

2021-22 MSTP Students by Year in Program

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[Michael McHenry](#)
[Otis Pinkard](#)
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[Avery Sears](#)
[Susie Suh](#)
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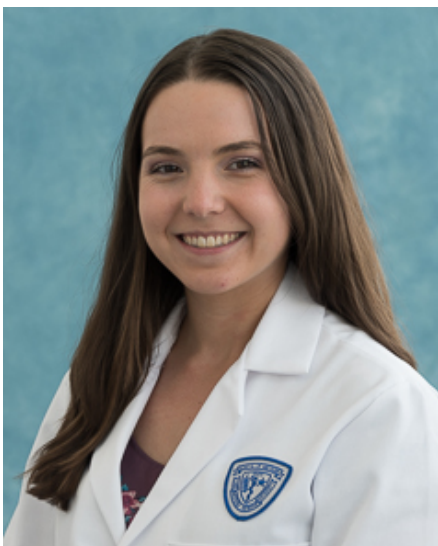
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Research Topic: Undecided

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Research Topic: Undecided

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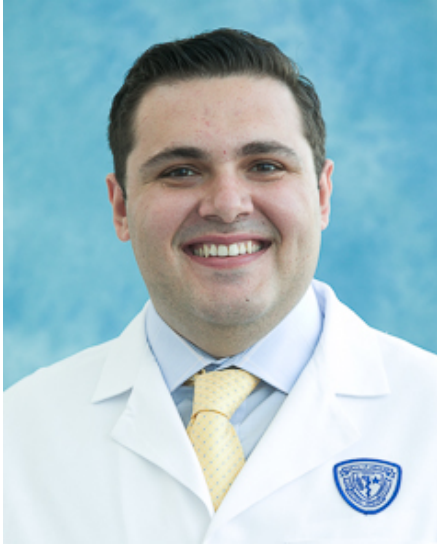
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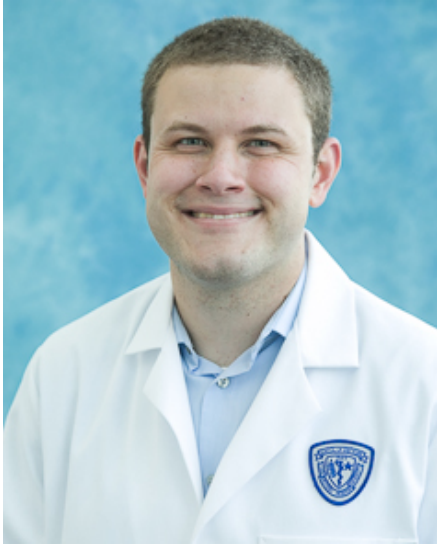
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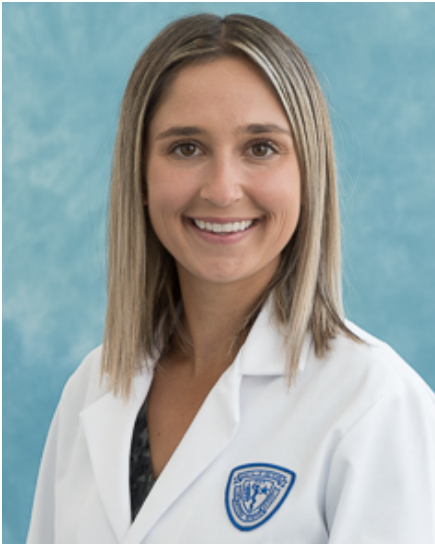
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Research Topic: Undecided

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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Oberlin College



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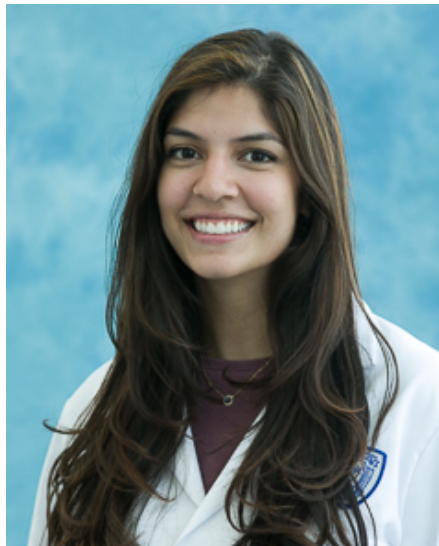
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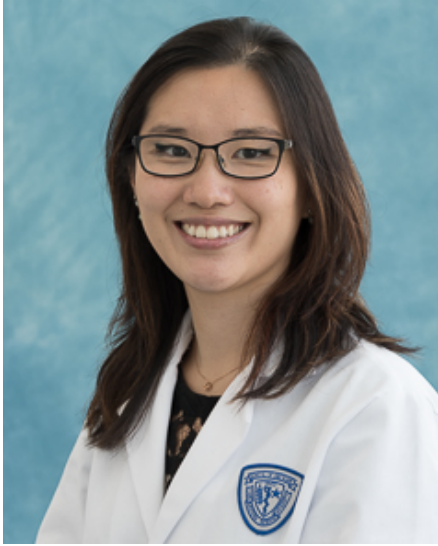
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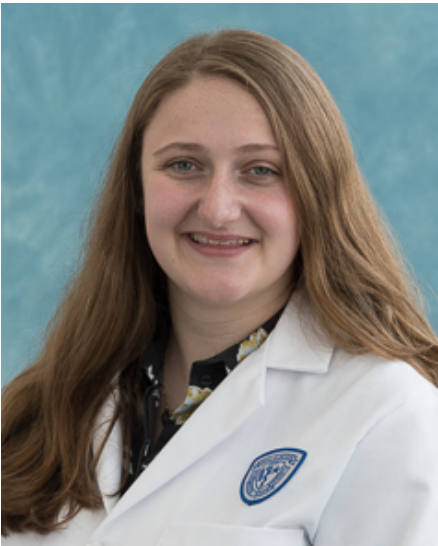
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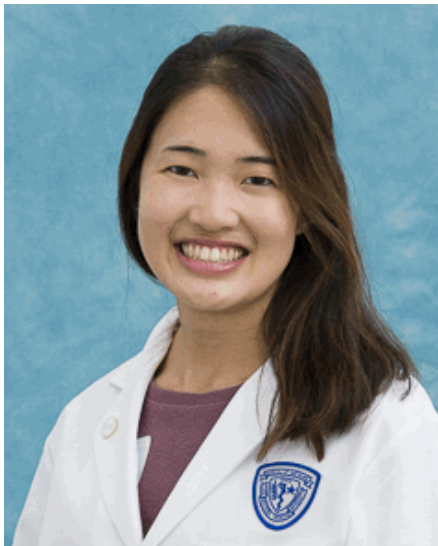
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PhD Program: Undecided
Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: Bryn Mawr College

