

Happy
Birthday!

Interim Director: Dr. Patricia Kane
Assistant Director: Dr. Auyon Ghosh
Coordinator: Andrea Cifonelli

UPSTATE
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
MD/PhD Program



Rafi
April 2

MD/PHD
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2026



Shervin
April 13



Dr. Kane
April 30

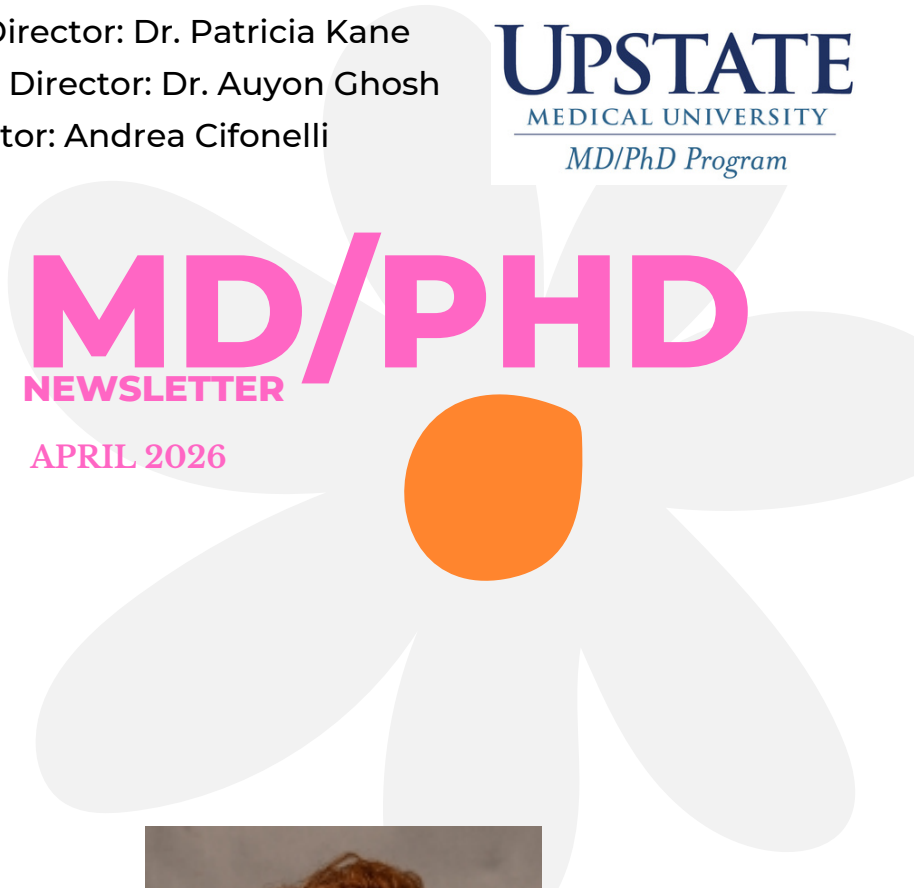


Shreya
April 16



Celine
April 21

*Thank-you for being our
interim director, Dr. Kane!
Your leadership and support
means a lot to us all!*



CONGRATS!

Welcome to COGS!



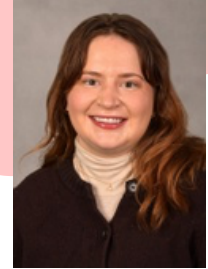
BMB/Berstein Lab



Neuro/Bechler Lab



BMB/Herberg Lab



BMB/Brognard Lab

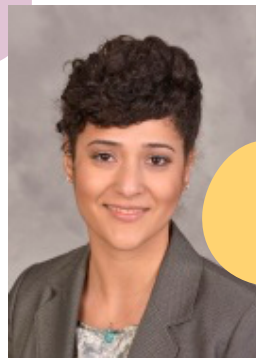
Successful (amazing) Defenses



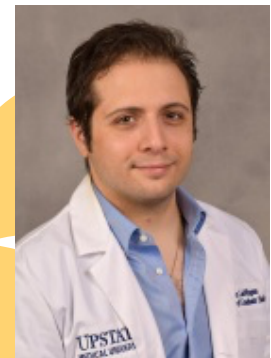
Matched and Graduating!



Pediatrics, PSTP
NYP Hosp-Weill Cornell
Med Ctr-NY



Transitional
St Joseph's Health-NY



Pediatrics, Research Track
Nationwide Children's
Hosp-Ohio

MD/PhD Visit Days

April 9-11



Grace
SURF Alum
Siena College



Ethan
Emory University



Claire
(HPA)
SUNY Stony Brook

Thursday, April 9 – PhD program

Time	Activity	Location
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Event Check-in	Weiskotten Hall Lobby 766 Irving Avenue
4:30pm – 6:00pm	MD/PhD Ground Rounds <i>Dinner provided</i>	Setnor 3509/10 766 Irving Avenue
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Students' Social	Haraz Coffee House 125 Marshall St, Syracuse, NY 13210

Friday, April 10 – PhD program

Time	Activity	Location
9:30am – 10:00am	Check-in With Andrea <i>Grab and go breakfast with coffee</i>	Weiskotten 3120 766 Irving Avenue
10:00am – 12:00pm	Lab Visits Round #1	Various locations
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch With Andrea and Dr. Patty Kane	Weiskotten 3111 766 Irving Avenue
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Research Facilities Tour Guided by current MD/PhD students	Various Locations
2:30pm – 4:30pm	Lab Visits Round #2	Various Locations

April 11th - NCOM Accepted Student Day

Student Representative



See message below:

The MD/PhD program is currently in the process of recruitment for a new program director. After some discussion among classmates, we thought that it would be great to have the student voice represented in this search process.

In order to facilitate this, I am planning on sending a note to COGS/COM leadership, including a list of students that we would like to be considered for the role (as nominated by YOU!)

By Thursday (4/2), feel free to send me (Rafi):

1. Nominations for a student representative for the director search.
2. Any comments on this matter that you think should be included in the correspondence with COM/COGS leadership.

After receiving nominations but before submitting for consideration, I will check with all nominated individual that they would accept the role if selected.

Importantly, a HUGE thank you to Dr. Kane, Dr. Ghosh, and Andrea for keeping us all on track. Although this interim period was unplanned, thanks to their guidance we haven't missed a beat.

Best,
Rafi



Town Hall + Grand Rounds

April 23rd