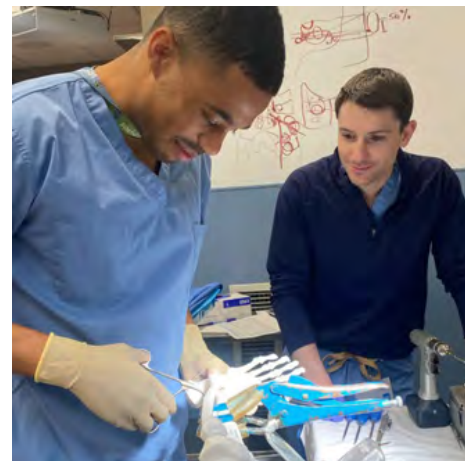
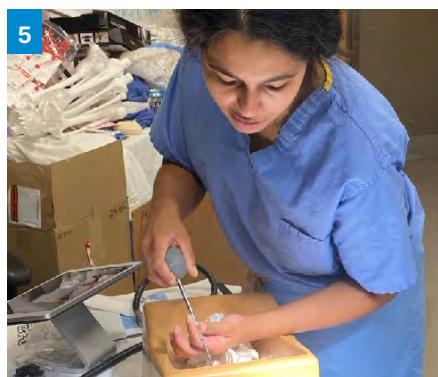
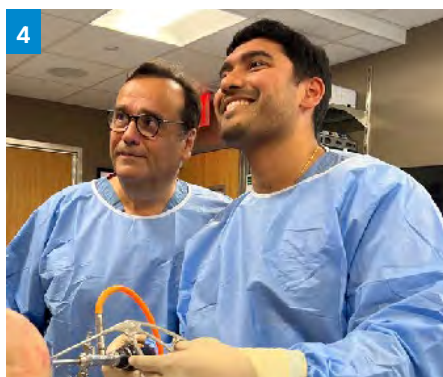


MEET OUR RESIDENTS

Academic Year 2026–2027



RESIDENT LIFE



1 Stockton Troyer, MD, Sofia Hidalgo Perea, MD, Jude Alawa, MD, MBA

2 Yousi Oquendo, MD, Jose Rodriguez, MD

3 Seong Jang, MD

4 Andrew Leali, MD, Rajiv Reddy, MD

5 Rafa Rahman, MD, MPH

6 Ericka von Kaeppler, MD, Claire Eliasberg, MD

7 (Clockwise, from bottom left) Duretti Fufa, MD, Alexis Batiste, MD, Sreetha Sidharthan, MD, Bennett Propp, MD, Colin Neitzke, MD, Spencer Sullivan, MD

Front Cover

Row one: Andrew Sama Jr., MD, MBA, Claire D. Eliasberg, MD; Olatunde Badejo, MD, Michelle Zabat, MD; Gabriel Joseph, MD, MBA, Matthew S. Conti, MD

Row two: Lina Ibrahim, MD, MSc, Duretti Fufa, MD; Residents enjoy the annual Welcome BBQ

GET TO KNOW OUR RESIDENTS

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Emily Berzolla, MD, MS



Emily Berzolla, MD, MS, was born and raised in Riverside, Connecticut. She received her undergraduate degree from MIT, where she majored in mechanical engineering with a concentration in Spanish and served as captain of the women's soccer team. She went on to NYU Grossman School of Medicine,

where she completed an additional research year and earned an MS in Clinical Investigation focused on biomarkers of cartilage degeneration and osteoarthritis progression. In her free time, she enjoys playing soccer, running, cooking for friends, and backpacking.

Soham Ghoshal, MD, MBA



Soham Ghoshal, MD, MBA, grew up in Queens, New York City. He attended CUNY-Hunter College, where he earned his BA in biological sciences with a minor in mathematics. Following graduation, he worked as a research assistant at Mount Sinai, applying molecular and machine learning approaches to study opioid

use disorder. He went on to earn his MD from Harvard Medical School and his MBA from Harvard Business School. In his free time, he enjoys running, weightlifting, travel photography, playing electric guitar, and trying new restaurants with his wife, Anjali.

