

24-25 Intern Class

Welcome Tafadzwa Amani!



My name is Tafadzwa and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Shurugwi, Zimbabwe and went to Florida Institute of Technology for undergrad, Johns Hopkins for graduate school and then Kansas City University for medical school. I am the oldest of 3 siblings. My 2 sisters are now RNs and my brother is still in high school. We're a National Geographic-addicted family; animals are our passion! I'm lucky to have a husband who's a walking encyclopedia, no need for Google. Both my parents and youngest sister share the same first name! In my free time I enjoy binge-watching TV shows, hiking, Spartan racing, or simply unwinding with brunch! Currently I am still exploring all possibilities, but am thinking GI or Heme-Onc!

Welcome Lauren Arguinchona!



My name is Lauren I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Spokane, Washington and went to the University of Washington for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I currently live in Denver with my husband Devin. We have a dog named Ivy who is 3 years old (pandemic puppy), my parents are back home in Spokane, and my older brother lives in Burbank, CA. In my free time, I love to hike, snowboard, play soccer, boulder, and visit coffee shops/breweries/restaurants. I am unsure what exactly I want to do clinically, but am really looking forward to diving into Ophthalmology!

Welcome Preston Arnold!



My name is Preston and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Reno, Nevada and went to Brigham Young University for undergrad and Texas A&M for medical school. Although I grew up the 2nd of 5 boys, I am now a proud girl dad and have three daughters (ages 7, 4, and 1). My wife and I have been married for 10 years and both grew up in the mountain west region. I grew up camping and backpacking and hiking and am excited to be back where we can enjoy some of the recreation we grew up with. Outside of that, we enjoy playing board games and being mom and dad to our girls. Clinically, I find the immune system fascinating. I'm planning on going to Allergy/Immunology, hoping to stay academic and research oriented. If not that, I would consider Hematology or Rheumatology!

Welcome Bliss Baird!



My name is Bliss and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Wellington, Kansas and went to the University of Oklahoma for undergrad and the University of Kansas for medical school. My parents and grandparents have offered unwavering support and non-medical perspectives through every step of the journey. I am so grateful for them! I am also blessed to have retained precious friends from each stage of my education and am excited to build my new community in Colorado. Lap swimming is my preferred form of exercise, but I am learning to appreciate running as well. As an M2, I rediscovered the joys of literature and have made considerable progress on my "to-read" list. I also love being outdoors: gardening, hiking, studying, reading, dining, etc.

I am excited to become a neurologist! I enjoy the full breadth of the specialty, so neurohospitalist and general neurologist currently appeal to me. However, I certainly remain open to any subspecialty that fascinates me! I am also pondering how best to incorporate my heart for medical education and underserved/rural outreach into my career.

Welcome Abakar Baraka!



My name is Abakar and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from San Antonio, Texas and went to the University of Texas-San Antonio for undergrad and UT Health for medical school. I come from a very large family! Originally from Sudan, my family resettled in San Antonio in 2008, and it has been our home ever since! In my free time I like to play and watch basketball (can't wait to cheer on my Spurs in Denver), try new things, take on random projects from fixing cars to home makeovers, and spending time in the outdoors! I'm currently interested in GI and global health!

Welcome Cecelia Barry!



My name is Cecelia and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Chicago, Illinois and went to the University of Notre Dame for undergrad and the University of Illinois for medical school. Both my mom and dad are lifelong Chicagoans. I do not have siblings, but I have made many wonderful friends along the way, all of whom hold a dear place in my heart and whom I consider to be family! Excited to make new friends and fam in Denver! In my free time, I love to get outside and do so by running, hiking, biking, or going for walks to explore a new neighborhood/area! I also love to curl up with a good book/audiobook and a cup of tea. Music helps me unwind so I often go to concerts or just have a mini Spotify concert at home with a good playlist. I also enjoy painting, embroidery, and cafe/restaurant/brewery hopping. I am excited to learn all things related to internal medicine during my prelim year. I am particularly interested in medical education, LGBTQIA+ inclusive care, improving healthcare access, especially for unhoused populations, and DEI initiatives. Within neurology, I am looking forward to exploring epilepsy, cognitive/behavioral neurology, and neuro-infectious diseases!

