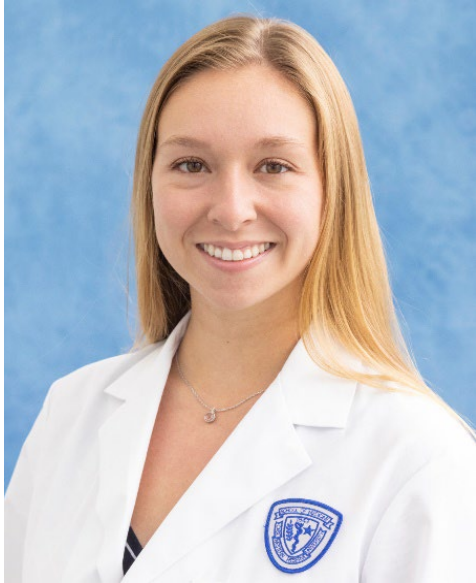
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Research Topic: M2-like macrophage reprogramming using focused ultrasound and nanobubbles

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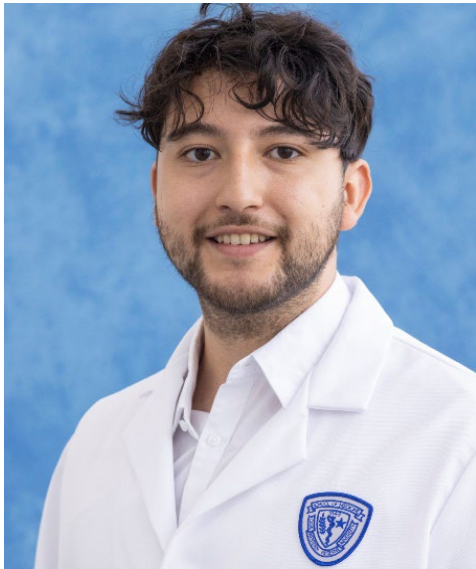
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Research Topic: Investigating the regulation and functions of PRSS1 and PRSS2 in natural killer cells

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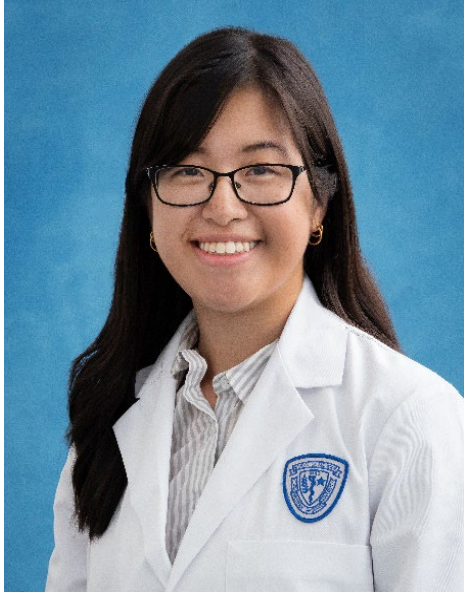
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Research Topic: Nanobubble footprinting for predicting nanotherapeutic distribution and efficacy via molecular imaging

Undergrad: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign





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PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Post-translational modification signatures of tau seeds without Alzheimer's disease neuropathology

Undergrad: Brown University



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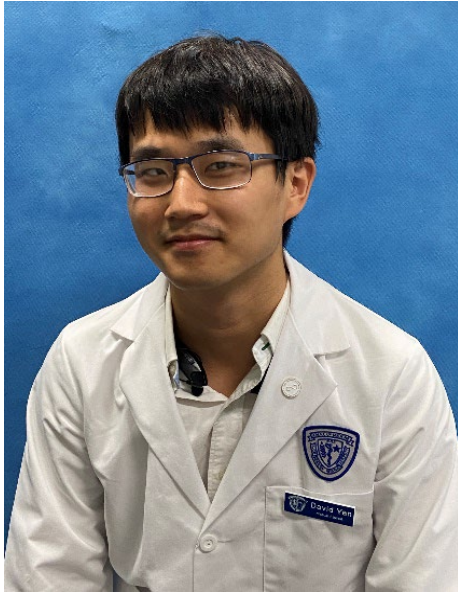
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Research Topic: Role of CDK5 in Medulloblastoma: Regulation of PD-L1 and MHC expression.