Chloe Fong, MD



Chloe Fong, MD, grew up in Brooklyn, New York. She earned a BA in Neuroscience with a minor in Education at the University of Chicago. During college, she served as a teaching assistant, volunteered as a health educator, and was a member and captain of the varsity swim team. She went on

to attend NYU Grossman School of Medicine, where she conducted research with the Trauma and Fracture Surgery Department and graduated with research distinction and community service honors. In her free time, she enjoys running, cycling, and exploring new cuisines.

Emma Grellinger, MD



Emma Grellinger, MD, grew up just outside of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison, where she studied Genetics and Genomics. After college, she spent a year at the National Institutes of Health researching type 2 diabetes in a tribal community in Arizona. She went on to

earn her MD from the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine (UCSF). During medical school, she served as the National President of the Association of Native American Medical Students. In her free time, she enjoys spending time in parks, yoga, and hosting dinner parties.

Michael Galetta, MD



Michael Galetta, MD, Michael Galetta, MD, grew up in Norfolk, Massachusetts nestled behind Gillette Stadium. He studied Kinesiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, graduating from their honors college with Greatest Distinction. During this time, Michael was a nationally competitive marching snare

drummer, completing four nationwide tours with the 10-time World Champion drum corps The Cadets. After graduation, he engaged in orthopaedic clinical research with the Sports Medicine Service at Massachusetts General Hospital. He then attended Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, serving as Class President and pursuing interests in healthcare innovation/entrepreneurship. In his free time, he enjoys high-energy activities such as skydiving, skiing, ice hockey, white-water rafting, and obstacle courses.

Amy Lu, MD



Amy Lu, MD, was born in Ottawa, Canada and raised outside of Dallas, Texas. At Johns Hopkins University, she double majored in Spanish and Molecular and Cellular Biology with a minor in Visual Arts. Following graduation, she spent a year at Massachusetts General Hospital as an orthopaedic surgery research coordinator

for the shoulder and elbow service. She earned her medical degree from Weill Cornell Medicine, serving on national leadership boards for the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society, Association of Women Surgeons, and Medical Student Orthopedic Society. Outside of medicine, she enjoys painting, reading, running, and exploring the NYC food scene.

Kristen Reikersdorfer, MD

Kristen Reikersdorfer, MD, grew up just outside Madison, Wisconsin. She attended Washington University, where she studied neuroscience and global health while captaining the women's varsity soccer team. Following graduation, she moved to California to work in an orthopaedic sports medicine practice, gaining early clinical experience in the care of athletes. She then went on to receive her MD from Harvard Medical School. Outside of medicine, she enjoys running, skiing, attending the ballet, and spending time with family and friends.

David Richardson, MD, PhD

David Richardson, MD, PhD, grew up in Rochester, NY. He attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he majored in Neuroscience and was awarded a Brackenridge Research Fellowship to investigate neuromuscular signaling. He completed his MD and PhD in Pathology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. His research used motion capture and mobile neuroimaging to investigate the effects of movement on cognition, and the impact of musculoskeletal disease burden on cognitive health. In his free time, he enjoys cycling, reading science fiction, baseball, and Formula 1.

Charlotte Wahle, MD, PhD

Charlotte Wahle, MD, PhD, grew up in Duxbury, Massachusetts. She went on to attend Dartmouth College, where she studied Biology and Global Health and was a member of the varsity women's lacrosse team. Following graduation, she spent two years working in Parkinson's research at Massachusetts General Hospital before earning her medical degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. During medical school, she spent a dedicated research year at the UCSF Institute for Global Orthopaedics and Traumatology, traveling to Tanzania and Uganda to work on several orthopaedic trauma projects. In her free time, she enjoys running, strength training, and seeking out the nation's best coffee and ice cream.