Welcome Karl Baumgartner!



My name is Karl and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Lakewood, Colorado and went to Santa Clara University for undergrad and Brown University for medical school. My dad is a retired internist, and my mom is a retired nurse. They met at Denver Health when my dad was in residency and my mom was working in the ICU. They are now enjoying retirement in Lakewood. I have three brothers, in the Denver area. My oldest brother Alex is a movement disorder neurologist at CU. My other two brothers, Peter and Nick, are both engineers and work in the aerospace industry. I am very excited to be back home, especially close to my 4 nephews and 1 niece. In my free time I enjoy anything outdoors—running, hiking, camping, biking, going for walks, you name it. I also love to read non-fiction and classics, listen to podcasts, play trivia, and watch Jeopardy. I am not undecided on what exactly I want to do clinically, but am leaning towards Primary Care!

Welcome Hazel Becker!



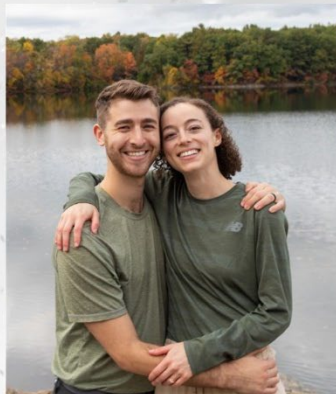
My name is Hazel and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Mosinee, Wisconsin and went to the University of Wisconsin for both undergrad and medical school. I grew up on a small farm with three siblings, two sisters and a brother. We still spend a lot of time together and deer hunt for a week every November. My husband Zach is a firefighter/paramedic and we met working at the fire department together. My family and I enjoy hunting together every year. We also enjoy fishing, camping, and hiking. Our dogs are at our heels every step of the way. I also have a love of house plants and spend my spare time caring for them. I am hoping to get good experience working with hospitalized patients to properly manage their care and am excited to pursue Neurology!

Welcome Melinda Becker!



My name is Melinda and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Norton, Kansas and went to Yale University for undergrad and the University of Kansas for medical school. I moved to Colorado with my husband and our two cats! I love cooking, hiking/backpacking, and travelling. I am looking forward to being close to the mountains and adding some winter sports to my hobbies! I also do the New York Times crossword every morning. Currently I am undecided but have an interest in hospitalist medicine and pulmonary critical care!

Welcome Keren Blackman!



My name is Keren and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I was born in Israel but grew up mostly in Mansfield, Massachusetts. I went to the University of Vermont for undergrad and the University of Maryland for medical school. My partner, Jeffrey, and I are super excited to move to Denver! I come from a tight-knit family that loves games, live music, and deep talks. I have two older brothers who have lived in California for the last decade but I'm sure will be visiting often for the skiing and Red Rocks shows. In my free time I love snowboarding, playing volleyball, going camping, playing games, hosting meaningful gatherings, and going to concerts and music festivals! After residency, I'm most interested in Geriatrics, Primary Care, or Hospitalist Medicine!

Welcome Madelyn Boslough!



My name is Madelyn and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Anchorage, Alaska and went to Stanford University for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. My dad is a general contractor and my mom is a teacher. I'm the second of four kids, and all of my siblings are mechanical engineers! Skiing, mountain biking, and running are my main hobbies but I also enjoy knitting socks. I'm interested in a career in cardiology or pulmonology & critical care, but I also love rural medicine and sometimes think about going straight into rural practice after residency!

Welcome Karina Boyea!