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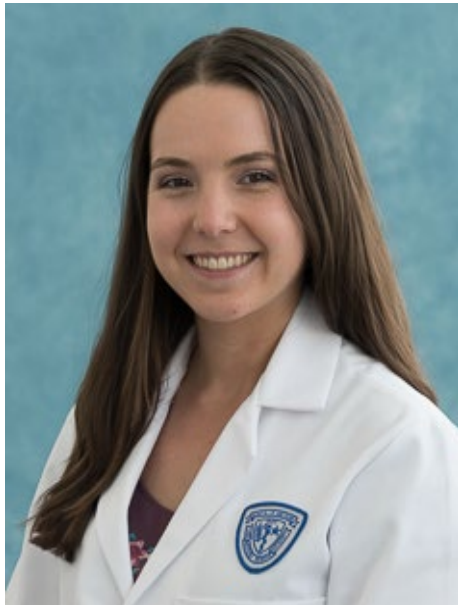
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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Characterization of two separate classes of Exportin-1 targeting molecules to develop the next generation of anti-inflammatory therapies

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G3



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Research Topic: Sam68 is a critical regulator of retinal angiogenesis

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Research Topic: Structural and functional basis of 5HT3R modulation by antidepressants

Undergrad: Carleton College



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Research Topic: High-throughput compound screening reveals small molecule mediators of NK cytotoxicity against solid cancers

Undergrad: Harvard University



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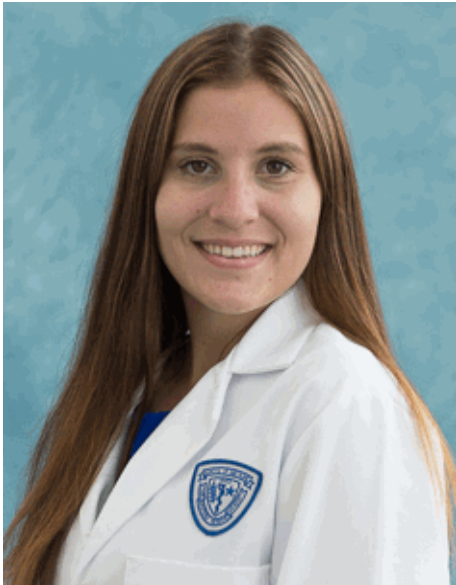
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Research Topic: Developing custom engineered cardiac myosin binding protein C to treat diastolic dysfunction

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Research Topic: Investigating the role of B-cell activating factor in CAR-T cell-associated adverse events

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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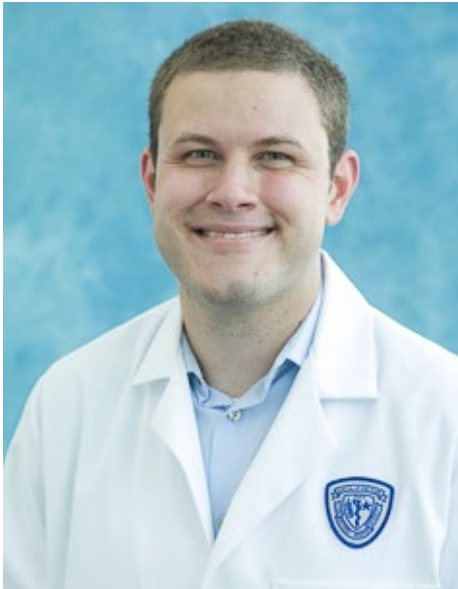
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Research Topic: The role of dual TCR T cells in heterologous alloimmunity

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Research Topic: A screen for novel regulators of experience-dependent glial pruning

Undergrad: Reed College





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Research Topic: Dynamic contrast enhanced - magnetic resonance fingerprinting (DCE-MRF): A new quantitative MRI method to reliably assess tumor vascular perfusion

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Research Topic: Teloanalyzer: A new approach to telomere sequence analysis

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PhD Program: Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

