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- Encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community
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Induction Ceremony

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Epsilon Chapter of Illinois

Jessica McIntyre, MD
Vikram C. Prabhu, MD
Gregory Gruener, MD, MBA, MHPE
Aaron Michelfelder, MD

Presented in the
Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing
Room 1505
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Jonathan Metry, MD

Kathleen B. Raschka, MD  
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**ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Thursday, March 17, 2022

5:00 p.m.

**Welcome**
Dr. Jessica McIntyre

**ΔΩA Selection Criteria**
Dr. Gregory Gruener, Vice Dean of Education

**Introductory Remarks**
Dr. Sam Marzo
Dean and Chief Diversity Officer

**AOA Chapter Updates**

**Chapter Service Project**

Dr. Theresa Nguyen and Kendall N. Frisoli, MS4

**Carolyn Kuckein Student Fellowship Award**
Daniel Bujnowski, MS2

**CASCADE Medical Student Leadership Project**
Samuel Lubor, MS3

**Medical Student Induction**
Dr. Aaron Michelfelder and Dr. Kamran Mirza

**Resident and Faculty Induction**
Kendall N. Frisoli MS4, Vikrum Jain MS4, Dhruv J. Patel MS4, Sahr Yazdani MS4 and Shuchi Zinzuwadia MS4

**Closing Remarks**

*Music performed by Healing Notes*
CLASS OF 2022 STUDENT INDUCTEES

Margaret H. Aasen
Maggie grew up in Wisconsin and completed her undergraduate degree at Boston College. While at Loyola, she has loved balancing her time in the hospital with a long list of ever-changing hobbies. Maggie plans to match into an otolaryngology head-and-neck surgery residency program this year.

Poonam Dalwadi
Poonam grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and completed her undergraduate degree in Chemical & Biomolecular engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology. While at Stritch, she has enjoyed getting involved in the community through the Community Health Clinic and peer mentoring. She hopes to continue her medical training by matching into an otolaryngology residency program.

Matthew T. DeJong
Matthew grew up here, in the western suburbs of Chicago, and completed his undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. During his medical education at Stritch, Matthew continued developing his passion for mentorship by volunteering with several peer mentoring groups and is grateful for the academic foundation he built through the Research Honors program. He looks forward to training as a general surgeon where he can blend medical knowledge and technical skill to improve the lives of his future patients.

Shivani S. Doshi
Shivani grew up in Southern California and completed her undergraduate studies at UCLA. While at Stritch, she has enjoyed getting involved in underserved communities both locally and abroad through the New Life Volunteering Society and the Ignatian Service Immersion Program. She hopes to continue to develop her passion for global health and ultrasound education by matching into an emergency medicine residency program.

Emily Deciccio
Emily grew up in New Hope, Pennsylvania and completed her undergraduate degree at Cornell University. She worked in Maternal and Child Health research at the University of Pennsylvania before coming to medical school. At Stritch, her favorite experiences were volunteering at Community Health Clinic in West Town and rotating with the Indian Health Service on Navajo Nation. She hopes to match into internal medicine to continue practicing medicine with her heart and her feet in rural, underserved communities.

Sarah L. Fracci
Sarah grew up in Ohio and completed her undergraduate degree at the University Of Notre Dame. Sarah has enjoyed volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, mentoring local high school students through the PULSE Program, and completing research on social determinants of health while at Stritch. Sarah is excited to pursue her passions for caring for children, delivering trauma-informed care, and providing mental healthcare by completing her residency training in psychiatry, and ultimately hopes to practice child and adolescent psychiatry.

Kendall N. Frisoli*
Kendall is from Thousand Oaks, California. Her journey into medicine was far from planned, deciding upon this path in her second year in undergrad at University of California, Davis, after realizing her passion for both impactful human relationships and endless learning. Wait, what? Medicine means she gets to nerd out on science and make 20 new friends every 15 minutes? She answered: yes. Kendall’s classmates and faculty may know her as the front-row sitter with the questions, while the residents and attendings in the hospital may know her as the girl cracking jokes with her patients. She is beyond thrilled to pursue her passions both within and outside of medicine as a Family Medicine physician. Let this California girl’s journey begin. Cheers!
Jane J. Han
Jane grew up in the suburbs of Illinois and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. During her time at Stritch, she enjoyed being involved in research, service initiatives, and mentoring. She plans to pursue a career in dermatology.

Elise Y. Heisler
Elise grew up in the northern suburbs of Chicago and graduated from The University of Michigan with a B.S. in Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience. She was thrilled to return home for medical school at Stritch where her devotion to Women’s Health came into focus, partaking in research and service projects dedicated to serving women from all backgrounds. She is looking forward to a future in Ob/Gyn and seeing where the next chapter takes her in residency!