My name is Karina and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Dallas, Texas and went to the University of Southern California for undergrad and Baylor University for medical school. I was raised by amazing parents who couldn't be more excited for me to be in Colorado, especially since my only sibling just moved to Australia (and is living her best life). My mom is originally from Germany but moved to the US for college, where she met my dad, who had just returned from an extended "gap year" of traveling and working throughout the world. They raised my sister and I to chase our dreams to whatever part of the world they take us, and I think we both have finally landed in our dream spots--so thanks mom and dad! In my free time, I always love being outdoors; playing sports, hiking, camping, etc. I also love cooking and trying new food (aka eating), and have recently become obsessed with trying (and failing) to grow my own herbs! I also love reading, being with friends, wine and movie nights, yoga, and being annually let down by Cowboys/Trojans/Longhorns football. I'm excited to have found a specialty I love in Neurology, but still feel like there's so much to decide in terms of sub-specialty interests. I really want to be involved in medical education and global health/care of the underserved programs and can't wait to explore all my options further CU!

Welcome Dustin Bratten!



My name is Dustin and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Sammamish, Washington and went to the University of Washington for both undergrad and medical school. I come from an incredibly supportive family including two sisters, one brother, and my parents, all of whom played a huge role in making me the person I am today. I'm headed to Denver with my better half and much cooler partner, Suz, and our cat (whose government name is Grapeickle per the adoption agency, but we call him Pig because of his single-minded passion for mealtime). When I'm off, I like to stay active and learn, so I cycle, run, lift weights, practice BJJ, maintain bikes, play games of all sorts, and hone my home barista skills. I'm also a fledgling knitter - message me if you need a deformed washcloth, especially if you'll teach me to ski or fly fish in exchange. My medical interests are broad and if left to my own devices, I'll read or write about public health, quality improvement, patient and provider safety, and medical education!

Welcome Carter Chapman!



My name is Carter and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Trophy Club, Texas and went to the University of Oklahoma for undergrad and Texas Tech University for medical school. My family and I are from Texas, but my sister currently lives in Hawaii. My fiancé and I have been together for 8 years and are in the process of planning our wedding. We all love hiking, just being in the beautiful outdoors, and are music-lovers. Specifically, I love to hike, run, exercise, play guitar, and collect vinyl. Clinically I am unsure but have a lot of interests, such as being a hospitalist or sub-specializing in ID!

Welcome Jordan Clawson!



My name is Jordan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Salt Lake City, Utah and went to the University of Utah for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I am thrilled to be staying in Colorado with my wife, Jess, who is a second-year resident in the hospitalist track. I come from a large family of six siblings who live in Salt Lake City, Utah, while Jess's family lives in Virginia. During my free time, you'll find me cooking different dishes, exploring new hiking trails, going for a run, or catching a movie. I am currently interested in gastroenterology and hospital medicine, but I look forward to learning more about other specialties throughout residency!

Welcome Madellena Conte!



My name is Madellena I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from San Francisco, California and went to Dartmouth College for undergrad and the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell for medical school. My immediate family is a small, tight-knit Italian-American family. I have 2 siblings who do very different things than I do - one is a Broadway actor and the other studies International Relations. My loved ones also include my husband (also in this program - Hirsh!) and his family who I now consider my own. You can find our family going to the theater, doing outdoor activities or eating a big meal together. In my free time I enjoy, traveling, running, cooking, hanging out with my friends/family, and reading interesting cases :). Clinically, I am very excited to practice general internal medicine!

Welcome Thomaz Costa!



My name is Thomaz and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil and went to the Universidade Federal do Ceará for both undergrad and medical school. My father Mario is an architect, and my mother Ana is a personal trainer/nutritionist, so I come from a very diverse background in arts and healthy lifestyle. My brother and my father have an amazing Brazilian food restaurant named Giz, where Samba plays all day long. I will move to Colorado with my lovely wife, Zaíra, who is joining me in this adventure to explore Colorado with our cat: Francis Bacon! I love being outdoors, travel, and playing all kinds of sports that allow me to interact with nature! I come from an ocean paradise city named Fortaleza. So, for half of the year, I dedicate my free time to sailing, and for the other half, I enjoy surfing, hiking, cycling, and swimming. I am looking forward to learning snowboarding and exploring the hikes around Denver/Aurora.

