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MD/PHD

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Amit

I am very grateful. Jennifer Brennan has been an amazing resource to the program while we were searching for a new MD, PhD coordinator over the last few months. I am so excited to welcome Andrea as our new coordinator. She is a breath of fresh air. She and I are wholly committed to creating an environment to cultivate our most precious resource...you.

Lots of exciting things to come! Stay tuned.

Message from Andrea

I have been basking in the warmest of welcomings to Upstate's COGS. Now, getting to work..

What do you think Nick Brennan asked me when I was interviewed?

Nick: "Do you plan on staying for a while?"

Yes, I hope to be staying for a while, if you will have me. As I ease into this new role, I may not have all the answers but I will find them and be better. Let me know what you need.

Please look out for an MD/PhD folder on OneDrive. I am updating things, including the all-encompassing MD/PhD Program guide. The guide will be deconstructed into curated folders specific to each MD/PhD year. My goal is to increase user-friendliness while student resources and tools are being developed and updated. Everything you will need throughout the program should be relevant and accessible.

Thank-you for being wonderful humans. If I haven't met you (in-person or virtually), I look forward to it!

Happy Birthday!

June 4
Arnav



June 20
Joe
June 15
Cora



June 30
Laura
July 3
Kyle



July 27
Nick B

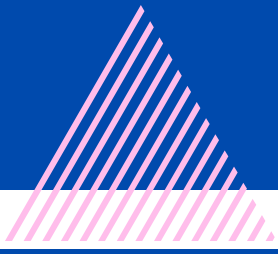
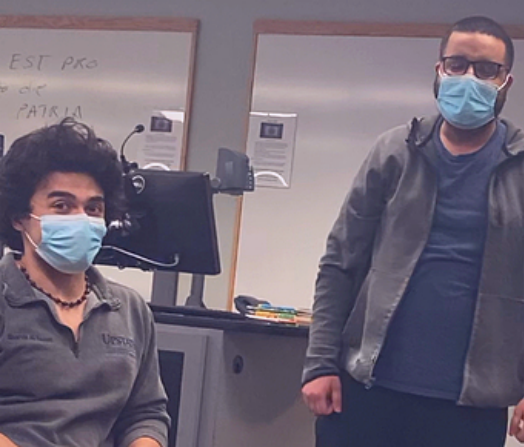
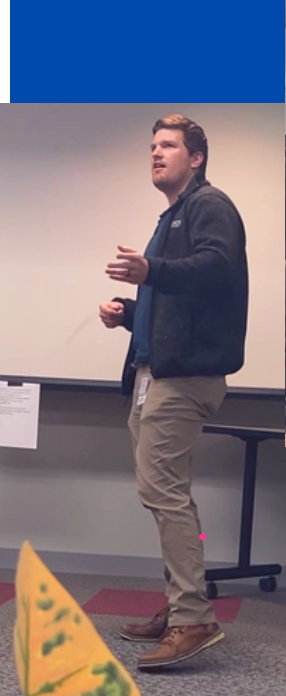
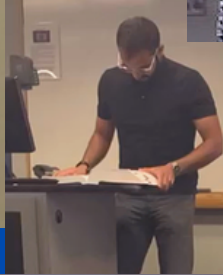
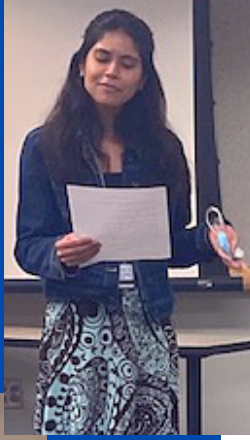


Recent Events



1st Annual Queen's Jubilee

A week later and I am still smiling over all your beautiful offerings at the Queen's Jubilee ([album linked](#)). All of the originality, effort and talent was absolutely delightful. You guys are really cool. Let's do it again next year!





University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

Upcoming Events

July 8-10: 37th Annual MD-PhD National Student Conference

Adam and Sam are off on an adventure, traveling to Colorado on July 8th. They will attend the MD-PhD conference. We hope you both enjoy, network, learn and stay safe. We can't wait to hear about it!

UPSTATE

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

College of Graduate Studies Summer Open House Thursday, July 21, 2022

July 21- COGS Open House

Dr. Dhamoon and I will be collaborating on a MD/PhD presentation for Open House. I will be presenting. See me if you would like to be involved! I think having an MD/PhD candidate involved would be terrific, especially in answering more nuanced questions that may arise.

Thanks!

Awards & Publications



Akshay- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Fellowship for Students at Institutions with NIH-Funded Institutional Predoctoral Dual-Degree Training Programs (Parent F30)



Celine- Published in NIH, check it out!

Laura- "Microdose Induction of Buprenorphine in a Patient Using Tianeptine." J. Add. Med. 2022." - check it out!



Liam, Laura, Alan- Congrats for your election in the AOA Honor Society this April!

Personal and Other

Alan is expecting a new little one this month AND Maëlle handed him an actual hairball this week! How exciting and gross!

Jon is rotating with the Knutson lab in biochemistry and studying the p53 interactome!

Anna Maria is greatly enjoying her science summer camp! Her course at the MBL is going amazingly! She is learning embryology in a unique, hands-on way working with an array of organisms, including Xenopus, Chick, Ascidians, assorted Arthropods, Skates, and many more to come!!

Joe has successfully passed Step 1 and joined Dr. Xin Jie Chen's lab for his PhD.

Gargi just finished her qualifying exam and has been getting back into the groove of lab work again. Also, she moved back to her favorite neighborhood (Westcott) and is really enjoying her new space compared to her previous one. Yay!

Sanaea is participating in an NIH-sponsored aging research program called the MSTAR (Medical Student Training in Aging Research) program at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston as an "away" lab rotation in Dr. Jie Shen's lab.

Olivia, Cora and Sam have just moved to Syracuse to begin their journey with us! Welcome!

Coming Soon

MD/PhD Folder with all the bells and whistles (OneDrive)

Fall Grand Rounds Schedule

Peer Mentorship Program (MSI and their mentors)

MD/PhD website revival

Scheduling of informal check-ins with students, Andrea and Dr. Dhamoon (scheduling and meeting goals will differ from year to year)

The MD-PhD poem

Have you seen Dr. Dhamoon, that happy clinician?
I think he's also a musician.
He makes time for academics,
despite a global pandemic.
And who is that adjusting her Tiara?
She exudes an intriguing aura.
She is but Andrea, the program coordinator,
Admired as she listens to our chirpy banter.
Students, too shy to enter 3507 Setnor,
Still show up, because hey at least there's free dinne
And look! She's not alone she brings toddlers,
maybe a pet puppy, the cutest gobbler.
As the evening unfolds,
with liquid courage and performances so bold,
the program isn't incomplete anymore.

-Gargi Mishra