Alicia C. Hughes
Alicia grew up in the rolling hills of Pullman, Washington where she studied neuroscience as an undergraduate at Washington State University. At Stritch, she entered the MD/MPH program and has focused her studies and scholarship on global health equity and refugee and immigrant health. She has also had significant involvement in Admissions as well as peer mentoring and teaching. She is going into Pediatrics, hoping to care for critically ill children, and intends to continue her academic career in global child health and global health education.

Ashley N. Iannantone
Ashley grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and completed both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Loyola University Chicago prior to matriculating to Stritch for her three-peat as a Rambler. Throughout her time at Stritch, she has become passionate about care for underserved and stigmatized patient populations as well as peer teaching and mentorship, leading her to volunteer at four free clinics, conduct research aimed at improving care for patients with substance use disorders, and teach clinical skills to first and second year students. She looks forward to continuing to develop these passions and discovering new ones in an Emergency Medicine residency program.

Vikrum Jain*
Vikrum Jain grew up in San Jose, California and is a graduate of Santa Clara University, where he was a member of the men’s varsity basketball team. He then spent two years as a medical assistant at a Bay Area-based Orthopedic practice, where he enjoyed working with patients and ultimately found his passion for medicine. While at Stritch, he has loved spending time in the community as a health coach at the Maywood Access to Care clinic, and also his role as an ACE tutor and student mentor. He aims to continue his goals of education, research, and helping patients return to function by pursuing a career in Orthopedic Surgery.

Inho Kim
Inho moved from South Korea to America when he was 9 years old, growing up in NJ and completed his undergraduate degree at Rutgers. At Stritch, he enjoyed mentorship and participated in LUC Mentors to help pre-meds succeed in entering medical school and was involved in the Admissions Committee at Stritch. He is hoping to continue his passion for medical education by matching into anesthesiology.

Sean E. Kisch
Sean was raised in the suburbs of Chicago and completed his undergraduate degree at Illinois College. During his time at Stritch, he loved volunteering at Community Health in Chicago, conducting research in surgical specialties, and started his own little baking business. Sean is matching into otolaryngology (ENT) and plans to pursue a career in academic medicine.

Natalie A. Knox
Natalie is from Springfield, IL and attended Duke University for undergrad, where she studied genetics. At Stritch, she is involved in the Oncology Interest Group, Neighborhood Health Initiative, and Veterans Health Partners. Outside of medical school, Natalie is involved in her church, and enjoys running, crocheting, and Marvel Monday. She plans to pursue Internal Medicine residency, followed by Heme/Onc fellowship.
**Sucheta P. Korwar**

Sucheta grew up in San Jose, California and went to UC Berkeley for her Undergraduate education. She is interested in patient-physician communication, mental health support for patients, veterans’ health, and peer mentoring and teaching, all of which she hopes to continue to work on in an internal medicine residency program.

**Natalie M. Lemon**

Natalie was born and raised in San Diego and moved up the California coastline to complete her undergraduate degree in Biology and Philosophy at U.C. Santa Barbara. In medical school, she decided to brave the cold Chicago winters and fell in love with the Windy City. At Stritch, she was involved in the community through her work at the student-run free health clinic and the local homeless shelter. She also enjoyed tutoring and teaching ultrasound to her peers. For residency, she hopes to match into Emergency Medicine and eventually pursue a fellowship in Medical Education or Ultrasound.

**Dimitri J. Mabarak**

Dimitri lived in seven different states growing up, though most of his childhood was spent in South Carolina. He completed his undergraduate degree at Boston University and chose to attend Stritch due to the collegiality among students as well as the institution’s mission to care for underserved populations. While at Stritch, he spent time with his peers as a tutor and researcher and has worked with the community through the Veggie Rx initiative, the Ronald McDonald House, and the COVID-19 vaccination outreach campaign. He hopes to be able to make a greater difference in patients’ lives after matching into an Orthopaedic Surgery residency program.

**Erin R. McCune**

Erin grew up in Tacoma, Washington and was first introduced to the Midwest at the University of Notre Dame, where she completed her undergraduate degree. A short trip west brought her to Stritch, where she has enjoyed her involvement with the Community and Global Health Honors Program, through which she has participated in research on social determinants of health in the Maywood community. She has also enjoyed volunteer and leadership opportunities with the Pediatrics Interest Group at Stritch. Outside the hospital, she enjoys baking and cake decorating, knitting, weekly Marvel Monday movies with her fabulous roommate, and the joys of life as a dog-aunt. Erin is pursuing her longtime interest in pediatrics and hopes to match into a pediatrics residency program this year.