Nowadays, I am interested in pursuing a Cardiology fellowship after my IM residency. In the future, I see myself as a physician-educator and researcher, working in an academic institution such as the University of Colorado, hoping to positively impact my patients and the healthcare system at large.

Welcome Olivia Cote!



My name is Olivia and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Snellville, Georgia and went to Georgia Tech for undergrad and Emory University for medical school. I am so grateful to be surrounded by incredible people in my life, including my mom, dad, brother, and sister-in-law who all live in Atlanta. Joining me in Denver will be my wonderful partner, Brody, as well as my mischievous kitten, Leo! We are all so excited for this next adventure! I love to be outside playing sports or exploring the city! I also picked up embroidery in medical school and have really enjoyed making custom projects for loved ones. I am incredibly excited and grateful to be trusted with patients' visual care, and I cannot wait to see how much myself and all of my co-residents grow during these next four years.

Welcome Sofia De Arrigunaga!



My name is Sofia and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Mexico City, Mexico and went to the Universidad Panamericana for both undergrad and medical school. My nuclear family is back in Mexico City where I grew up! I come from a very loving and close-knit family. I have two siblings - an older brother and a younger brother - and our dog Camilo who functions as an extra brother. Most of my family is in Mexico although I have cousins all over the world. I'm very excited to be joining my partner who is a cornea specialist in Denver! My friends are all very excited to visit Colorado. I come from a family of scuba-divers! I have completed 250+ dives since I got certified at age eleven. My picture is from my latest trip to Mexico where I went cave diving in cenotes. I love anything related to the ocean and am an overall solar-powered human so I really enjoy being outside. I love spending time with family and friends, trying new food, dancing, yoga, reading, going to museums, and taking care of my many plants! I am very excited to be going into ophthalmology. My current interests are cornea and glaucoma but I'm excited to explore all fields during residency!

Welcome Malique Delbrune!



My name is Malique and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Moorhead, Minnesota and went to Minnesota State University for undergrad and the University of Minnesota for medical school. My mother is a spitfire Norwegian and my father is the funniest Haitian man you will meet. I have three brothers, one of them being my identical twin who is a urologist in training. In my free time I like to pick up slightly heavy objects and put them back down, ski (very amateur), go to concerts, and play video games. Clinically I am interested in either becoming a hospitalist or Gastroenterologist!

Welcome Setareh Ekhteraei!



My name is Setareh and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern! I am from San Diego, California and went to the University of Southern California for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. The most important people in my life are my mom, my best friend, Tatiana, and my husband, Nicolas. In my free time I enjoy hiking, camping, traveling, baking, and the Opera. Clinically I am interested in women's health and global health!

Welcome Hirsh Elhence!



My name is Hirsh I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Dallas, Texas and went to Dartmouth College for undergrad and the University of Southern California for medical school. My mom is a pediatrician, my dad is in software, and my sister is a UX designer. Beyond them, I'm lucky to come from a big family--I grew up seeing my cousins every weekend. Finally, wife, Maddy, will also be an IM resident at CU! In my free time I enjoy, facetimeing family/friends, playing guitar, getting outside, going back inside, cooking, and drinking coffee. Currently, I'm thinking I'll pursue GI—I'm really interested in hepatology and/or advanced endoscopy. I also really enjoy research!

Welcome Tyan Fairbank!



