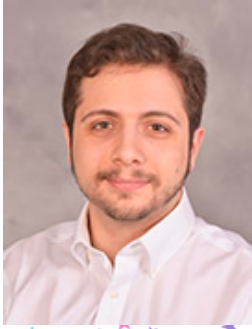
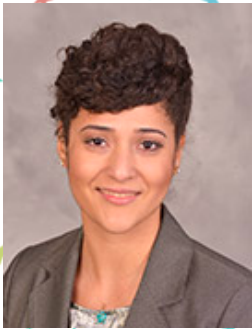


Happy Birthday!



Sam
Jan. 10



Maria
Jan. 11



Alan
Jan. 20



Josh
Jan. 25



Jon
Jan. 26

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MD/PHD NEWSLETTER

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Message from Amit

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and new year. We have interviewed the new batch of MD, PhD applicants and have sent out the first round of acceptance letters. Over the coming weeks we will be holding in-person and virtual events for the accepted students so that they feel welcome. I would like the accepted students to have lots of face time with you all because you are the biggest draw for the program. Andrea will reach out with details. Thank you all.

Best wishes,
Amit

Message from Andrea

I'm starting the New Year with a solo jaunt to a warm place. I will probably return but I will be out of the office from Monday 1/2 - Friday 1/6. I will be minimizing my activity on e-mail. Feel free to text me if there is something urgent. Otherwise, be well and try not to hate on January too much. We have some fun times ahead, including the much anticipated MDPhD Ugly Sweater Paint n' Sip event and the first post-pandemic Accepted Student Days!

Sam G's Mice

"I am lucky to have two wonderful pet CD1 mice, Belinda and Dorothy Mae. I got them through an adoption protocol through Boston Children's Hospital where I used to work. They are very active, friendly, and fun. Dorothy Mae's favorite activity is to run on her wheel, which she does for hours each night. Belinda's favorite activities are eating and take naps (quite relatable!), although she also runs fairly often. Both of them love walnuts, exploring my messy desk, and chewing on anything." -Sam G.



MDPhD Non-Human Companions

Jessica's Dog

"Milo is an almost 2-year-old Husky who loves doing zoomies around the yard, snuggles, and making friends with absolutely everyone. He was a rescue from the CNY SPCA and has spent the last 3 months settling into my house, learning new skills (he masters tricks incredibly fast), and playing outside at every opportunity. While he loves running about outside, when inside he loves to curl up on his bed and get all the attention he can."

- Jessica



MDPhD Paint n' Sip January 12th following GR

Pizza and wings will be delivered, at the normal time of 4:30pm, before Grand Rounds. This makes for easy clean-up in order to transition quickly to our space for the Paint n' Sip event.

BYOB. Feel free to bring snacks/desserts!

If you invited a guest, and it's more convenient, your guest is welcome to our family meal and to attend the Grand Rounds presentation. If your guest prefers a quiet place to wait during the presentation, I will have the conference room open and/or they can hang with me in NAB 4144A while I set-up. A bottle of wine will be open for early arrivals.

Attire- UGLY SWEATER



MDPhD Accepted Student Days January 19-20

I am looking for student helpers and hosts. Please look out for a sign-up sheet. I've attached the itinerary of events to the January newsletter e-mail. Consider clearing your schedule as much as possible during this time. There are multiple mixer-type opportunities and mingling with our potential new candidates. Thank-you so much!

Grants, Awards, Publications



Gargi Mishra

**American Heart
Association's
Predoctoral
Fellowship (2023-25)
funded at a percentile
rank of 0.14**



Newsworthy



**Read at link: Upstate
MD/PhD student awarded
2-year NIH grant for lupus
research**



Dr. Dhamoon ran into Christina Ly in Rochester! She is a family medicine intern at strong memorial and a distinguished graduate of our MD PhD program. This was a sighting while having pho after work. Great company and great food!

Personal News and Happenings



Tatiana attended a two week-long medical training with Army Combat Hospital. It sharpened her skills in emergency medicine care of combat casualties and medical evacuation.



Cora's husband, Henry, officially moved from Alaska to Syracuse! Here are the newly weds at Andrea's home for a proper Italian-American Christmas Eve enjoying all the loud people and many garlicy seafood dishes.



Akshay won a shiny, new car! Well, actually he won a bidding war for a shiny, new car. Congrats! Drive safe!



paint n' sip

January 12th, following GR

6-8pm, NAB 4144 A, BYOB

**RSVP by Dec. 9th to be added and/or removed from
original list, including plus one's**