**Elizabeth R. Nussbaum**

Elizabeth grew up in Minnesota and went to Boston College for her undergraduate degree. She then moved to Chicago, completed a MS in medical physiology at Loyola, and scribed for a year in a primary care clinic before coming back to Loyola for medical school. While at Stritch, she enjoyed her involvements in the Community and Global Health Honors Program, the Surgery Interest Group, peer mentoring and surgical oncology research. She hopes to continue exploring her interests in mentorship, health disparities and global health through a residency in general surgery.

**Arpan Patel**

Arpan grew up in the Chicagoland area and completed his undergraduate education at Northwestern University and received a Masters degree in Health Systems Management from Rush University. As a Stritch Medical Student, Arpan was heavily involved in the student run Community Health Clinic in Chicago and patient advocacy efforts with the American Medical Association. He completed an academic research fellowship in Adult Reconstruction and hopes to build upon this experience by matching into an Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program.

**Dhruv J. Patel**

Dhruv grew up in Palatine, Illinois. Graduating summa cum laude from Loyola University Chicago in 2017, he received his B.S. in Biology and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. While at Stritch, he has worked on surgical outcomes research and has published manuscripts in The American Journal of Surgery and Surgery. He hopes to further his aspirations of becoming a surgeon by matching into a general surgery residency.
Matthew R. Semler
Matthew grew up in Madison, Wisconsin and completed his undergraduate training at the University of Wisconsin (Go Badgers!). While at Stritch, he was involved in HIV-associated stigma research and enjoyed mentoring other medical students and spending Thursday afternoons singing Disney songs on the pediatric floor. He hopes to match into a combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency program and continue his involvement in medical education and global health.

Lana E. Sharba
Lana was raised in West Bloomfield, Michigan and completed her undergraduate degree in Neuroscience at the University of Michigan. At Stritch, she has enjoyed supporting her peers through Students Advising Students and tutoring, as well as working with local community organizations including the Syrian Community Network. Lana is looking forward to Neurology residency, where she hopes to actively support her community and pursue her interests in medical education.

Alexis R. Stefaniak
Alexis grew up in a small town about an hour south of Chicago and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame. As a medical student, she has been passionate about several community and global health initiatives, especially those aimed at serving the local homeless population. She has also enjoyed peer mentoring undergraduate and medical students, health coaching patients at the Access to Care Clinic, and researching racial disparities in outcomes of eye surgery. She looks forward to continuing her commitment to global health and improving her patients’ quality of life by pursuing a career in ophthalmology.

Anais Y. Stepanian
Anais was born and raised in Los Angeles and attended UC Davis as an undergraduate. At Stritch, Anais discovered her passion for teaching through leading large scale anatomy review sessions for her peers, helping to develop novel simulation curriculum for medical students, and tutoring. One of her most fulfilling experiences in medical school was leading a group of high school students on a one month service immersion trip to Armenia. She hopes to continue bettering medical education throughout her career while also impacting local and global communities through pursuing a fulfilling career in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Sahr Yazdani*
Sahr Yazdani grew up in Ann Arbor, MI and is a proud Wolverine (Go Blue!). While at Stritch, she has loved the opportunities to participate in both the Pediatric Interest Group and Community Health Clinic, and work alongside underserved communities in the Chicagoland area. She hopes to pursue a speciality in the field of pediatrics, and is looking forward to continuing her journey as a lifelong learner of medicine!

Amy Yuan
Amy Yuan grew up in Bellevue, Washington. She graduated from Wellesley College in Massachusetts with a degree in Chemistry. While at Stritch, she explored her spirituality through participation in the Physicians Vocation Program, volunteered in the community with New Life Volunteering Society, and delved into academic interests through both basic and clinical research. Amy hopes to continue her pursuit of lifelong learning through matching in an Internal Medicine residency.

Zofia A. Zdanowicz
Zosia grew up in Portland, OR and traveled to the Midwest originally to attend the University Of Notre Dame. While at Stritch, she has become involved in the Medical Polish curriculum and become involved in the community through Community Health Clinic, as well as Cada Paso neighborhood initiatives. She hopes to learn how to combine advocacy efforts with preventative care initiatives at a future pediatric residency program.
Shuchi Zinzuwadia*
Shuchi grew up in New Jersey and received a degree in Biomedical Engineering from Boston University. She aspires to combine her passion for innovation and medicine by pursuing a career in Diagnostic Radiology with a special focus in women’s health. During her free time, she enjoys baking delicious treats, spending time with her loved ones, and diamond painting, which is her newest hobby!