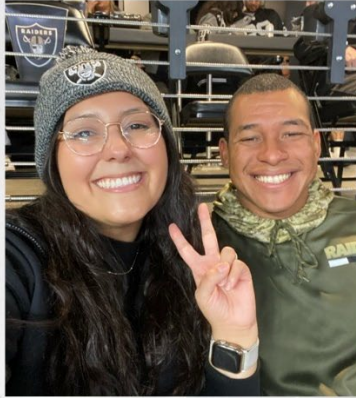
My name is Tyan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Holcomb, Kansas and went to the University of Kansas for both undergrad and medical school. My soon-to-be husband, Henry, and I have two very spoiled high-energy dogs that occupy most of our time! Mocha is our 7-month-old GSP, and Bagel is our 3.5 year-old Vizsla. Can you tell we like food names? Henry works from home as a software implementer and the stay-at-home dog dad. Our families are all still located in Kansas and are very excited for us to be semi-close! I love doing anything outdoors (especially hiking and camping at/exploring national parks), running, photography, and calligraphy! I also like to try as many coffee shops as I can. You can catch Henry and I playing board games, cheering on the Chiefs, or watching movies. I am planning on being a hospitalist! I am passionate about medical education and hope to practice in an academic center!

Welcome Jonas Fast!



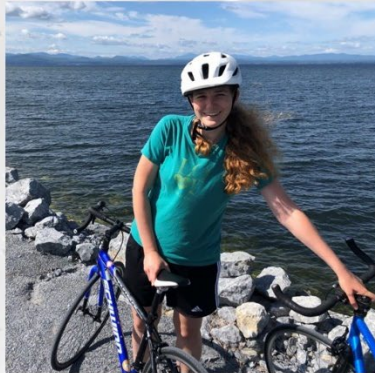
My name is Jonas and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Greeley, Colorado and went to Colorado State University for undergrad and Loma Linda University for medical school. My wife and I both grew up in Colorado and got married before moving to California for medical school. She is currently a kindergarten teacher and comes home with crazier stories than me. I have two younger brothers, one in Kansas and one in Colorado, and there is always chaos and craziness when we're together, especially when basketball is involved. All of our family can be found either in Colorado or Kansas! In my free time I enjoy basketball (playing and watching my Nuggets and Jayhawks), running fantasy football and basketball leagues, drinking lots of coffee and hanging out in coffee shops with my wife, fishing, backpacking and taking pictures in the great outdoors, going to concerts and collecting vinyls, buying way too many books, and obsessing over movies and TV. I love all of neurology and want to be involved in all of the subspecialties, but also have a special interest in MS and neuroimmunology!

Welcome Sonia Figueroa-Roberts!



My name is Sonia and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Las Vegas, Nevada and went to Nevada State College for undergrad and the University of Nevada for medical school. I have a wonderful, supportive husband who is in the military and is also a police officer. I have two siblings (an older brother and younger sister) and a sassy 6-year-old niece. My mother is the most amazing woman ever! My husband and I love football Sundays - go Raiders! I also love reading, crafts and working out. I'm currently most interested in hospital medicine but am very open. I would love to see myself in an academic setting in the future because I love teaching!!

Welcome Ally Freedy!



My name is Ally and I'll be joining the residency program as a Physician Scientist intern! I am from Clearwater, Florida and went to Harvard College for undergrad and did my MD/PhD (in Chemical Biology!) at Harvard Medical School. My husband, Stephen, is an assistant professor in the Computer Science department at the University of Colorado Boulder. We just got married last May and are excited to start our married life in Denver! I like to sing (in the car by myself or in a choir!), ride my bike, take long hikes or walks with friends, bake bread/desserts, cook new recipes with my husband, do jigsaw puzzles and read books. I'm interested in a career as a physician scientist in the future and am planning to pursue fellowship in hematology oncology. Eventually, I hope to practice clinically as an oncologist and continue my research on drug resistance to new targeted therapies in oncology!

Welcome Viktoriya Grayson!