M2



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PhD Program: Undecided
Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: Princeton University



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Research Topic: Undecided
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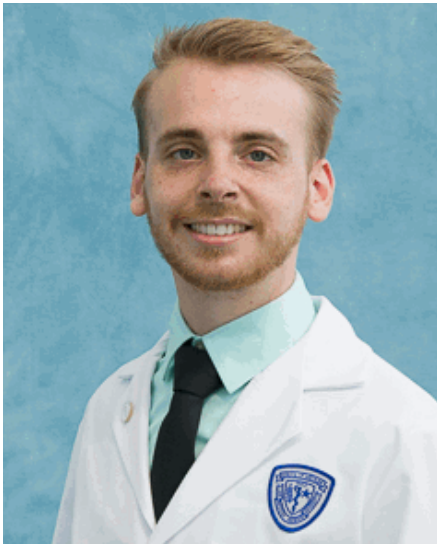
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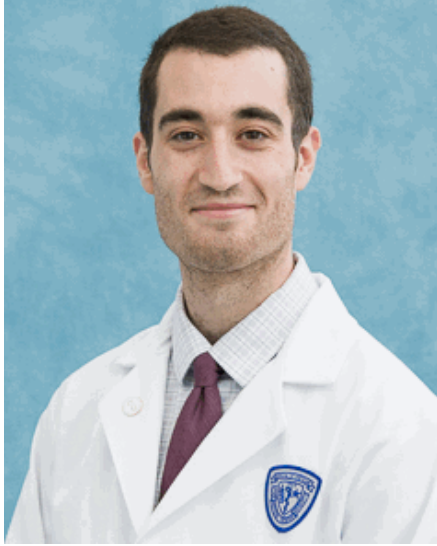
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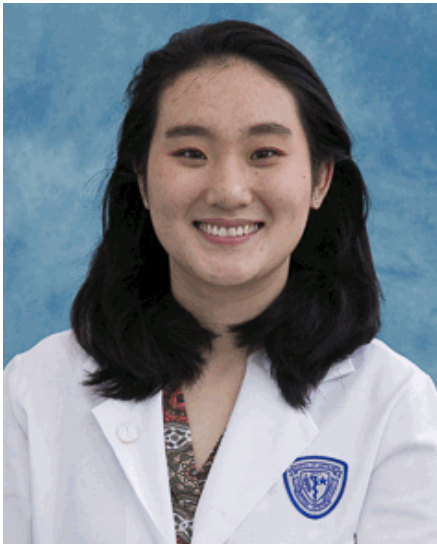
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Hamilton College



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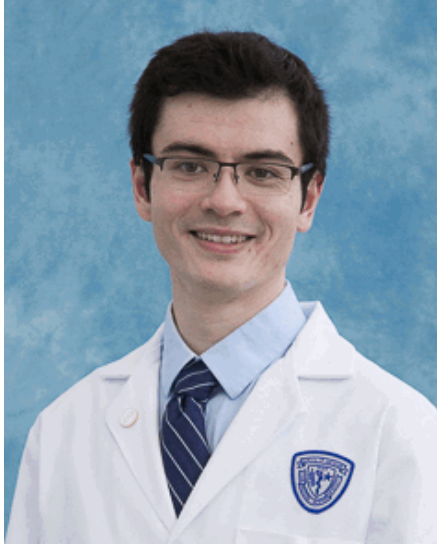
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Franklin & Marshall College



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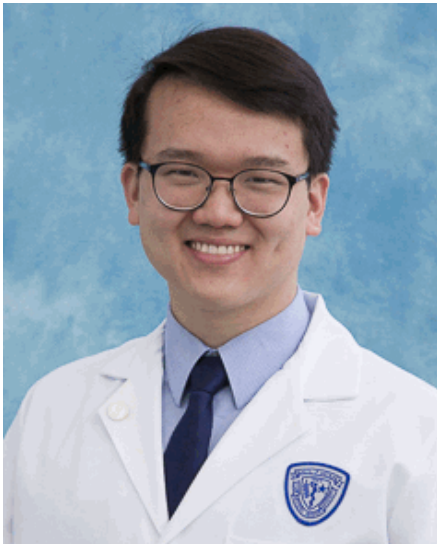
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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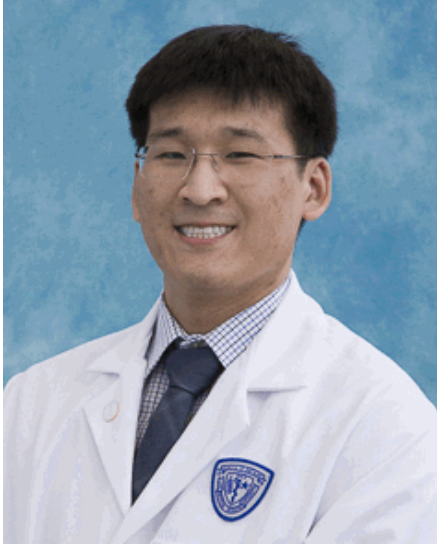
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PhD Program: Undecided