*Inducted in 2021 as 3rd year medical students.

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Justin G. Carrington
Justin grew up in the Chicagoland area and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Thus far, at Stritch, he has been involved with the Back on My Feet running group, HPREP & PULSE high school programs, peer mentoring, and volunteering with Project CURE. As a third year medical student, he is still deciding his ultimate choice of residency, which will be either an internal medicine or a neurology program.

Anneka L. Johnston Dumerauf
Anneka Johnston grew up in West Michigan and attended Kenyon College, where she balanced her pre-med duties with getting an English major, and competing in ballroom dance. While at Stritch, she enjoyed filling different roles on the Covid frontlines, including running bingo at a nursing home, volunteering as a vaccinator for Oak Street Health, and helping to run Covid testing sites. She is passionate about reducing the stigma around mental healthcare, promoting MAT treatment for substance use disorders, and she plans to pursue a career in psychiatry.

Amali M. Fernando
Amali was raised in the Pacific Northwest. She studied Neuroscience at Loyola University Chicago and matriculated to Stritch through the Early Assurance Program. During her time at Stritch, she co-led the COVID Social Needs Screening outreach effort and has volunteered as a health coach in underserved communities. She hopes to devote her career to helping people access the healthcare they need.
Michael J. Littau
Michael grew up on the north side of Chicago and completed his undergraduate studies at DePauw University. While at Stritch, he has enjoyed integrating himself in the community through volunteer work with the Enrich Community Garden and H-PREP mentorship group. He is actively involved in surgical oncology outcomes research using large datasets and hopes to further develop these skills in a General Surgery residency program.

Emily J. Ness
Emily grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with her undergraduate degree and Tufts University with her post-baccalaureate premedical certificate. As a medical student, she has enjoyed volunteering through music as a part of Healing Notes and volunteering as a yoga instructor, and has spent time developing a machine-learning model to reduce radiation toxicity outcomes as part of her research honors project. She hopes to continue fostering compassionate relationships by matching into a radiation oncology residency program.

RESIDENT INDUCTEES

Dr. Arielle Cohen
Dr. Arielle Cohen is a second-year resident in the Department of Internal Medicine at Loyola University Medical Center. She earned her Doctorate of Medicine from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. In medical school, she led the COVID-19 Medical Student Leader Response Team and functioned as the Illinois State Medical Society Student Chair. During her residency training, she has excelled and was proudly selected as the program’s “Intern of the Year” in 2021. She is described as a leader by example, a role model within the program, and a gifted teacher to her fellow residents and medical students. Dr. Cohen is widely admired for her compassion, humanism, and support for her peers.

Dr. Ryan D. Guerrettaz
Dr. Ryan Guerrettaz is a third-year resident within the combined Medicine-Pediatric residency program at Loyola University Medical Center. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wabash College and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry. He completed his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine in 2019. His peers describe him as an extraordinary team player and medical students commend him for always creating a rich learning environment. His commitment to teaching and service to others is reflected through his work at the Community Health Clinic. Despite setbacks during the ongoing pandemic, Dr. Guerrettaz was committed to supervising and teaching medical students and care for a community in need. He is widely admired for his humanism, kindness, humility.

Dr. Abigail McKenzie Otto
Dr. Abigail Otto is a chief resident in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Loyola University Medical Center. She earned her Doctorate of Medicine from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. During her training, she has excelled as both a resident and medical student educator, and notably received “Intern of the Year” Award in 2019. She is also active in physician wellness efforts through the Loyola GME Wellness Committee and mentorship through the RELATE program. Dr. Otto is admired for her phenomenal bedside manner and is noted by faculty to “put kindness above all other motivators of her interactions”. She demonstrates substantial commitment to teaching, service, and humanism, and has made an incredible impact on Loyola’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Upon graduation, she will be a General Obstetrics and Gynecology academic specialist at the University of Hawaii.
**FELLOW INDUCTEES**

**Dr. Hiten D. Patel**
Dr. Hiten Patel is currently a second year urology oncology fellow at Loyola University Medical center. Dr Patel graduated *summa cum laude* from Washington University in St Louis with a BS in Chemistry, philosophy neuroscience-psychology. He earned his medical and Masters in Public Health degrees from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD where he went on to complete his residency in Urology. Regarding his scholarship, he has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles throughout his career and over 10 just in the short span of 1.5 years as a fellow at Loyola. He is a master educator and enjoys mentoring medical students, residents and fellows. He is admired for his inquisitive mind, passion for scholarly projects and dedication to teaching. He is a true leader.