My name is Viktoriya and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I was born in Ruse, Bulgaria and have lived in Chicago since I was 10 years old. I went to Lake Forest College for undergrad and Tulane University for medical school. I have an older sister and recently became an aunt! My partner is also moving to Colorado with me and is so excited to explore all the outdoors. I love doing anything outdoors, like runs and walks with my mini golden doodle. I also love going to yoga, Pilates, and HIIT classes and reading books or listening to podcasts! I also love checking out new bakeries and restaurants. I am interested in academic hospital medicine and medical education!

Welcome Hadley Greenwood!



My name is Hadley and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from West Amwell, New Jersey and went to Georgetown University for undergrad and New York University for medical school. My parents still live in New Jersey. My older sister is moving to Michigan and my younger sister is currently living in Virginia. I love to read and have been especially into science fiction and fantasy recently. I also enjoy hiking, running, and Pilates. I hope to learn to ski now that I'm here! Clinically, I am interested in gastroenterology. I also hope to further explore interests in environmental advocacy, global health, and lifestyle medicine!

Welcome Claire Groslogeat!



My name is Claire and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Westport, Connecticut and went to Boston College for undergrad and the University of Miami for medical school. My husband and I moved from Miami with our cat, Gary. My mom, dad, and sister are in CT and NYC but are very excited to visit Colorado! In my free time, I love to hike especially in national parks, cook and bake for friends and family, and read science fiction novels. I love to travel—I am a dual French-American citizen, so I try to make time to visit my extended family in France whenever possible. I am interested in exploring everything residency has to offer but have a growing interest in pulmonary/critical care medicine. I know I want to incorporate medical education as part of my career!

Welcome Henrique Guimarães Barbosa Coelho!



My name is Henrique and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Recife, Brazil and went to the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco for both undergrad and medical school. My parents are physicians in Recife, and they are my greatest idols and sources of inspiration. I also have a younger sister who is a medical student in Brazil. My wife, Maria Eduarda, is an architect and loves everything art-related. She is also a great makeup artist (she can even turn herself into an Avatar character). Everyone is already excited to go skiing in Colorado! I love sports and am already cheering for every team in the state! However, as a Brazilian, soccer is my top pick, whether I'm watching or playing. I am excited to go hiking and skiing (hopefully with fewer falls than last time)! Clinically, I am open to exploring the possibilities, but I'm particularly interested in Hematology/Oncology, Medical Education, and Innovation!

Welcome Paige Hammis!



My name is Paige and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Saginaw, Michigan and went to Michigan State University for undergrad and Wayne State University for medical school. My fiancé and I were both born in Michigan and have lived there our entire lives. We have always wanted to move out of state and are super excited to start this new adventure in Denver! We also have two rescue pups, Rayleigh and Yeti who will be joining us in Colorado and are excited to try out all of the new dog parks in the area :) I love spending time outdoors - especially in the winter as my fiancé and I both snowboard. I'm also a big fan of visiting breweries, playing board/card games, and I have an extensive house plant collection that I'm hoping will survive the cross country move. Clinically, I am interested in both addiction medicine and gastroenterology!

Welcome Ryan Hilton!



My name is Ryan and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Chesapeake, Virginia and went to James Madison University (Go Dukes!) for undergrad and Wake Forest University for medical school. My fiancé, Nik, and I couples matched to the University of Colorado (He will be joining the pediatrics residency program) and we are both so excited to begin this next adventure together in Denver! We first met in medical school prior to orientation at a socially distanced student-organized hike and the rest was history! Both him and I were born in Los Angeles, but my father's work in the Navy brought my family to the east coast when I was young and my sisters and I grew up primarily in Virginia. Currently, my older sister, Katie, lives with her husband and two children in Charlotte, NC and my mother remains in Chesapeake. My younger sister, Laura, currently lives in Provo, UT. Though it's heartbreaking to part ways with my niece and nephew, I am excited to be able to spend more time with Laura. My free time is graciously shared with Peaches and Yogurt, my two pit mixes that Nik and I adopted during medical school. They love long walks and hiking, and we are excited to introduce them to the Denver area. My time is otherwise split 50/50 indoors and outdoors, with my time outdoors spent hiking, going to new restaurants, listening to live music, and reading. During my homebody days, I also enjoy table-top board games, video games, and movies (in the company of both of my dogs). I love working with the older population and so I see myself in a field of medicine where I get to frequently treat that demographic. My prior experience volunteering within grief/bereavement has sparked a strong interest in hospice and palliative care medicine, though I would like to explore hematology/oncology and geriatrics as well. Outside of subspecialty interest, I really enjoy formal and informal teaching roles as well as contributing to clinical research.