Research Topic: Cell-cell fusion in NSCLC: Novel transcriptomic features

Undergrad: University of California - Berkeley



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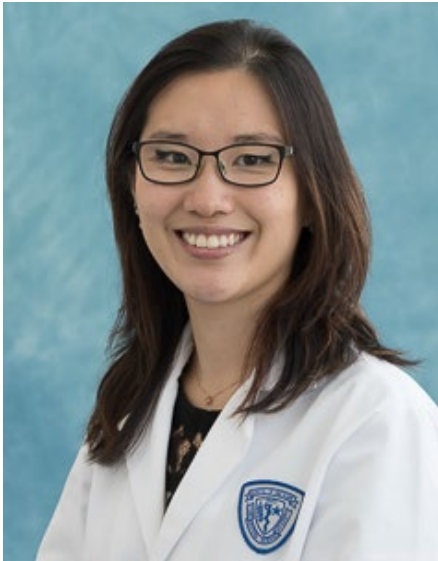
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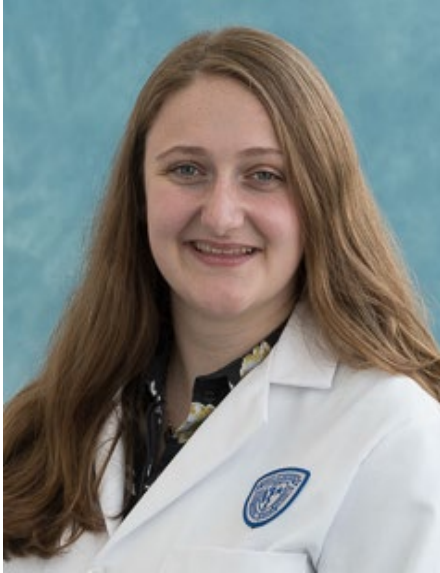
Mentor: Theresa Pizarro

PhD Program: Biochemistry

Research Topic: Gasdermin B splice acceptor site variant rs11078928: Novel implications for Crohn's disease pathogenesis

Undergrad: SUNY Stony Brook





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PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular & Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Lewy Body and Alzheimer's Disease mixed proteopathies demonstrate a unique profile of phosphor-synuclein and tau modification

Undergrad: Bryn Mawr College

G4+



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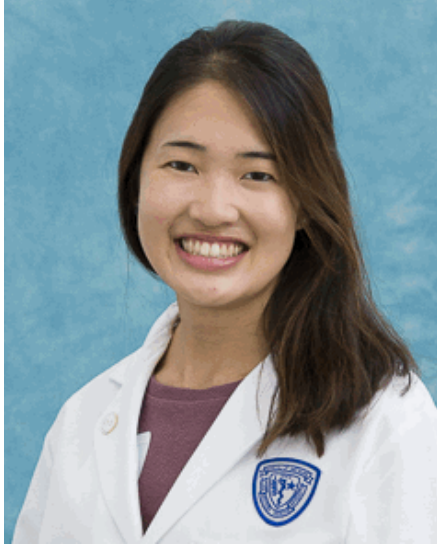
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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

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

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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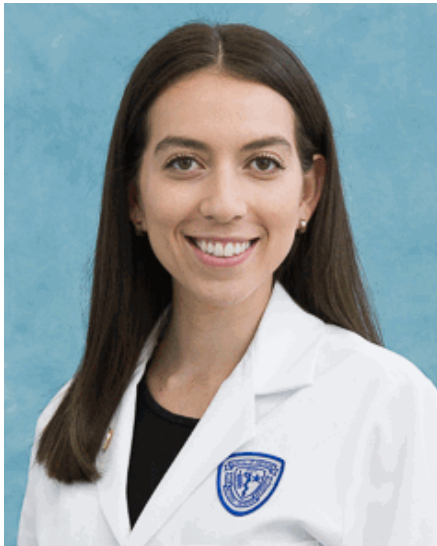
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Research Topic: RUNX2 drives 3D epigenetic landscape of osteosarcoma

Undergrad: Princeton University



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Research Topic: The influence of traumatic brain injury on the hematopoietic system

Undergrad: University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill



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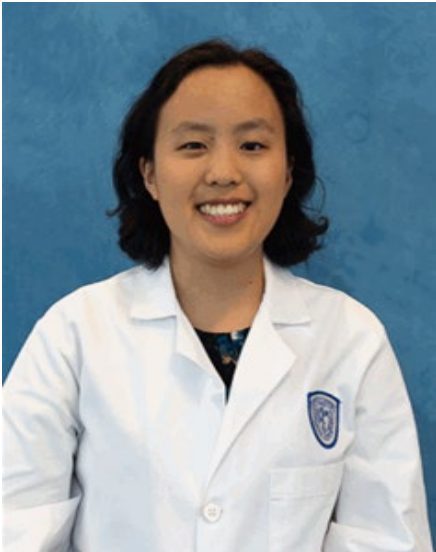
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Research Topic: SMARCA5 inhibition for glioblastoma differentiation therapy