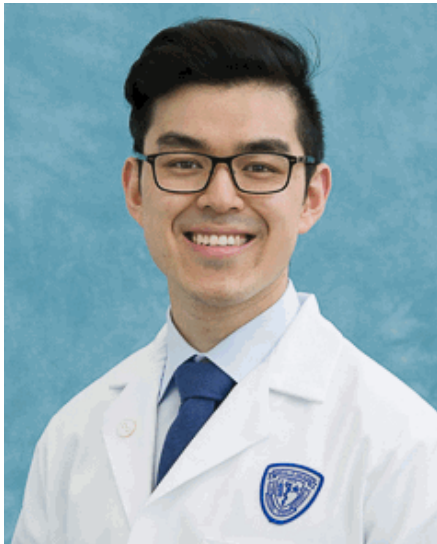
Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Yale University



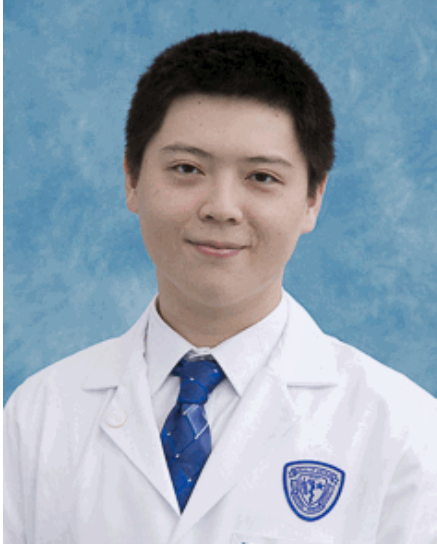
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Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: University of Michigan



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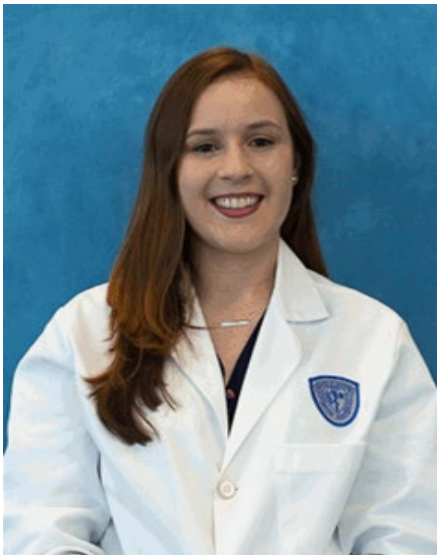
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Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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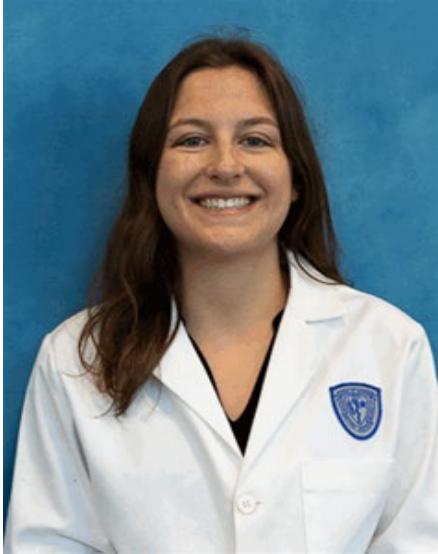
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Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University

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Research Topic: Undecided
Undergrad: Oklahoma State University



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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Colorado College



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Mentor: Atul Chopra

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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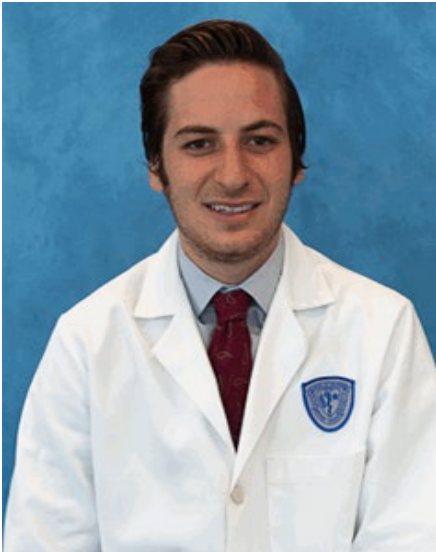
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PhD Program: Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: The University of Texas at Dallas



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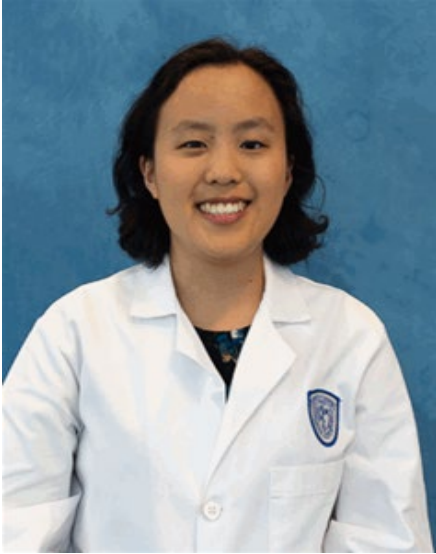
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Mentor: Reshmi Parameswaran

PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Understanding what (if any) role Spink1 has in natural killer (NK) cells

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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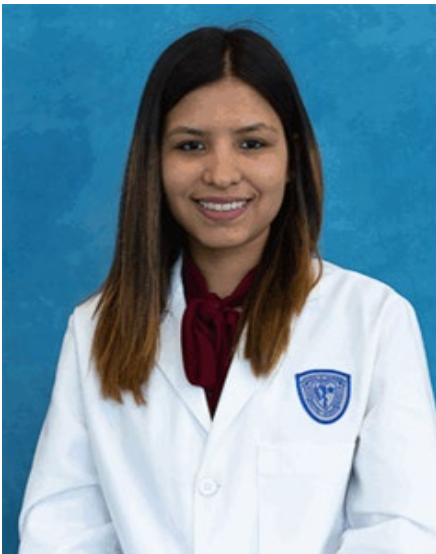
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PhD Program: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Carnegie Mellon University



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PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez



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PhD Program: Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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PhD Program: Physiology & Biophysics

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Princeton University



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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Vassar College



Joseph Schindler

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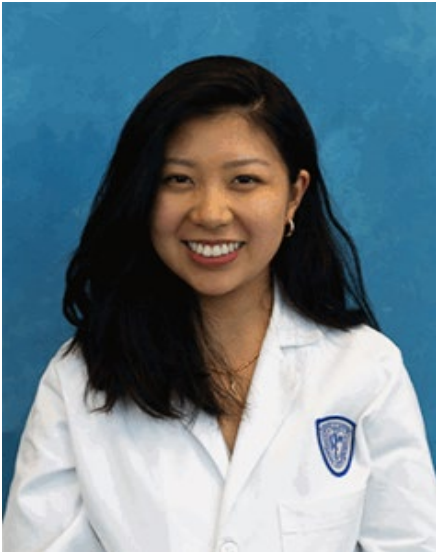
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Mentor: Jonathan Stamler

PhD Program: Biochemistry

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Middlebury College



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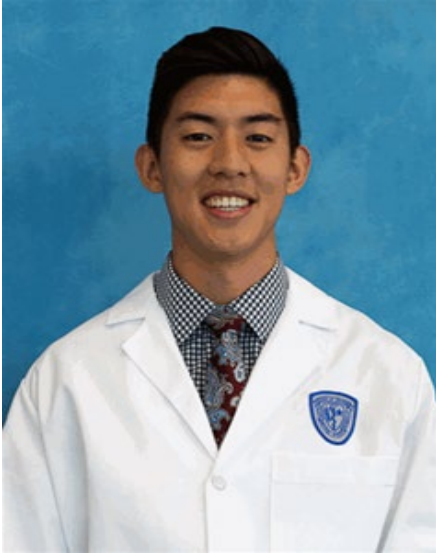
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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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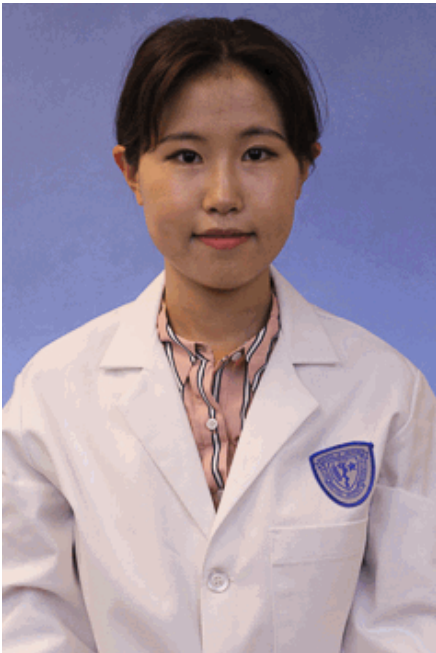
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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University

G2



Lucie Ahn

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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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Mentor: Alex Huang

PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology

Research Topic: Interrogating polarization and migration of tumor-infiltrating myeloid cells (TIMs) to enhance cancer immunotherapy

Undergrad: University of Southern California



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Mentor: Cornelia Bergmann

PhD Program: Neurosciences

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

Undergrad: University of Wisconsin – Madison



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Mentor: Drew Adams

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

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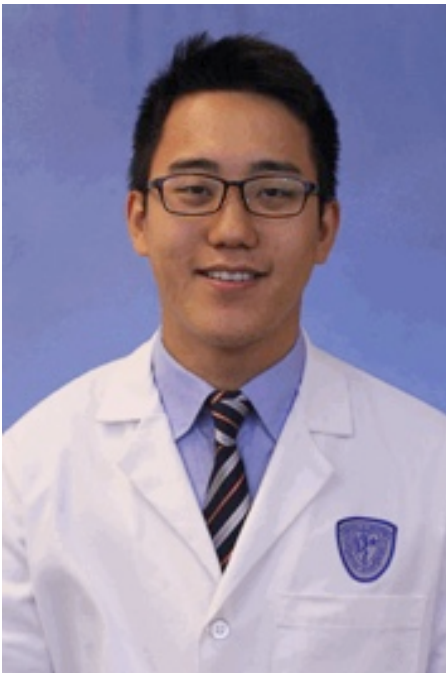
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Mentor: James Kazura

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: Obesity related factors that cause elevated asprosin secretion

