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# MD/PHD

NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2026

## Save the Dates!

**March 26:  
MD/PhD Appreciation + Grand  
Rounds**

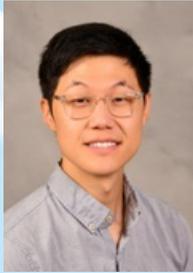
**April 9:  
Visit Days + Grand Rounds**

**April 23:  
Town Hall + Grand Rounds**

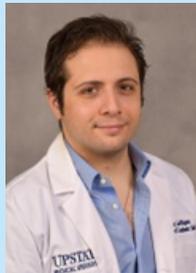
# Publications



Radical-induced lipid oxidation produces a torrent of leukotriene-like agonists in severe asthma



Molecular Mechanisms of RNA Polymerase I Transcription in Health and Disease: An Overview



Retinal Cx36 gap junctions in the inner and outer plexiform layers differentially control visual thresholds

# Student Research Day

Charles R. Ross  
Memorial

Featuring the  
Research of  
Upstate Students



**Keynote Speaker: Paula E. Cohen, PhD**

Professor of Genetics, Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Education,  
College of Veterinary Medicine

Director, Cornell Reproductive Sciences Center (CoRe),  
Department of Biomedical Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

*Uncovering the Mysteries of Meiosis: Harnessing Germ Cell  
Development for Development of Novel Contraceptive Strategies*

**Student Speakers:**



Farzana Khan  
College of Graduate Studies



Supaporn Kulthinee  
College of Health Professions



Benjamin Coffey  
Norton College of Medicine



Avipsha Datta  
College of Graduate Studies



Liz Kurtz  
College of Graduate Studies



Leondra Tyler  
College of Health Professions



Zachary Williams  
Norton College of Medicine



Laura Haney  
College of Graduate Studies



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**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

Oral Presentations: WH 1159, 1 - 3pm, Keynote: 3-4pm

Poster Session: NAB A/B/C, 4-6:30pm



# March Defense



**Rafi**

**3/2 | 10:00AM | WH 103**



**Anna Maria**

**3/19 | 11:00AM | NAB 4414A**