Jude Alawa, MD, MBA

Jude Alawa, MD, MBA, grew up in Miami, Florida. He earned his undergraduate degrees in Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology and Global Affairs from Yale University and completed an MPhil in Public Health at the University of Cambridge. Jude received his MD and MBA from Stanford University as a Knight-Hennessy and Samvid Scholar. Originally from Damascus, Syria, he has worked to expand healthcare access in humanitarian settings through public health programming and the development of scalable health innovations. In his free time, he enjoys playing piano, basketball, and pickleball, skiing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Alexis Batiste, MD

Alexis Batiste, MD, was born in Keflavík, Iceland, and spent his early childhood in Sicily, Italy, before relocating to Florida. He earned his undergraduate degree in exercise physiology from Florida State University, where he was a member of the marching band and played alto saxophone. Following graduation, he worked as a middle and high school science teacher in Florida, teaching for SSTRIDE—a pipeline program that supports underrepresented students interested in STEM careers. He earned his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, where he founded a chapter of Black Men in White Coats. During medical school, Alexis completed a dedicated research year in Sports Medicine in the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Colorado. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball, dancing, and spending time with his partner and cat, Darien and Mango.

Sofia Hidalgo Perea, MD

Sofia Hidalgo Perea, MD, grew up in Madrid, Spain. She attended Duke University, where she majored in biology with a focus on anatomy and physiology and minored in chemistry and global health. Following graduation, she worked as a research assistant in the Pediatric Orthopaedic Department at HSS before earning her medical degree from the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. Outside of medicine, she enjoys spending time with her fiancé, Leo, taking long walks along the East River with their dog, Lulu, and following Formula 1 racing.

Colin Charles Neitzke, MD



Colin Charles Neitzke, MD, was born and raised in Perham, Minnesota. He attended the University of Minnesota for his undergraduate studies, where he majored in Neuroscience, minored in Business Management, and was a member of the club slalom waterski team. Colin earned his medical degree from Chicago Medical School, during which he completed the HSS Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship (MSSRF). He returned to HSS for an additional year during medical school to serve as the research coordinator for Drs. Elizabeth Gausden and Brian Chalmers within the Adult Reconstruction and Joint Replacement (ARJR) Service. In his free time, Colin enjoys downhill and slalom waterskiing, weightlifting, running, and watching Minnesota sports. Skoll!

Bennett Propp, MD



Bennett Propp, MD, was born and raised in Westport, Connecticut. He attended the University of Connecticut for both medical school and for his undergraduate studies where he majored in biomedical engineering with a minor in materials science. Before medical school, he performed research on Type 1 Diabetes genomics at Boston Children's Hospital. During medical school, Bennett worked at HSS as a research coordinator for the JUPITER multi-center study of patellar instability. Bennett enjoys cheering on Huskies basketball, skiing, running, and spending time with family and friends nearby.

Shawn Simmons, MD, MBA



Shawn Simmons, MD, MBA, was born and raised in Virginia Beach, VA. He attended the University of Pennsylvania where he majored in sociology and was a member of the varsity men's basketball team. Following graduation, he worked for two years as a clinical research coordinator in the Penn's Sports Medicine department. He completed his medical degree at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed an MBA at Columbia Business School. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Spencer Sullivan, MD



Spencer Sullivan, MD, grew up in Franklin, Indiana. He attended Wake Forest University where he received his undergraduate degree in Health and Exercise Science and worked with the Sports Medicine team, servicing the football and soccer teams. He spent two years in NYC, performing research with Dr. Benedict Nwachukwu and the Sports Medicine Institute at HSS. He then received his medical degree from UNC School of Medicine with a concentration in Medical Education. In his free time, Spencer enjoys weightlifting, traveling, exploring new restaurants, and spending time with his wife, family, friends, and his dog, Bane.