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



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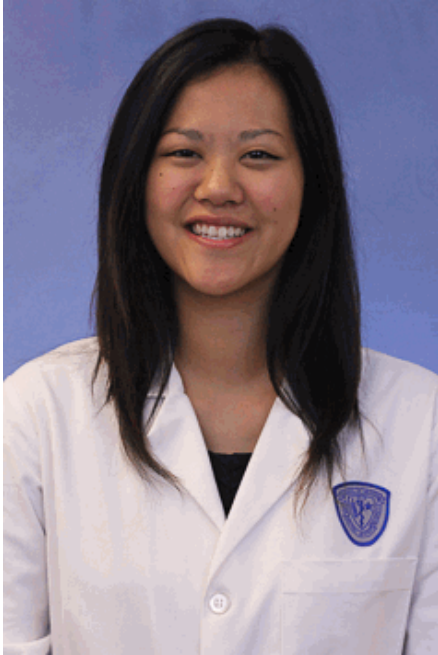
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Mentor: Mukesh Jain

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



Meghan O'Keefe

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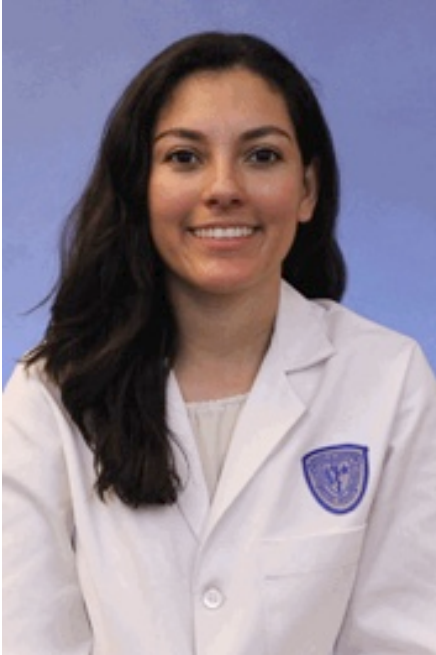
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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

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

Undergrad: Northeastern University



Vanessa Salazar

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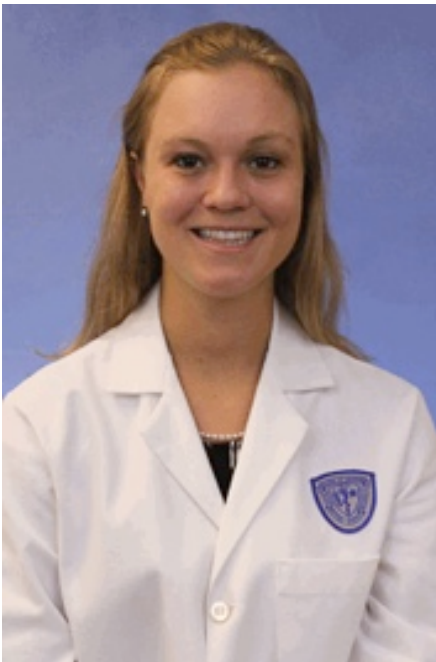
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Mentor: Xiaoxia Li

PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: The role of intestinal metabolites in autoimmunity

Undergrad: Washington University in St Louis



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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

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

Undergrad: Middlebury College



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Mentor: Jacob Scott

PhD Program: Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

Research Topic: Network potential identifies therapeutic
miRNA cocktails in Ewings Sarcoma

Undergrad: Duke University



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Mentor: Umut Gurkan

PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

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

Undergrad: University of Nevada – Reno

G3



Syrena Bracey

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Mentor: Tsan Sam Xiao

PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Molecular mechanisms of $\text{IL-1}\beta$ processing and secretion after inflammasome activation

Undergrad: University of Maryland – Baltimore County



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Mentor: Paul Tesar

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Pathological mechanotransduction by oligodendrocytes after traumatic brain injury

Undergrad: Wesleyan University



Michaela Cooley

MSTP Year: G3

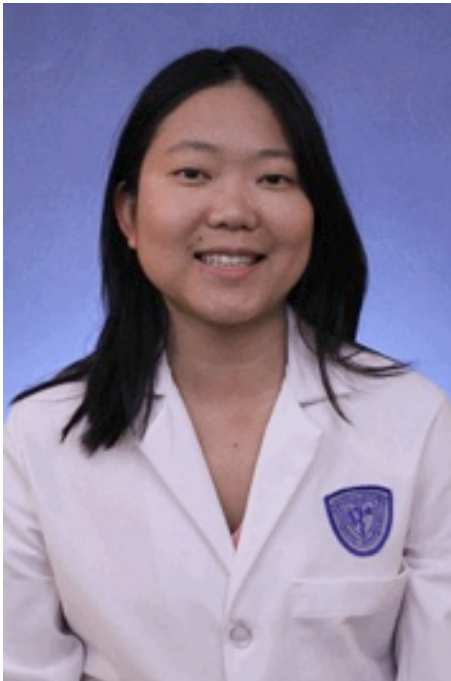
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PhD Program: Biomedical Engineering

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

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

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

Undergrad: Syracuse University



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Mentor: Peter Scacheri

PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

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

Undergrad: Cornell University



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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

Research Topic: The role of gasdermin family members in pyroptotic cell death

Undergrad: Cornell University



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Mentor: Justin Lathia

PhD Program: Pathology/Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

Research Topic: Role of SerpinB3 in the maintenance of glioblastoma cancer stem cells