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

Research Topic: Developing itaconate-based oral nanoparticles for the following: 1) to reduce inflammation and cholesterol accumulation in the setting of atherosclerosis, and 2) to modulate inflammation in the setting of multiple sclerosis

Undergrad: Carnegie Mellon University



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Research Topic: Carbohydrate malabsorption as a potential mechanism underlying selective IgA deficiency

Undergrad: University of Pittsburgh



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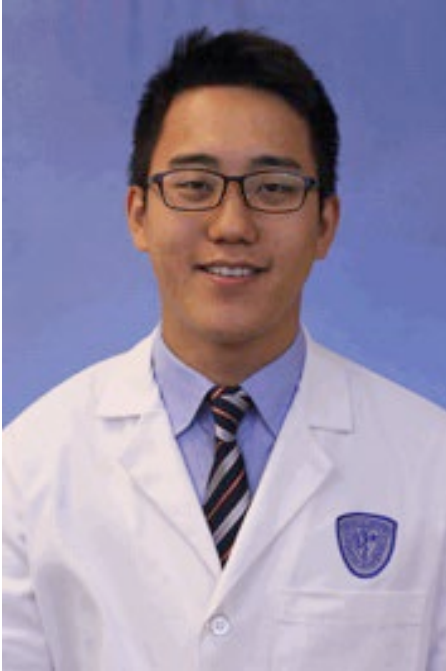
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Research Topic: Astrocyte spatial distribution affects growth dynamics of breast cancer brain metastases

Undergrad: University of California – Davis



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Research Topic: Asprosin transactivation underlies obesity relapse and inheritance

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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Research Topic: Novel VLPs carrying a Tat fusion protein reactivate latent HIV

Undergrad: University of Maine



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Research Topic: Enteric glia engage in tumor-promoting crosstalk with colorectal cancer

Undergrad: Princeton University





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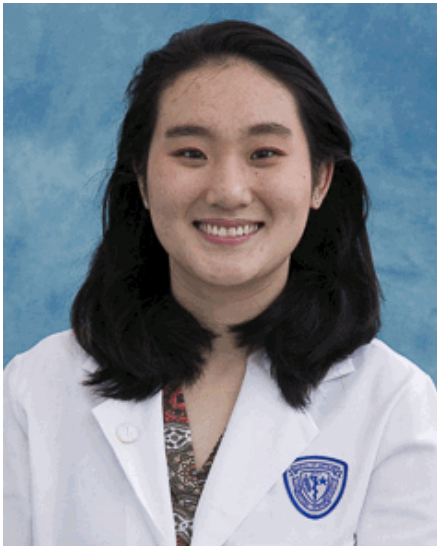
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Research Topic: Innate immune mechanisms that facilitate *Debaryomyces hansenii* persistence

Undergrad: Vassar College



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Research Topic: Induction of necroptosis releases MLKL's executioner domain before its RIPK3-mediated phosphorylation

Undergrad: Franklin & Marshall College



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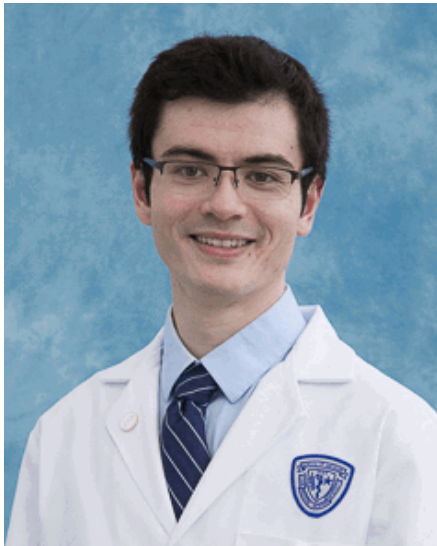
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Research Topic: Regulation of alternative splicing via S-nitrosylation