Olivia Christina Tracey, MD



Olivia Christina Tracey, MD, was born and raised in New York City. She received her undergraduate degree from Yale University, where she majored in history of art and was a core member of the largest, multi-style dance group on campus. She received her medical degree from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine in Brooklyn. During her medical training, Olivia spent an additional year as the Leon Root Research Fellow in Pediatric Orthopaedics at HSS. In her free time, Olivia enjoys visiting museums, playing guitar, spending time with family and friends, and experimenting with new recipes.

Stockton Troyer, MD



Stockton Troyer, MD, was born and raised in Boise, Idaho. He attended Williams College in Massachusetts, where he majored in chemistry and history and was captain of the varsity alpine ski team. After college, he worked for two years as a consultant in the life sciences space. He received his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. In his free time, he enjoys running, biking (mountain and road), skiing, fishing, climbing, and mountaineering—anything to get outside!

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Kristin Halvorsen, MD, MBA



Kristin Halvorsen, MD, MBA, grew up in Connecticut and Vermont. She attended Williams College where she received her undergraduate degree in biology and was a member of the varsity ski team. After college, she completed a post-baccalaureate program and worked as a neurology research coordinator at HSS.

Afterwards, she joined Palantir Technologies as a deployment strategist. From there, she completed her medical degree at the Stanford University School of Medicine and her MBA at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. In her free time, Kristin enjoys skiing, running, painting, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Prerana Katiyar, MD



Prerana Katiyar, MD, grew up in northern Virginia. She attended Carnegie Mellon University for her undergraduate studies, where she majored in neuroscience, minored in chemistry, and was part of a nationally ranked competitive dance team. Following graduation, Prerana worked as a consultant to the Center for Medicare/

Medicaid Services (CMS), working on optimizing health policy and infrastructure using data analytics. She then attended Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City for medical school. In her free time, Prerana continues to dance, and also enjoys calligraphy, spending time with friends and loved ones, and exploring new coffee shops in NYC.

Jennifer Kunes, MD



Jennifer Kunes, MD, grew up near Boston, Massachusetts. She attended Harvard University for her undergraduate education, where she studied biomedical engineering with a minor in English literature. While there, she was a coxswain on the varsity men's heavyweight crew team. After graduating, she spent a year

at Brigham and Women's Hospital conducting research on focused ultrasound for non-invasive neuromodulation. She then attended medical school at Columbia Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York City. In her free time, she enjoys finding new restaurants in the city, leather working, and designing aquariums.

Mark Megerian, MD



Mark Megerian, MD, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He attended Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, for his undergraduate studies, where he majored in neuroscience and played club ice hockey. Upon graduation, Mark matriculated to Case Western Reserve University School

of Medicine for his medical degree, where he pursued clinical research in sports medicine, shoulder/elbow, and orthopaedic trauma. During medical school, Mark also served as the head coach for a local youth ice hockey team and took on extracurricular studies focusing on healthcare entrepreneurship and surgical innovation. In his free time, he enjoys playing ice hockey and pickleball, skiing, watching Cleveland sports, and spending time with family, friends, and his two dogs.

Rajiv Reddy, MD, MS



Rajiv Reddy, MD, MS, grew up in Alpharetta, Georgia. He attended the University of Pittsburgh as a part of the 8-year BS/MD program, where he majored in biology and philosophy. During undergrad, he served as a squash coach for middle and high school students and competed on the Bollywood dance team.

Rajiv completed his medical degree as part of the Clinical Scientist Training Program, where he conducted research on shoulder pathology and received a master's degree. In his free time, Rajiv enjoys street photography, playing pickleball and trying new restaurants with friends.

Branden Sosa, MD



Branden Sosa, MD, grew up in the Bronx, New York with his family who immigrated from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. He attended CUNY-Hunter College for his undergraduate studies, where he majored in biochemistry and minored in economics. After graduating, he completed the HSS PostBac Research

Training Program which influenced his passion for translational orthopaedic research. During medical school at Weill Cornell Medicine, Branden founded Code BLOOM, a mentorship program for underrepresented pre-medical students at his alma mater. In his free time, Branden enjoys playing basketball, traveling, and spending time with family.

