

**Happy Birthday!**

# MD/PHD

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023



Arnav  
June 4



Cora  
June 15



Joe  
June 20

### Message from Andrea

Our MDPHD picnic will mark my first complete year as your MDPHD Program Coordinator! It has been an enriching and exciting first chapter. The program has become deeply important to me. I am looking forward to what the next many years will bring!



# June 8th

## Setnor 3507/08

4-4:30p - gather, eat, pose

The deans will be present as the time overlaps with "Meet the Deans" for our new students and their mentors. Photography will be present to capture some candids and a new group photo! Please try to be here at the LATEST by 4:30. There will be plenty of food and conversation!

4:30p - MDPHD Group Photo (Weiskotten courtyard)

5 - 6p - Grand Rounds

**100% attendance expected!**

Please let Andrea know if you cannot attend.



# 2023 MD/PhD Program Picnic

When: June 9th 1p-4p

RSVP (use link to RSVP)

7422 Song Lake Rd Tully, NY 13159

**\*Please Carpool as there is limited parking**

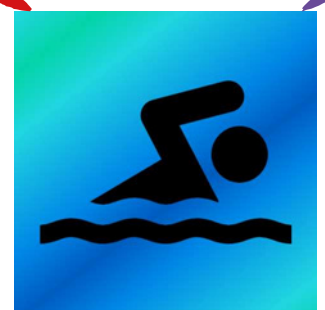
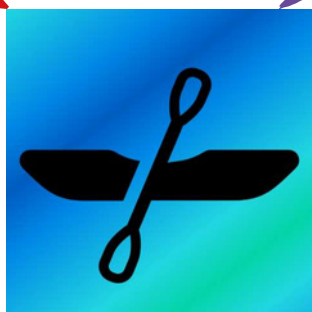


**Dinosaur BBQ Lunch will be provided!**

**Families/SO's Welcome to Attend**

**Swimming and Kayaking will be**

**available BYOB**



# Welcome to the MDPHD family!



**Kevin**

I am originally from the Boston area and graduated from Cornell in 2020 with a BS in Human Biology, Health and Society. Prior to attending SUNY Upstate in 2021, I spent a year working as an Americorps Teaching Fellow in New York City. I chose to join the MD/PhD program after speaking with various students, graduates and clinical mentors, all of whom inspired me to approach medicine from a more curiosity and improvement driven standpoint. I hope that the MD/PhD training will make me a more critical thinker, a more driven problem-solver, a better future clinician, and a more intellectually curious person. I am very excited to study the various pathways that drive tumor growth and metastasis, and potentially find new drug targets that can improve outcomes for patients. Outside of lab, I am excited to get more time to go hiking in the Adirondacks, wine tasting around the Finger Lakes and exploring the things that Syracuse has to offer.



**Dasha**

Hi everyone, I'm a Russian-Canadian doing research and EMTing in Philly. I'm excited about exploring the Finger Lakes, meeting everybody, and learning how to code. I love board games (any and all but currently trying to get into Root), water sports, and trying other people's hobbies. An important goal of mine is owning several daschunds, on which I'm starting strong with zero. My interests also include cheese and EDM.

Keith Kyewalabye hails from the mystical land of dusty suburbs-Kampala, Uganda. After surviving the mind-boggling realms of college in middle-of-nowhere New Jersey, he found himself trapped in a mysterious lab in San Francisco for not one, but two mind-numbing gap years! When he's not busy chasing soccer balls or banging on musical instruments, Keith fancies himself a comedic genius with a sense of humor so "great" that it could single-handedly empty a bar on talent night in Syracuse. Keith looks forward to such nights and obviously, meeting you all 😊!



## Keith



## Greg

Hello! My name is Greg and I am super excited to meet you all! I was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA, and I only left to go to school at UC Berkeley, so moving to Syracuse is going to be quite the change for me. For research, I am interested in structural biology and biochemistry. Outside of the lab, I enjoy cooking and all things nature. I am excited to have the opportunity to explore the lakes and rivers around Syracuse, as well as the mountains of the Northeast. I am always down to try a new recipe, and I love experiments in the kitchen as much as in the lab. I am looking forward to meeting the people at Upstate and to becoming part of the MD/PhD community!



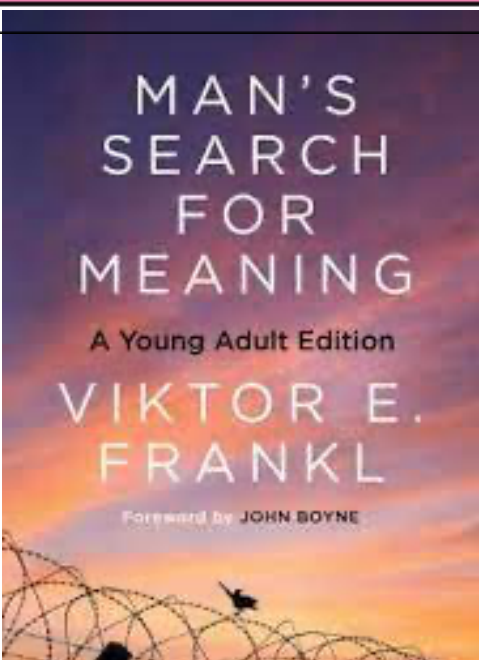
**Jaclyn**

Jaclyn is from Long Island. She lives with her husband, Matt and cat, Hazel. She's interested in neuroscience and ophthalmology and is researching retinal degeneration with Dr. Huaiyu Hu. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, making Italian cookies, playing music, watching Frasier, and reading with her cat in her lap.

# Queen's Jubilee

**July 13th 5-6pm**

**Setnor 3507/8**



# Book Club

**July 21st**

**5pm**

**Tully Lake**

**Lakeside fire, BYOB, snacks provided**