Undergrad: University of Wisconsin



Joel Sax

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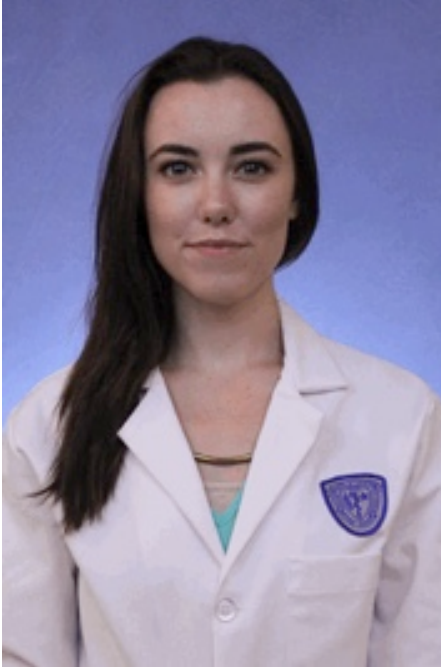
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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

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

Undergrad: University of California – Berkeley



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Mentor: Jacob Scott

PhD Program: Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

Research Topic: Exploiting convergent evolution to design biomarker extraction tools for the prediction of therapeutic response in cancer

Undergrad: University of San Francisco



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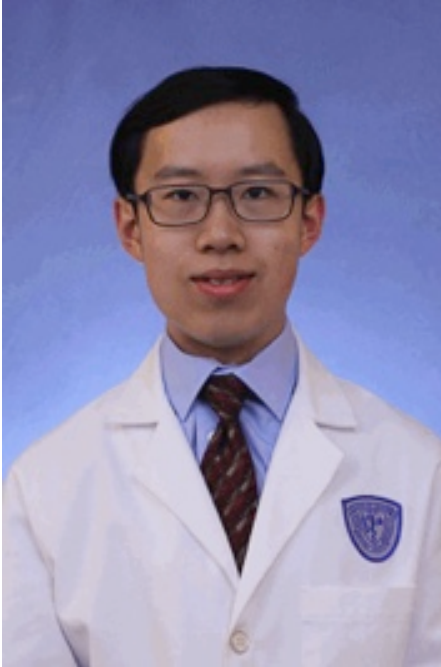
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Mentor: Jonathan Stamler

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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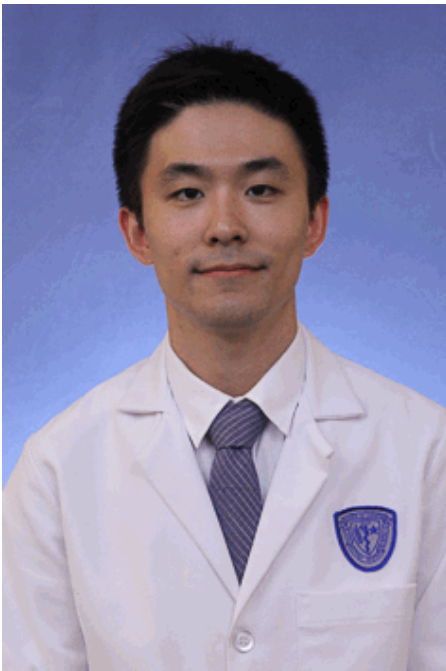
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Research Topic: Investigating the role of Cdk5 and p35 in NK cell cytotoxicity

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

Undergrad: Cooper Union

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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

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Research Topic: Essential role for the unfolded protein response in T-cell-mediated immunity

Undergrad: University of Rochester



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Research Topic: The role of T cell compartment and subset on bidirectional T cell epithelial cell communication

Undergrad: Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst



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

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

Undergrad: Stanford University



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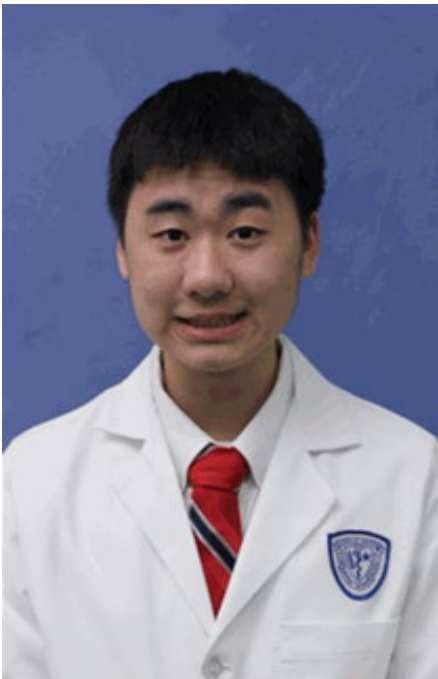
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Research Topic: Mapping protein-protein interactions in the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* type III secretion system translocon

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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

Undergrad: University of Wisconsin



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

Undergrad: University of California – Los Angeles



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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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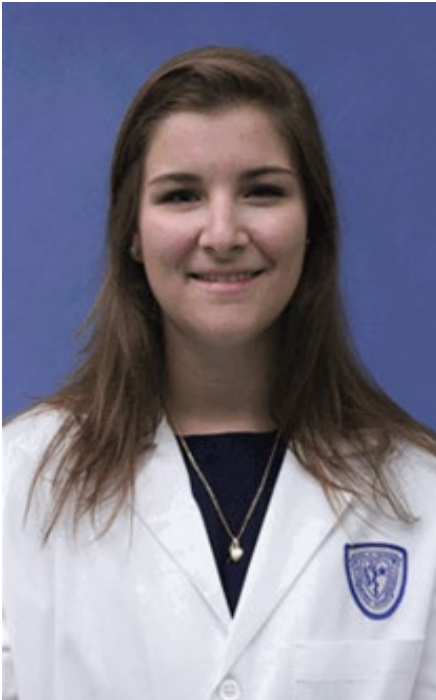
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Research Topic: Effect of IL-1R signaling on steroid resistance in Th17 cells

