



Alpha Omega Alpha, founded in 1902, is the national medical honor society.

It is dedicated to the belief that in the profession of medicine we will improve care for all by:

- Recognizing high educational achievement
- Honoring gifted teaching
- Encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community
- Supporting the ideals of humanism
- Promoting service to others

Election to Alpha Omega Alpha is a lifelong honor signifying a lasting commitment to scholarship, leadership, professionalism and service.

Membership in the society confers recognition of a physician's dedication to the profession of medicine and the art of healing.

Induction Ceremony

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Epsilon Chapter of Illinois

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

Presented Virtually at 5:00 p.m CST

**ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA
INDUCTION CEREMONY
Thursday, March 18, 2021**

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA 2021 INDUCTEES

Anne H. Arnason*	Frank R. Leuzzi
Leslie S. Carandang	Sydni H. Meunier
Anne L. Coakley	Patricia W. Morrow*
Daniel J. Cotton	Meaghan E. O'Hara
Brett F. Curran*	Dimpi A. Patel
Lachlan Driver	Mara B. Peterson
Aleksander D. Druck	Christopher J. Richardson
Anne E. Gandolfi	Michael D. Scheidt
Philip G. Ghobrial*	Joshua D. Sink
John R. Hallsten	Caitlin N. Smith
Yvonne D. Ho	Herbert P. Stride
Erika N. Hripko	Sandy Vien
Lauren E. Lamparter	Julia E. Witkowska*
Lisa E. Laurenzana	Colten P. Wolf
Sarah M. Leibovitch	Syeda K. Zaidi

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ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA 2022 INDUCTEES

Kendall Frisoli	Vikrum Jain
Dhruv Patel	Sahr Yazdani
Shuchi Zinzuwadia	

RESIDENT INDUCTEES

Daphne Li, MD	Kyle Stang, MD
Daneyal Syed, MD	Shannon E. Michel Wynn, MD

FACULTY INDUCTEES

Michael R. Ander, MD,	Christopher M. Gonzalez, MD
Eugene, Lee, MD	Matthew McCoyd, MD

5:00 p.m.

Welcome

Dr. Jessica McIntyre

AOA Selection Criteria

Dr. Gregory Gruener

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Sam Marzo

Dean of Stritch School of Medicine

AOA Chapter Updates

Volunteer Efforts

Dr. Theresa Nguyen, Anne Arnason, Patricia Morrow

Carolyn Kuckein Student Fellowship Award

Anand Patel Class of 2022

CASCADE Medical Student Leadership Project

Gabriela Fuentes, Tooba Ghous, Ryan Mack and
Yolanda Pham, Class of 2023

Medical Student Induction

Dr. Aaron Michelfelder and Dr. Vikram Prabhu

Resident and Faculty Induction

Anne Arnason, Patricia Morrow, Brett Curran,
Philip Ghobrial and Julia Witkowska

Closing Remarks

CLASS OF 2021 STUDENT INDUCTEES

Anne H. Arnason

Anne grew up in Minnesota and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. While at Stritch, she has enjoyed getting involved in her community through work with Housing Forward and Back on My Feet. She hopes to continue to pursue her interests in medical education by matching into an Internal Medicine residency program.

Leslie S. Carandang

Leslie is from Pennsylvania and graduated from Boston College. As a medical student, she was passionate about volunteering with immigrant populations and improving her Spanish. She is excited to combine those interests into her future practice in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Anne L. Coakley

Annie was born and raised in Michigan and graduated from Georgetown University. At Stritch, she has enjoyed getting involved with the Bioethics Honors program, the Dermatology Interest Group, and the Pulse Pipeline program. She hopes to continue following her interests in medical ethics, mentorship, and medical education by pursuing a residency and career in Dermatology.

Daniel J. Cotton

Dan was born and raised in the Chicago suburbs and is a graduate of Benedictine University. While at Stritch, he was passionate about peer teaching, tutoring, and medical education. Dan also taught in the community for paramedic and EMT students. He plans to follow his interests in medical education and EMS by matching into an Emergency Medicine residency program.

Brett F. Curran*

Brett is a native of Wilmette, Illinois and attended Connecticut College for his undergraduate degree. At Stritch, he is actively involved in multiple organizations and research, and plans on pursuing a career in Surgery.