Taylor Stauffer, MD

Taylor Stauffer, MD, grew up in Cheshire, Connecticut and completed her undergraduate education at the University of Connecticut and Boston College. At UCONN, she was a member of the alpine ski team before transferring to Boston College where she studied biology and Hispanic studies. After graduation, she was awarded a Fulbright predoctoral research fellowship in Barcelona, Spain, where she conducted research on a novel nanotherapeutic for Crohn's disease at Hospital Clinic. Taylor earned her medical degree from Duke University. In her free time, she enjoys skiing, running, and spending time with her twin sister and older sister.

Raylin Xu, MD

Raylin Xu, MD, grew up just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She attended Harvard for her undergraduate studies, where she majored in molecular and cellular biology and minored in global health and health policy. After college, she spent a year in Germany as a U.S. Fulbright Research Fellow before moving back to Boston for medical school at Harvard. In her free time, she enjoys climbing, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.

Michelle Zabat, MD

Michelle Zabat, MD, was born and raised in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She graduated from Brown University with an undergraduate degree in Health & Human Biology and Food Studies. After college, she served as a U.S. Fulbright Fellow to the Philippines, conducting research on the microbiology of food fermentation; subsequently, she moved to Boston to work as a strategy consultant to the pharmaceutical and biotech industries with ClearView Healthcare Partners. Michelle completed her medical degree at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine. She is a former Chair of the Associate Board for the Joyce Ivy Foundation, a non-profit committed to the academic advancement and leadership development of young women from the Midwest. In her free time, she enjoys long-distance running and cycling, fly fishing in upstate New York, and fermenting sourdough in her tiny NYC kitchen.

Lina Ibrahim, MD, MSc

Lina Ibrahim, MD, MSc, grew up in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Stanford University for her undergraduate studies, where she majored in mechanical engineering, and received her Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from MIT. She completed her post-baccalaureate pre-health studies at Loyola University in Chicago and then received her medical degree from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. In her free time, Lina enjoys exploring restaurants in NYC with her fiancé, Rami, growing her plant collection, and traveling.

Seong Jang, MD

Seong Jang, MD, was born in Seoul, South Korea and grew up in northern Virginia. He attended Princeton University for his undergraduate studies and graduated with a thesis focused in computational cognitive neuroscience. He received his medical degree from Weill Cornell Medical College in NYC. There, he spent an additional year conducting research at HSS focusing on the applications of deep learning in orthopaedic surgery. In his free time, Seong enjoys playing soccer, exploring city eateries, and spending quality time with his family and his wife, Karen.

Gabriel (Gaby) Joseph, MD, MBA

Gabriel (Gaby) Joseph, MD, MBA, grew up just outside Seattle, Washington. He attended Princeton University where he was a member of the varsity soccer team and received his undergraduate degree in molecular biology. Following graduation, Gaby moved to California where he became a part of Stanford University's inaugural class of Knight-Hennessy Scholars. He completed his medical degree at the Stanford University School of Medicine, and his MBA at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. In his free time, he enjoys playing soccer and golf, watching sports and cooking.

Tyler Khilnani, MD



Tyler Khilnani, MD, was born and raised in New York City. He attended Cornell University for his undergraduate degree, where he majored in biological sciences with a concentration in human nutrition and played club ice hockey for four years. Following a year in New Haven when he performed clinical research in psychiatry at Yale, he returned home to complete his medical degree at Weill Cornell Medicine. In his free time, Tyler enjoys golfing, watching the New York Rangers and Arsenal, and exploring the city with his fiancée Caroline.