Undergrad: Middlebury College



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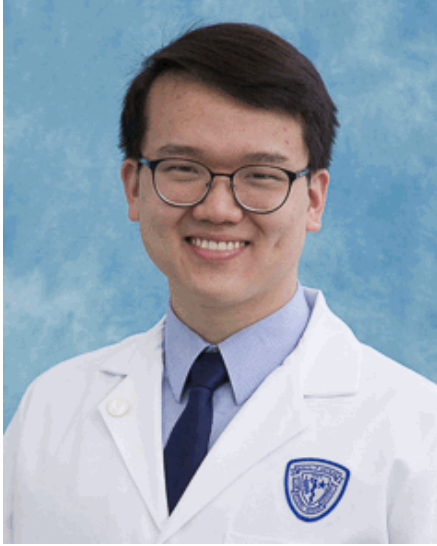
Mentor: Seth Field

PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology

Research Topic: Oncogenic receptor tyrosine kinase signaling is regulated by Golgi protein GOLPH3 and its interaction with MYO18A

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University





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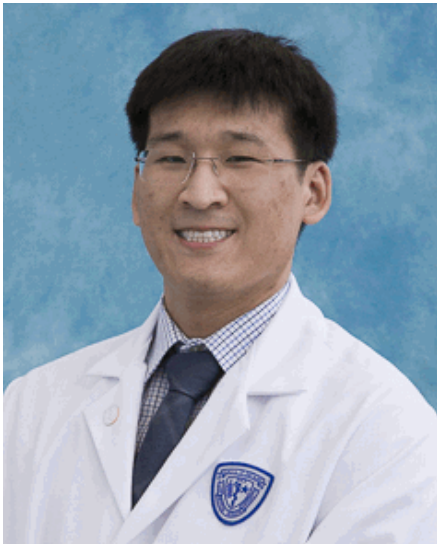
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Research Topic: Engineering T cell Immunity against driver mutations in lung cancer

Undergrad: Yale University



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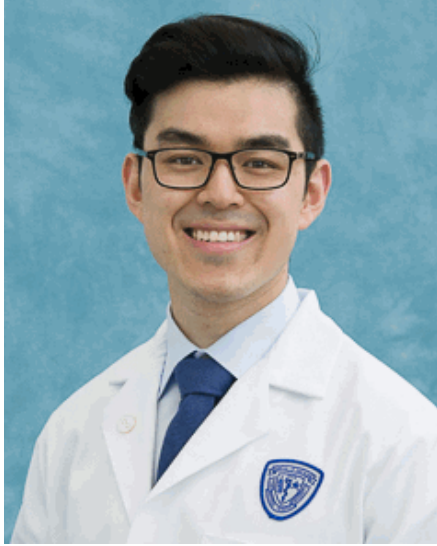
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Research Topic: Development of cardiac matrix-derived particle delivery systems

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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Research Topic: Pathological inflammation alters oligodendrocyte differentiation and function

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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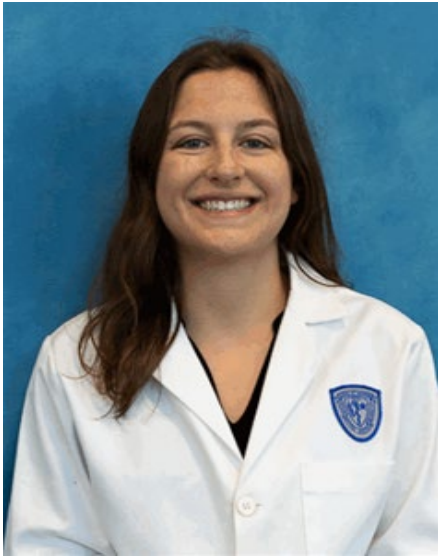
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PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

Research Topic: Clinical translation of magnetic resonance fingerprinting for glioblastoma infiltration imaging

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University

M3



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Research Topic: Traumatic Brain Injury Induced Acceleration of Aging Related Neurodegenerative Disease

Undergrad: Colorado College



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Research Topic: Piezo1 Deletion in CD11b+ Cells Imparts Context-Dependent Changes on the Anti-Tumor Response

Undergrad: University of Southern California



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Research Topic: B Cell and stromal cell responses in the brain and its borders during neurotropic coronavirus infection

Undergrad: University of Wisconsin – Madison



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Research Topic: Role of Palmitoylation in GSDMA localization and GSDMA-mediated Pyroptosis