Lachlan Driver

Lachlan grew up in Russia and is a graduate of the University of Chicago where he studied mathematics and computational neuroscience. While at Stritch, he has enjoyed being involved in his community through work with the Medical Student Union and Stritch Pride, as well as contributing to medical school curriculum development. He hopes to continue pursuing his interests by matching into an Emergency Medicine residency program.

Aleksander D. Druck

Alek was raised in St. Charles, IL and is a graduate of Marquette University. While at Stritch, he actively worked with struggling populations in the Chicago and Maywood communities through the Fresh Start and H.O.M.E. initiatives. Additionally, he is one of the initial founders of Medicus, a podcast that serves as a learning platform for healthcare professionals in training. He hopes to continue his involvement with medical trainee mentorship as he pursues his career in Urology.

Anne E. Gandolfi

Anne grew up in the Chicago suburbs and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. During medical school, she loved volunteering on the pediatrics floor and spending her summers working at a camp for children with diabetes. She looks forward to learning how to provide the best care for children and adolescents as a Pediatrics resident.

Philip G. Ghobrial*

Philip grew up in California and is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton. While at Stritch, he was involved in various research, community service and leadership endeavors and also started initiatives such as the Loyola REACH Program. He plans to complete his residency training in Orthopaedic Surgery.

John R. Hallsten

John was born and raised in Sacramento, California. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, where he was also recruited on an athletic scholarship to Notre Dame's NCAA Division 1 Fencing Team. John plans to pursue a career in Vascular Surgery.

Yvonne D. Ho

Yvonne grew up in Carol Stream, IL and went to Loyola University Chicago for her undergraduate degree. During her time at Stritch, she has enjoyed tutoring medical students, mentoring high school students through Loyola's Health Career Collaborative, and working with Ronald McDonald House. She hopes to match into a Pediatrics residency program and continue her passion for medical education and community service.

Erika N. Hripko

Erika grew up in Medina, Ohio, and graduated from Case Western Reserve University with degrees in Biochemistry and Dance. While at Stritch, she discovered a passion for community and global health, earning CCGH Honors for her engagement with women's health and research on community prevention and wellness. She plans to pursue her passion for women's health in Obstetrics & Gynecology

Lauren E. Lamparter

Lauren was born and raised in Southern California and is an alumnus of Westmont College. She has been pursuing Emergency Medicine since working as a scribe prior to medical school. While at Stritch, she remained involved through leadership of the EMIG and national leadership with AAEM/RSA. She hopes to pursue medical education and global health throughout an Emergency Medicine residency.

Lisa E. Laurenzana

Lisa grew up in the Chicago suburbs and is a graduate of the University of Dayton. During her time at Stritch, she has enjoyed collaborating with adaptive athletes through Adaptive Adventures and learning about underserved medicine at the Community Health Clinic. She hopes to match into Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to pursue a career in women's health rehabilitation and medical education.

Sarah H. Leibovitch

Sarah grew up just outside of Los Angeles. She was a History major at UCLA and later completed Columbia University's Post baccalaureate Premedical Program. At Stritch, Sarah has enjoyed being involved in opportunities such as Loyola's Primary Care chapter at Community Health Clinic, peer mentoring, tutoring, and most recently the MS4 Class Board. She hopes to match into Family Medicine where she plans to continue pursuing her interests in women's health, mental health, and quality improvement.

Frank R. Leuzzi

Frank grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was the vice president of the class during his M2 year at Stritch. Frank has a strong passion for education and enjoys tutoring students. He hopes to continue helping those in need by matching into an academic Internal Medicine residency program.

Sydni H. Meunier

Sydni is originally from central Illinois and attended the University of Notre Dame. While at Stritch, she has been able to enjoy her interests while serving others by taking part in the ENRICH community garden, tutoring Stritch students and volunteer coaching for a local high school track team. She looks forward to pursuing a career in Plastic and Reconstructive surgery.

Patricia W. Morrow*

Patty grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame. While at Stritch, she has enjoyed getting involved in the community through the CCGH Neighborhood Health Initiative, peer mentoring, and volunteering on the pediatrics floor. She hopes to further develop her interests in medical education and global health by matching into a combined Internal Medicine & Pediatrics residency program.

Meaghan E. O'Hara

Meaghan grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison. During her time at Stritch, she was involved in the Peer Led Medical Spanish Program, from which she discovered her interest for medical education. She hopes to further pursue her interests in by matching into an Internal Medicine residency.