Billy Kim, MD



Billy Kim, MD, was born in Seoul, Korea and grew up in Los Angeles. He studied biophysics at Johns Hopkins University, conducted neuroimaging and bioinformatics research at the NIH, before receiving his medical degree from Duke University, where he had formative experiences working with orthopaedic mentors. He likes spending time with family and friends, grilling Korean BBQ, and watching the Los Angeles Lakers/Dodgers.

David Andrew Kolin, MD, MSc



David Andrew Kolin, MD, MSc, was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. For his undergraduate education, he attended Pomona College, where he majored in chemistry. After graduating, David completed a year-long research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. He subsequently received a master's in epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. David then moved to New York to obtain his medical degree from Weill Cornell Medicine. When he's not working, David enjoys playing tennis, exploring New York's restaurant scene, and cheering on Tottenham Hotspur.

Nicolas Pascual-Leone, MD



Nicolas Pascual-Leone, MD, grew up in Valencia, Spain and Wayland, Massachusetts. He attended Amherst College for undergrad, where he majored in chemistry and played varsity soccer. Following graduation, he moved to Spain to pursue a career in professional soccer. He earned his medical degree from Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He spent an additional year during medical school completing the Leon Root Research Fellowship at HSS. He enjoys trying new restaurants with his wife, Safi, teaching his daughter, Laila, to play soccer, and training for triathlons/ultras.

Nnaoma Oji, MD



Nnaoma Oji, MD, was born and raised in New Brighton, Minnesota. He attended Stanford University for his undergraduate studies, where he majored in biological sciences and spent time abroad caring for patients with traumatic injuries and limb deformities. After graduating, he worked at a health technology start-up in San Francisco before receiving his medical degree from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Nnaoma enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, working out, and watching sports.

Andrew Sama Jr., MD, MBA



Andrew Sama Jr., MD, MBA, was born in Miami, Florida and grew up in Connecticut. He attended Cornell University, where he studied Biology and Society. After graduation, Andrew moved to New York City to work at a medical technology startup that focused on using deep learning in musculoskeletal imaging before attending the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine for his medical degree. During his time at Miami, Andrew also obtained his Master of Business Administration at the Herbert School of Business. In his free time, he loves fishing, skiing, cooking, spending time with his wife and dachshund, cheering on the New York Giants, and exploring restaurants in NYC.

Amy Li Xu, MD



Amy Li Xu, MD, was born in Galveston, Texas, but considers Riverside, California her hometown. She attended Stanford University, where she majored in human biology and captained the cheerleading team, concluding a 12-year competitive career in the sport. After graduation, Amy spent a year working at a community health nonprofit called Project Horseshoe Farm in rural Alabama. She received her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. In her free time, she enjoys watching college football (GO CARD), listening to country music, and going to [solidcore].

Olatunde Badejo, MD



Olatunde Badejo, MD, was born in Nigeria and grew up in both the Kingdom of Eswatini and Dallas, Texas. He attended Harvard College where he was a Jackie Robinson Foundation scholar and graduated cum laude with a degree in molecular and cellular biology, and a secondary field in the history of science. Following graduation, he returned to Dallas to earn his medical degree from UT Southwestern Medical Center. Southwestern Medical Center. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, cooking new recipes, and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, cooking new recipes, and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys with his partner Alice. After residency he will be completing fellowship in Adult Reconstruction and Joint Replacement at NYU Langone

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Brittany Ammerman, MD, MBS



Brittany Ammerman, MD, MBS, grew up in River Vale, New Jersey. She attended the University of Wisconsin, where she was a member of the Wisconsin Badgers ice hockey team and part of the 2011 National Championship-winning team. She was also a member of the USA Women's National Ice Hockey Team throughout her career. Brittany founded the Nikumbuke Soccer League, a nonprofit organization in rural Kenya for women and girls to participate in sport. She was awarded the NCAA Hockey Humanitarian Award for her efforts. Following her undergraduate degree, Brittany completed her Masters of Biomedical Sciences at Rutgers University. She then spent a year as the research assistant in the HSS Women's Sports Medicine Center. Brittany received her medical degree from Penn State College of Medicine. Outside of the hospital, Brittany enjoys staying active and spending time with her husband, Nate, and son, Grayson. She will be completing a fellowship in Sports Medicine at the University of Wisconsin.