Undergrad: University of Maryland – Baltimore County



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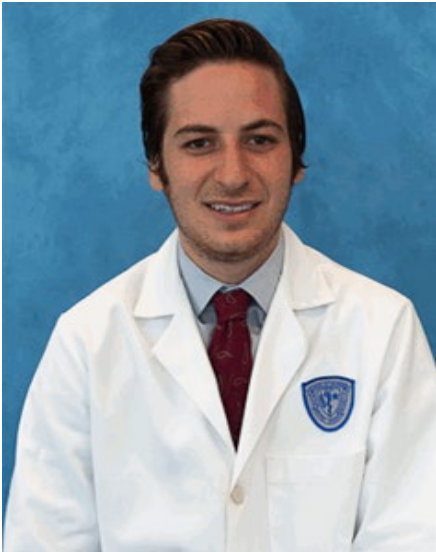
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PhD Program: Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Research Topic: Characterizing the roles of race, ethnicity, ancestry, and APOE in late-onset Alzheimer's disease

Undergrad: The University of Texas at Dallas



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Research Topic: Exploring regulation of immune cell cytotoxicity and targeting novel tumor antigens to improve adoptive cell therapy for cancer

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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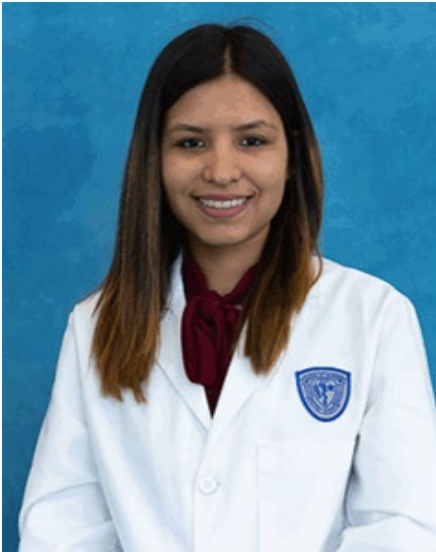
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Research Topic: S-nitrosylation in regulation of signaling through beta-adrenergic receptors and impact on cardiovascular function

Undergrad: University of California – Berkeley



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Research Topic: Elucidating the impact of genome integrity mechanisms in cancer progression and aggressiveness

Undergrad: University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez





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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: A new model for synapse pruning uncovers a role for MEGF10/Jedi-1/Draper in activity-dependent refinement during a critical period

Undergrad: Cornell University



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Research Topic: Novel strategies to inhibit ischemia-reperfusion injury in high-risk allografts

Undergrad: Cornell University





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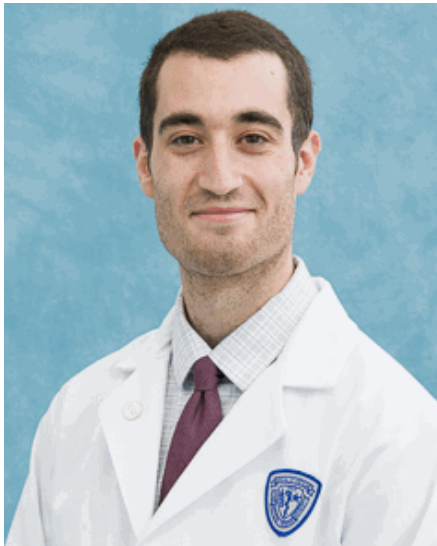
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Research Topic: Cystic fibrosis and metabolism: an investigation of glucose metabolism in various models of cystic fibrosis

Undergrad: Cornell University



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Research Topic: Artificial intelligence and decision analytics for venous thromboembolism prevention

Undergrad: Hamilton College



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Research Topic: Beyond Pyroptosis: Cellular consequences of inflammasome stimulation

Undergrad: Northeastern University



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Research Topic: Skin microbiota drive immune checkpoint inhibitor toxicity

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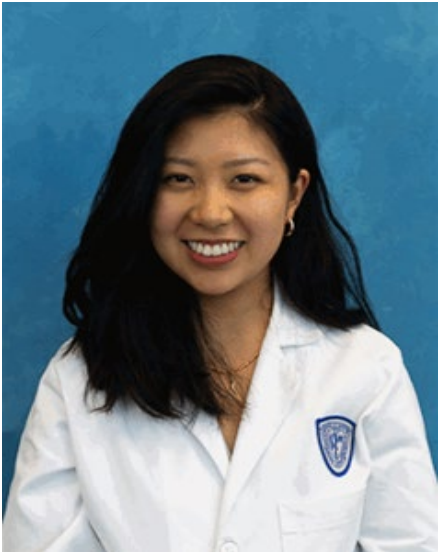
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Research Topic: Regulation of inflammation by a non-canonical activity of the ESCRT protein CHMP5