Dimpi A. Patel

Dimpi grew up in India, Malawi, and Canada prior to settling in South Carolina. Before venturing to the Midwest for medical school, she soaked up lots of sunshine at the College of Charleston. While at Stritch, she loved getting to know the Maywood community by becoming involved in caring for a collection of urban gardens and by volunteering at the Community Health Clinic. She hopes to build a career in Health Equity.

Mara B. Peterson

An Arizona native, Mara graduated from Arizona State University in 2016. During medical school, she has been dedicated to learning about the healthcare needs of the veteran and homeless populations. She is also a founding member and producer on the Medicus podcast. Mara is matching into Internal Medicine to pursue a career as a hospitalist.

Christopher J. Richardson

Chris is a Minnesota native and graduate of the University of Minnesota. While at Stritch, he participated in high school outreach programs and completed research with the Pathology and Neurology departments. He is excited to match into a Neurology residency program and eventually settle down in Minnesota (per orders from his mother).

Michael D. Scheidt

Mike grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is a graduate of University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. While at Stritch, he has enjoyed being involved in the community through the band “Healing Notes” and taking part in orthopedic research. He hopes to continue pursuing his interests in Sports Medicine and Shoulder & Elbow Surgery by matching into an Orthopedic surgery residency program.

Joshua D. Sink

Josh grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago and went on to study biomedical engineering at Vanderbilt. After a four-year career working as a clinical engineer in the cardiac medical device division of Abbott, Josh decided to change course and pursue a career as a physician. Josh will be matching into Internal Medicine and hopes to continue his passion for biotechnology by ultimately pursuing a career in Cardiology and Electrophysiology.

Caitlin N. Smith

Caitlin is from Dallas, Texas and graduated from Emory University. At Stritch, she is most proud of her work developing a health education program for Maywood youth and studying mental health disparities as the Geoffrey Gunnar Memorial Scholar. She hopes to continue pursuing her passion for mental health and the community in Psychiatry residency next year.

Herbert P. Stride

Parker grew up in Lake Forest, Illinois and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. While in medical school, he has enjoyed being involved in the Stritch community as an interviewer, tour guide, and member of the curriculum committee. He plans to pursue a career in Orthopaedic Surgery.

Sandy Vien

Sandy grew up in the Illinois suburbs and is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago. She cultivated her passions for combating social inequities while at Stritch by working with underrepresented high schoolers in Health Careers Academy and Mental Health Matters. Sandy would like to continue her passions in her pursuit of an Internal Medicine residency.

Julia E. Witowska*

Julia is from Wheaton, Illinois and went to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for her undergraduate studies. While at Stritch, she has been engaged in research, teaching and volunteering at the Community Health Clinic, and was an active member of the Medical Polish group. She plans to pursue a career in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

Colten P. Wolf

Colten is from Colorado and graduated from Marquette University. While at Stritch, he has enjoyed being involved in research and teaching as a tutor. He is applying for an Otolaryngology residency position and has a particular interest in Head and Neck Oncology and Neurotology.

Syeda K. Zaidi

Rabab grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago and is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago. While at Stritch, she has enjoyed getting involved with medical education and advocacy through her work with the Wellness Peer Mentoring elective, the New Life Volunteering Society, and the Loyola COVID Student Response Team. She hopes to continue pursuing her interests in research, medical education, and women's health by matching into a Diagnostic Radiology residency program

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CLASS OF 2022 STUDENT INDUCTEES**Kendall 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, especially when diving into the biopsychosocial model of health. 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 making friends and cracking jokes with her patients.

Vikrum Jain

Vikrum 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.

Dhruv 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.

Sahr Yazdani

Sahr grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan 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 specialty in the field of Pediatrics and is looking forward to continuing her journey as a lifelong learner of medicine.

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!

RESIDENT INDUCTEES

Dr. Daphne Li

Daphne is finishing the final year of her neurosurgical residency at Loyola as a chief resident, after studying Neuroscience at Vanderbilt University and earning a Doctorate of Medicine at New York Medical College. Comments from the neurosurgery staff and residents speak highly to her leadership, character, and the exemplary compassion she has for her patients. Her scholarly activity is proliferative; she has published widely, delivered multiple invited national presentations, and received a Loyola research award recognizing her great success. Next year she will take her talents and dedication to her patients to a Pediatric Neurosurgery fellowship at Stanford University.