Samuel Robert Boas, MD



Samuel Robert Boas, MD, grew up in Connecticut. He attended Tufts University where he studied biology. After graduating, he worked in a pain management clinic in Brooklyn, New York. Sam received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. In his free time, he enjoys running in central park, reading Russian literature, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Taylor Cogsil, MD



Taylor Cogsil, MD, was born and raised in Stuart, Florida. For undergraduate studies, she attended Yale University where she received her degree in the history of science, medicine, and public health. After graduation, Taylor moved to New York and worked as a research coordinator in the neurology department at HSS. From there, she made her way to the Midwest and completed her medical education at Washington University in St. Louis. When she isn't at the hospital, she enjoys rollerblading, pickleball, desserts, game nights, and watching true crime documentaries with her husband, Jeremy. After residency she plans to specialize in hand surgery.

Mihir Dekhne, MD



Mihir Dekhne, MD, grew up in Detroit, Michigan. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his bachelor's degree in biochemistry and master's degree in chemistry. Following graduation, he moved to Boston and earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. In his free time, he enjoys lifting weights, watching Michigan football, and finding new places to eat.

Mitchell Alan Johnson, MD



Mitchell Alan Johnson, MD, was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan where he studied biomedical engineering. After graduation, Mitch attended the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania where he spent an additional year completing the Benjamin Fox Orthopaedic Research Fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball, pickleball, hiking, and trying new restaurants with his wife, Sophia. After graduation, he will be completing a sports medicine fellowship at Rush.

Yousi (Josey) Oquendo, MD, MSE



Yousi (Josey) Oquendo, MD, MSE, grew up in Syracuse, New York. She attended the University of Pennsylvania for her undergraduate studies, where she majored in bioengineering and minored in mechanical engineering and applied science. She was also a three-year captain of the Penn Women's Club Lacrosse team and played for the Penn Women's Rugby team. After graduating she remained at the University of Pennsylvania for an additional year to pursue a master's degree in robotics engineering. Josey received her medical degree from Stanford University. During her medical training, she worked as a Clinical Development Engineering Intern at Intuitive and later spent a year conducting orthopaedic trauma and spine research between her third and fourth years of medical school. Josey will be specializing in orthopaedic trauma and spine surgery. She will be heading to the University of Miami for trauma fellowship. She will be applying this year for spine fellowship to be completed after her trauma fellowship.

Rafa Rahman, MD, MPH



Rafa Rahman, MD, MPH, was born in Bangladesh and grew up in northern Virginia. She attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for her undergraduate studies, where she majored in biological engineering and minored in public policy. She received her medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and her Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In her free time, Rafa likes to get outdoors, travel, and enjoy NYC with her family.

Ericka von Kaeppler, MD, PhD



Ericka von Kaeppler, MD, PhD, grew up in Portola Valley, California. She earned her undergraduate degree in biology from Yale University where she played on the women's basketball team and discovered her passion for musculoskeletal science and medicine. After graduating, she returned to the Bay Area earning her MD and PhD in Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine from Stanford University's Medical Scientist Training Program. During medical school, she also worked in Tanzania as a research fellow with UCSF's Institute for Global Orthopaedics and Traumatology. In her free time, she is an avid women's college basketball fan and enjoys exploring new restaurants and spending weekend getaways on the coast. After residency, she will be completing a fellowship in Adult Reconstructive Surgery at Mayo Clinic.