Undergrad: Kenyon College



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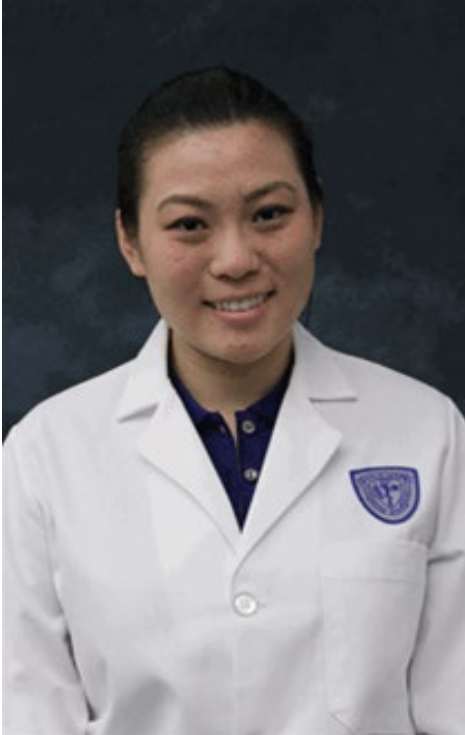
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Research Topic: Elucidating the role of GAS2L3 in TNBC fitness

Undergrad: Ithaca College



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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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Research Topic: Oxidative stress in TBI

Undergrad: Carnegie-Mellon University



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

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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PhD Program: Neurosciences

Research Topic: Molecular mechanisms of phrenic motor neuron development and connectivity

Undergrad: Northwestern University



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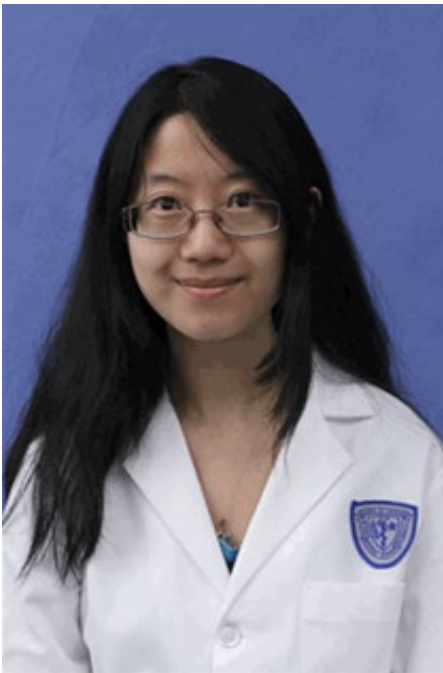
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Research Topic: Coordination of phase separation and translation initiation by DEAD-box RNA helicase DDX3X

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

M3



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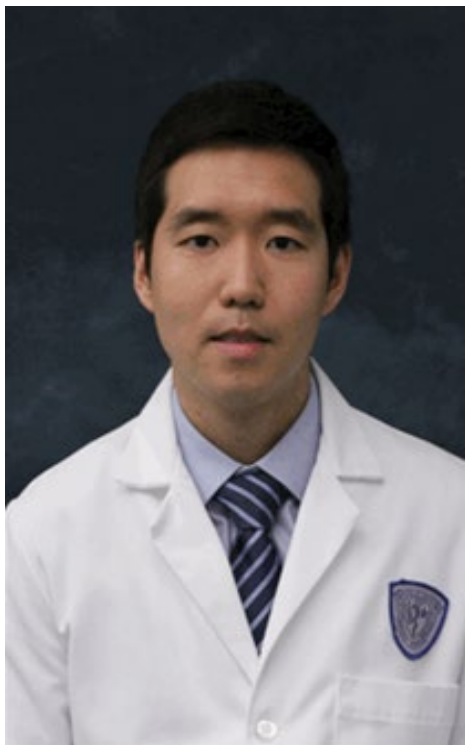
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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: Oligodendrocyte formation in health and disease

Undergrad: University of Rochester



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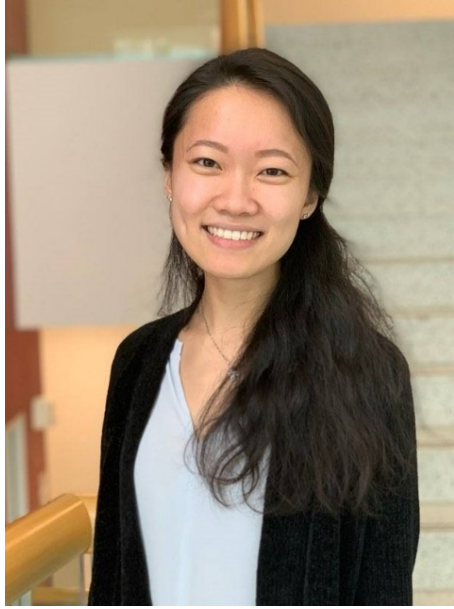
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Research Topic: Retinal physiology and pathophysiology associated with isomerases expressed in the retinal pigment epithelium

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

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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