Dr. Kyle Stang

Kyle is a PGY-5 and currently Chief Resident in the Department of Radiation Oncology. He received his Bachelor of Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison prior to completing a Doctorate of Medicine at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. Throughout his residency, Dr. Stang has participated in numerous professional societies, including holding leadership positions in the Chicago Radiological Society and the American College of Radiation Oncology. Dr. Stang has also remained involved in the Loyola community, serving as a member of the Housestaff Committee. His dedication to scholarly activity is truly impressive; Dr. Stang has published and presented widely including multiple presentations at the American Society for Radiation Oncology annual meeting. Dr. Kyle Stang is admired by patients, his co-residents, attendings, and all other colleagues with whom he works.

FACULTY INDUCTEES

Dr. Daneyal Syed

Daneyal is an Internal Medicine Resident who earned his Bachelor Degree in Biology with a Minor in Spanish at the University of Kentucky, an MPH from Loyola and subsequently medical school in 2019 with Honors in Research with distinction from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Syed embodies the ideals of professionalism, scholarship, leadership and service and has excelled with teaching and role modeling for medical students. Additionally, he has demonstrated exceptional scholarly productivity with an impressive list of peer-reviewed articles, poster presentations, oral presentations and two book chapters.

Dr. Shannon Michel Wynn

Shannon is from Goldvein, Virginia. She attended The College of William and Mary for her undergrad. She then went on to receive her Doctorate of Medicine from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. She is currently a 3rd year Med-Peds resident at Loyola University Medical Center. Faculty comment on her tremendous clinical acumen and her ability to lead multidisciplinary teams and deliver exceptional patient care. She is the chair of the Clinic Improvement Committee, which played a vital role in patient care during the pandemic, and a member of the Clinician Educator Track of the Internal Medicine residency program. Upon completion of her residency, she plans to pursue a fellowship in Palliative Care.

Dr. Michael R. Ander

Dr. Michael Ander is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology. He earned his Doctorate of Medicine from the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine and completed his residency training at the Loyola University Medical Center. Since then, Dr. Ander has shown strong commitment and leadership within his field. He currently serves as the Director of Liver Transplantation Anesthesia, Medical Director of Anesthesia Perioperative Services, and Assistant Secretary for the Board of Governors of the Illinois Society of Anesthesia. He has also excelled as a resident and medical student educator, and was awarded the Stephen Slogoff Teacher of the Year Award in 2018. Dr. Ander is also a strong clinical researcher and has published numerous book chapters and peer-reviewed articles. Dr. Ander is described by his peers as a respectful, compassionate, and a dedicated physician.

Dr. Eugene Lee

Dr. Eugene Lee is an Assistant Professor in the department of Family Medicine. He attended Boston University for both undergraduate and for medical school. He completed his Residency with the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Wisconsin, and a Fellowship in Academic Integrative Medicine. Since 2017 when he began as faculty at Loyola, Dr. Lee has taken on numerous teaching and advising roles, including Course Directing for the Narrative Medicine and LGBTQ+ electives, Assistant Course Directing for the Wellness Curriculum, teaching Healer's Art and Patient Centered Medicine. He has presented and published nationally, and has won teaching awards every year.

Dr. Matthew McCoyd

Dr. Matthew McCoyd is an Associate Professor of Neurology, Director of the Division of Multiple Sclerosis, and serves as the Program Director for the Neurology Residency Program at Loyola. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Professional Studies and Economics, Cum Laude, from the University of Notre Dame and his Medical Doctorate from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine. He completed his Neurology Residency with University of Chicago Hospitals, where is served as Chief Resident and subsequently completed a Neurophysiology Fellowship. He has published widely and has won numerous teaching awards in the past ten years including multiple SSOM Wolf and Kettle Awards, M2 Educator of the year twice, and an AB Baker Teacher Recognition award from the American Academy of Neurology. He is well loved by his patients and highly respected as a clinical educator by his peers.

Dr. Christopher M. Gonzalez

Dr. Christopher Gonzalez is Professor and Chair of Urology at Loyola University Health System. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Health System, and is the Chair of the Perioperative Executive Committee. He earned his undergraduate degree from Denison University, attended medical school at the University of Iowa, completed residency at Northwestern, where he served as Chief Resident in Urology, and earned his MBA from Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern. In his distinguished career, he has served in the United States Army National Guard, obtained multiple research grants, published prolifically and received local and national teaching awards, including the American Urological Association Distinguished Service Award in 2020 and Best Doctors in America Award multiple years in a row.