Welcome Elisa Hofmeister!



My name is Elisa and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Minneapolis, Minnesota and went to Stanford University for undergrad and the University of Minnesota for medical school.

My immediate family is split between Minnesota and the west coast, and my (soon-to-be-husband-in-May) husband Mike is a native Arkansan who has traveled the globe and is a devoted lawyer and dog-dad to our two shepherd dogs. We're a big and boisterous group of people spread across the country and globe. Mike and I are so excited to finally live in a place where mostly everyone is within a few hour flight, and we hope many will come visit us now that we live near the Rockies! I love to host, cook, run, teach my dogs silly tricks, read, and watch trashy reality dating shows in my free time. After residency, I'm interested in becoming a hospitalist or pursuing a fellowship in heme/onc!

Welcome Haya Kaliounji!



My name is Haya and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Aleppo, Syria and went to the University of California-Los Angeles for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I have one brother who is also doing an IM residency in New York and a sister who now lives in Denver! In my free time you can find me playing tennis, skiing, going to concerts, cooking/baking, exploring Denver's food scene with friends, or traveling. I'm not sure what exactly I want to do after residency, but currently am interested in becoming a hospitalist and doing Global Health work!

Welcome Laveen Khoshnaw!



My name is Laveen and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Colorado Springs, Colorado / Shaqlawa-Kurdistan, Iraq and went to the University of Colorado for both undergrad and medical school. "It looks like Mt. Safeen in Shaqlawa," my dad would say about Pikes Peak, comparing it to his home town and my birthplace, Shaqlawa, Kurdistan. My parents and I immigrated to Colorado Springs in search of a life filled with opportunity. I am the eldest of four, with two sisters and a brother, my house growing up was always lively, even chaotic. My mom has been my best friend for my entire life, and when I said I wanted to become a doctor, she was the first to tell me I would be able to do it. They still live in Colorado Springs, so I am excited to be able to see them often! I love to cook- but it's because I LOVE to eat! I have a blast experimenting in the kitchen and rarely follow a recipe. Cooking for my loved ones and sharing a meal with them sounds like the perfect evening to me. Clinically speaking, Internal medicine was the perfect fit for me. I simply love it all, and I love asking "why?". I have done research in nephrology and rheumatology and am fascinated with their respective processes, but I also love procedures and the pathology in GI. On the opposite end of the spectrum, I am passionate and dedicated to primary care and preventative medicine. I am excited to explore everything the field of internal medicine has to offer!

Welcome Matthew Lam!



My name is Matthew and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from La Cañada, California and went to Northwestern University for undergrad and Creighton University for medical school. Although most of my family is back in southern California where I was born and raised, I'm lucky to have a growing set of friends in family in the Denver area. Very excited for Denver to become my second home! In my free time, I love all things music: performing, listening, going to concerts, and trying my hand at producing. I also enjoy playing games (video and board), running, biking, hiking, and learning about the world. I'm tentatively looking to practice comprehensive Ophthalmology, but I'm excited to start residency and get a better feel for some of the subspecialties I'm also interested in, particularly retina and cornea/refractive!

Welcome Trevor Leonardo!