**Dr. Michael Teitcher**
Dr. Michael Teitcher is a vascular neurology fellow at Loyola. He completed his undergraduate degree in Biology at Yeshiva University where he also completed further studies in Jewish theology and law and was ordained as a rabbi. He earned his medical degree at Stritch and stayed at Loyola to complete his neurology residency, where he served as chief resident in his final year. He is a peer reviewer of the Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Disease and serves on the Stroke Quality Improvement Committee here at Loyola. He is passionate about patient care, quality improvement, and the power of medical education to end “neurophobia”.

**FACULTY INDUCTEES**

**Dr. Vivian Gahtan**
Dr. Vivian Gahtan is the John P. Igini Chair and Professor of Surgery at Loyola. She completed her medical degree at George Washington University School of Medicine, her general surgery and vascular surgery residencies at the University of South Florida, and an endovascular fellowship at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Upon joining Loyola in 2019 Dr. Gahtan became the first female chair of surgery in the history of Loyola’s surgery department. She was also the first female surgeon to serve as President of the Association of Women Surgeons, President of the Eastern Vascular Society, and Chair of the Vascular Surgery Board of the American Board of Surgery. She is a leader in academic surgery as she has authored over 90 journal publications and has given over 50 national and international presentations as well as invited grand rounds. In addition to implementing her strategic plan to grow Loyola’s surgery department, Dr. Gahtan has a passion for developing people. From medical students to faculty, she has served as a mentor to so many current and future surgeons.

**Dr. Ameet R. Kini**
Dr. Ameet Kini is a Professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine and Director of Hematopathology and Flow Cytometry laboratories at Loyola. He completed his medical degree at the University of Bombay, India, PhD and residency at Northwestern University, Chicago, and finally a fellowship in Hematopathology at Loyola University Medical Center. In addition to scholarly publications, Dr. Kini has contributed in the form of published opinion columns in USA Today, New York Times, Boston Globe, Time, and of course, he is known most amongst the Stritch community for his infamous Twitter Tweets. He has a sincere commitment to Loyola’s mission as well as to the mentorship of medical students, residents, and fellows. He is dedicated to lifelong learning and enthusiastic teaching, providing guidance to and inspiring his mentees every day.
Dr. Jonathan Metry
Dr. Jonathan Metry is an Assistant Professor with Anesthesiology Department at Loyola University Medical Center. He completed his medical degree at the University Of Louisville School Of Medicine and his residency training at LUMC. He has a focus on academic medicine, regional anesthesia, and hepatobiliary/transplantation surgery, along with being a key leader in quality improvement. Dr. Metry flourishes in research and scholarly work, serving as a co-investigator on two IRB studies focusing on regional anesthesia and orthopedic surgery, along with being a guest reviewer for multiple highly renowned medical journals. He is also quite active in administration, succeeding as the Associate Medical Director of Perioperative Services since 2019. Dr. Metry has a humanistic approach to both patient care and student mentoring, as proven by his overwhelming positive feedback. He continues to represent Loyola’s mission to the utmost degree.

Dr. Kathleen B. Raschka
Dr. Kathleen Raschka is a Clinical Assistant Professor in Family Medicine at Loyola University Medical Center. She completed her medical degree at University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria and her residency training at MacNeal Memorial Hospital, where she served volunteer faculty and community attending until 2014. She then joined Loyola University Health System as an immediate care-attending physician. She has served as chair of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians: Urgent Care Member Interest Group and has been a member of American Academy of Family Physicians and Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. She has displayed tremendous dedication to medical education at Loyola and MacNeal, as she has numerous teaching appointments within the university and has been recognized with prestigious teaching awards. Despite her many academic obligations, she remains highly dedicated to her patients and engaged in their care.

Dr. Sarah Ann Wagner
Dr. Sarah Wagner is a Professor and Residency Program Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Loyola University Medical Center. She completed her medical degree at Rush University and her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York University. Dr. Wagner joined Loyola in 2008 as an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and then was rapidly promoted to Associate Professor in her fifth year of appointment and subsequently to Professor as soon as she was eligible, and in 2021, she was made Vice Chair of Education. In addition, Dr. Wagner assumed the role of Program Director of our Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program in 2013. She is a leader in academic Obstetrics and Gynecology, as she has contributed numerous peer reviewed publications, presentations at national meetings, and invited grand rounds. Her dedication to education and patient care are celebrated with numerous awards, including the prestigious Magis awards and Wolf and Kettle awards. She is beloved by her patients, medical students, residents, and fellow faculty mentors.