Research Topic: The role of tRNA abundance on mRNA

Undergrad: University of Cincinnati



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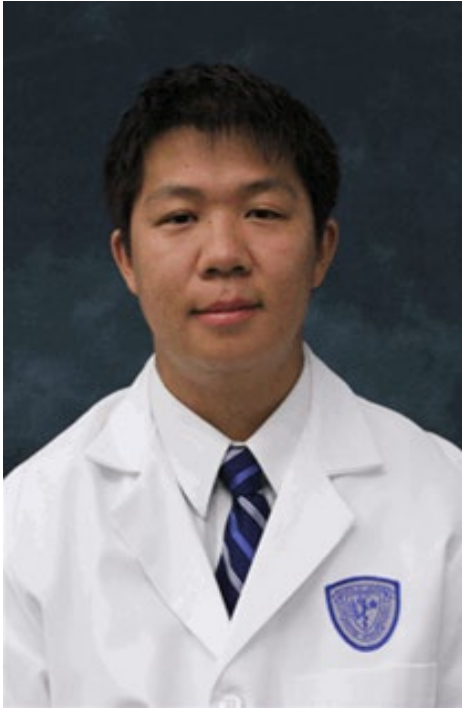
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PhD Program: Genetics & Genome Sciences

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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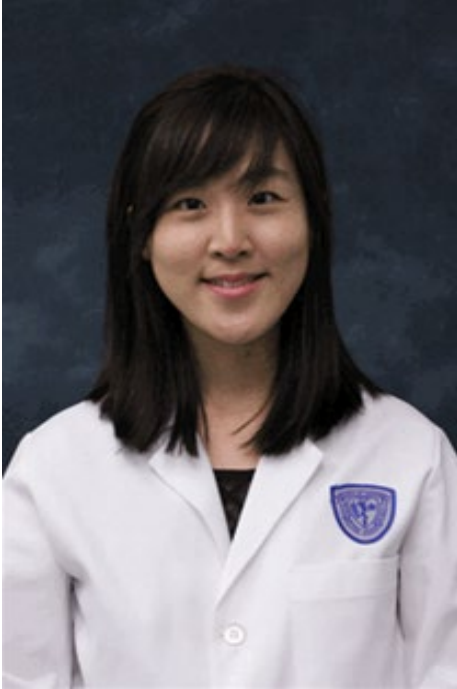
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PhD Program: Pharmacology

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



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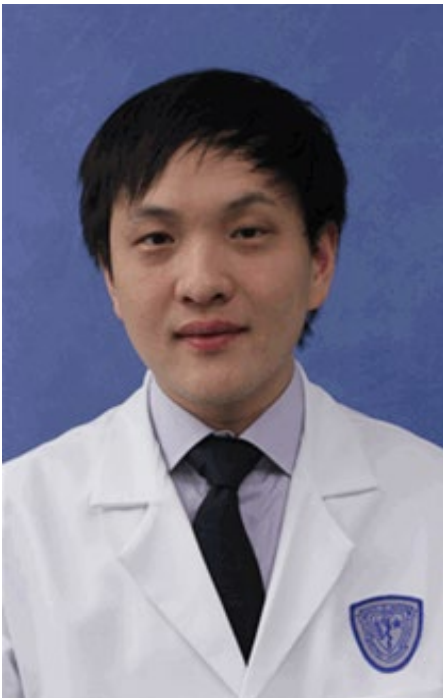
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PhD Program: Pharmacology

Research Topic: Defining super-enhancer landscapes in TNBC subtypes

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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PhD Program: Pathology/Immunology

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

Undergrad: Princeton University

M4



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PhD Program: Physiology & Biophysics

Research Topic: The role of liquid-liquid phase separation in the aggregation of the wild type and mutant TDP-43 in neurodegenerative diseases

Undergrad: University of Miami



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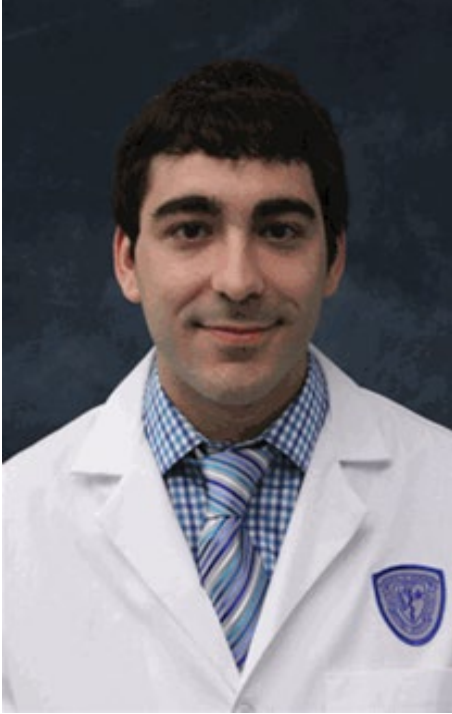
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Research Topic: The Inflammatory pathways of aseptic loosening

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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Research Topic: Epigenetic landscapes identify functional therapeutic vulnerabilities in glioblastoma

Undergrad: Duke University



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Research Topic: Enhancing oligodendrocyte formation via inhibition of the cholesterol biosynthesis pathway

Undergrad: University of Illinois



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Research Topic: SMAPs enhance tumor suppressive capacity of PP2A through regulation of PP2A-PME interactions

Undergrad: SUNY Albany



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Research Topic: CD8+ T cell mediated immunity is disrupted by ex vivo and in vivo opioid use

Undergrad: Scripps College



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Research Topic: Delineating the role of enhancers in extrachromosomal oncogene amplifications

Undergrad: Michigan State University



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Research Topic: The meningioma enhancer landscape delineates prognostic subgroups and drives druggable dependencies

Undergrad: Harvard University



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Research Topic: Effects of hand posture and volitional state on motor cortical force representation in Individuals with tetraplegia

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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Research Topic: A role for NF- κ B c-REL in regulating NK cell anti-tumor functions

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