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Wishing a Happy Birthday
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Mihir Dekhne
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Gabriel Joseph
Tyler Khilnani
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Nicolas Pascual-Leone
Nnaoma Oji
Rafa Rahman
Andrew Sama
Branden Sosa

OCTOBER

Jude Alawa
Colin Neitzke
Taylor Stauffer

NOVEMBER

Sonam Ghoshal
David Kolin
Michelle Zabot

DECEMBER

Olatunde Badejo
Billy Kim
Rajiv Reddy

Resident Life: BEYOND THE OR



1 Class of 2030 at the Caspary Estate

2 Branden Sosa, MD, Kristin Halvorsen, MD, MBA, Taylor Stauffer, MD, Rajiv Reddy, MD, Mark Megerian, MD

3 Taylor Cogsil, MD, Brittany Ammerman, MD, Josey Oquendo, MD

4 Residents at 2026 Golf and Tennis Day

5 Mihir Dekhne, MD, Raylin Xu, MD, Kristin Halvorsen, MD

6 Tyler Khiinani, MD, Raylin Xu, MD, Kristin Halvorsen, MD, Mihir Dekhne, MD, Billy Kim, MD, Branden Sosa, MD, Mark Megerian, MD, Jude Alawa, MD, Shawn Simmons, MD

Resident Life:

BUILDING COMMUNITY



1 Seong Jang, MD, Caroline Rossi, Tyler Khilnani, MD, Raylin Xu, MD, Nick Kochanek, Prerana Katiyar, MD, Mark Megerian, MD, Nicolas Pascual-Leone, MD, and Safi Aly at the Annual Ice Skating Event at Wollman Rink

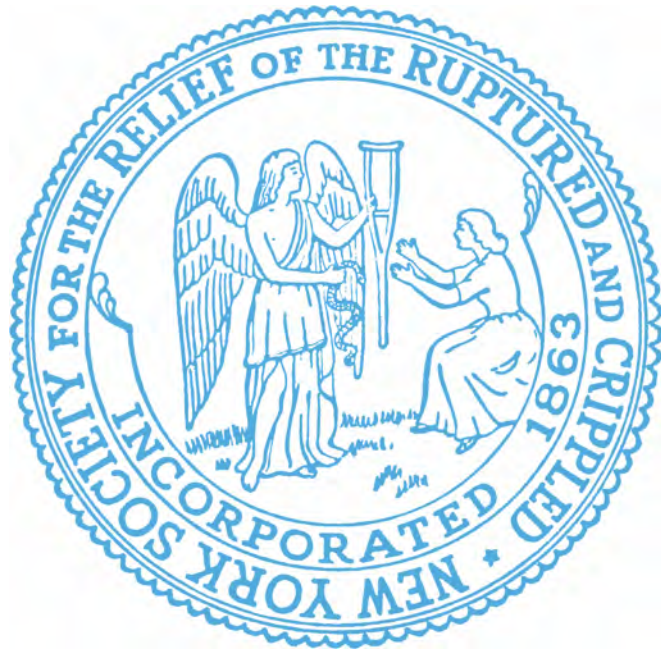
2 Rajiv Reddy, MD, MS, Raylin Xu, MD, Michelle Zabat, MD, Branden Sosa, MD, Taylor Stauffer, MD, Andrew Leali, MD, Jennifer Kunes, MD, Mark Megerian, MD, Kristin Halvorsen, MD, Prerana Katiyar, MD

3 Celebrating the end of the academic year with a boat cruise

4 Frannie Coxe, MD, Mark Megerian, MD, Branden Sosa, MD, Taylor Stauffer, MD, Raylin Xu, MD, Joshua Bram, MD, Douglas E. Padgett, MD, Mihir Dekhne, MD, Olatunde Badejo, MD, Billy Kim, MD, Scott LaValva, MD at Bike HSS 2024

5 Raylin Xu, MD, Branden Sosa, MD, and Taylor Stauffer, MD, cross the finish at Bike HSS 2024

6 Resident dinner with Mathias Bostrom, MD, and Douglas Padgett, MD



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