Undergrad: Middlebury College



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Research Topic: Lipocalin-2 mediated suppression of ferroptosis in glioblastoma

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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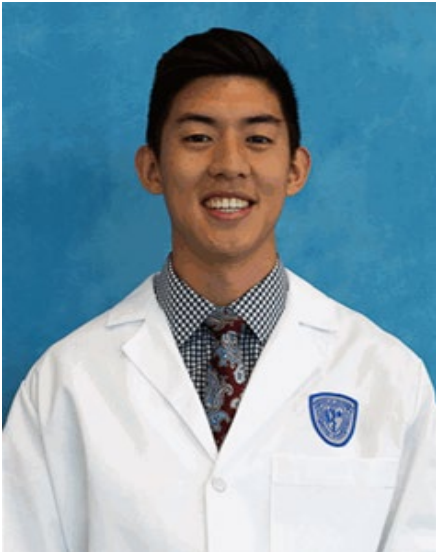
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Research Topic: Microengineered systems for advancing hematological precision therapies

Undergrad: University of Nevada – Reno



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Research Topic: Investigating the circadian aspect of oligodendroglia biology

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M4



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Research Topic: Harnessing the power of stem cell technologies in epilepsy research: From disease modeling to drug discovery  
Undergrad: Duke University



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Research Topic: Beyond nuclear export: Expanding the biology and chemical biology of exportin-1  
Undergrad: Cornell University



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Research Topic: Oligodendrocyte dysfunction and resilience amidst environmental stress

Undergrad: Wesleyan University



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Research Topic: The role of phosphorylation as a regulatory mechanism in liquid-liquid phase separation of TDP-43 low complexity domain

Undergrad: Emory University





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Research Topic: Assessing heterogeneity of the immune response to malaria in African children

Undergrad: University of Colorado at Boulder



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Research Topic: Investigating gene expression regulation in glioblastoma

Undergrad: Cornell University





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Research Topic: Utilisation of *in vitro* and *in vivo* model systems to investigate complex physiological responses of endothelial cells to stress and stimuli

Undergrad: Cornell University



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Research Topic: Integrated pharmacodynamic models for predicting the evolution of drug resistance

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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Research Topic: Leveraging advancements in virtual reality technology for the evaluation of neurological disease

Undergrad: Miami University – Ohio



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Research Topic: Role of NF-kappaB c-Rel and O-GlcNAcylation in antigen presenting cell function in autoimmune disease

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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Research Topic: Systems pharmacology approach to mechanism-based drug discovery reveals new class of small-molecule therapies to prevent vision loss and neurodegeneration in the retina

Undergrad: University of California – Los Angeles



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Research Topic: PIEZO1: An Important Regulator of CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cell Biology

Undergrad: Oklahoma State University



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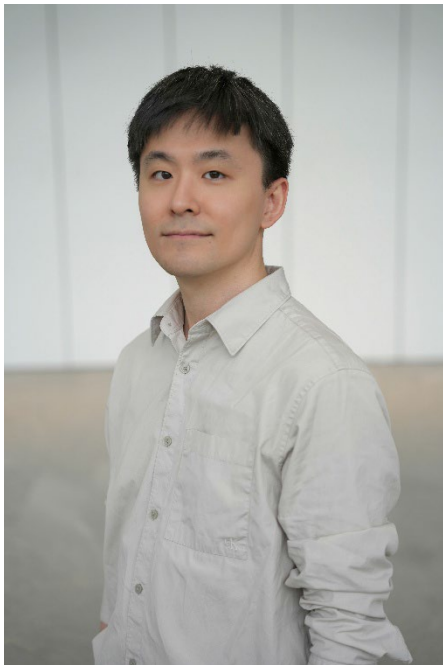
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Research Topic: Regulation of lipid metabolism by S-nitrosylation and the S-nitroso-coenzyme A reductase SCoR2

Undergrad: The Ohio State University



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Research Topic: Subcellular and quantitative perspectives of RNA protein interactions

Undergrad: Cooper Union