My name is Trevor and I'll be joining the residency program as a Physician Scientist intern! I am from Fortuna, California and went to the University of California-Davis for undergrad and the University of Illinois-Chicago for medical school. I am a twin (fraternal)! I also have two older brothers who work in construction. Most of my family still live in the Pacific Northwest. My partner Brenna and her lovely dog Birdie will be joining me on my adventure to Denver! I enjoy cooking recipes from the NYT cooking app, trying new restaurants, and perfecting my pour over coffee. I also enjoy going to concerts, running, surfing, games, and leisurely reading. I'm interested in cardiology and cardiovascular research with an emphasis on fibrosis, tissue repair, and regeneration!

Welcome Conner Lombardi!



My name is Conner and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Plain City, Ohio and went to Miami University in Ohio for undergrad and the University of Toledo for medical school. My fiancée, Leah, and I are moving to Denver with our dog Maggie. Leah is a NICU nurse in Toledo and is excited to continue her nursing career out west. I am very close with my parents, brother, and sister, and we are excited to have them visit! In my free time I enjoy distance running, road biking, hiking, golfing, and playing ice hockey. I love live music and on my away rotation at CU last summer I went to four concerts! I am a big sports fan in general, but I follow football the closest (go buckeyes). I am currently interested in gastroenterology. I have a significant background in clinical research and intend to continue these pursuits during residency. I completed my MBA during medical school and am interested in future roles within medical education and/or healthcare administration.

Welcome Zach Lubline!



My name is Zach and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Littleton, Colorado and went to the University of Colorado for both undergrad and medical school. My sister is a nurse in Denver and my parents still live in Littleton. I have a great group of friends that keep me in my place (mostly by making fun of me). After being away with the Navy for four years, I'm so excited to be back around all of them! I love hiking, running, and a mix of the two! I keep things fresh by trying new breweries and wineries but easily become a regular anywhere with a good trivia night. On calmer nights, I love a good movie or the latest Netflix drama. Primary care is my passion (I did it for three years in the Navy), and I'm thrilled to learn and grow into the best general internist I can. Even still, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine have piqued my interest, so I'm open to being won over by the perfect fellowship.

Welcome Audrey Lucas!



My name is Audrey and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Wheatland, Wyoming and went to Oklahoma State University for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. I love my nephew and niece, Max and Josie, my brother and sister-in-law and parents! I also have lots of extended family and dear friends spread across the country and world! I enjoy traveling and all things outdoors including backpacking, cross country skiing, and mountain biking. I also am a sucker for a good movie night in, music concert, or exploring a new restaurant scene. I love primary care and I have specific interests in palliative care and serving the latinX community!

Welcome Nik Mandava!



My name is Nik and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Cos Cob, Connecticut and went to Cornell University for undergrad and Thomas Jefferson University for medical school. Most of my family and loved ones are back on the east coast, but I am excited to have them come visit me here throughout the next four years. My favorite ways to spend my free time are playing racquet sports like tennis, learning new songs on the guitar, and skiing in the winter. Clinically, I am hoping to pursue a surgical fellowship!

Welcome Caroline Maretz!



My name is Caroline I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Weston, Connecticut and went to Duke University for undergrad and the University of Rochester for medical school. I live with my partner Edgar (future psych resident) and our dog Bili. My sisters and parents live in the Boston area but are excited to come visit for ski trips! I love to run, hike, play with my dog, bake, eat :) I'm really interested in medical education and love lots of areas of medicine including Pulm/Crit Care and infectious disease!

Welcome Erin McArthur!



My name is Erin and I'll be joining the residency program as a Physician-Scientist intern! I am from Cumberland, Maine and did my undergrad at Tufts University before heading to Oxford University for my PhD. I then went to the University of California-San Diego for medical school. I am moving to Denver with my husband Scott (who grew up in Denver) and my 2 children, Jack (almost 2 yo) and Ada (3 months old). In my free time, I enjoy running, traveling, and hiking with friends. Though these days most of my free time is saved for the babies :) I am planning to specialize in ID with a research interest in developing new diagnostic tools!

Welcome Elise Moix!



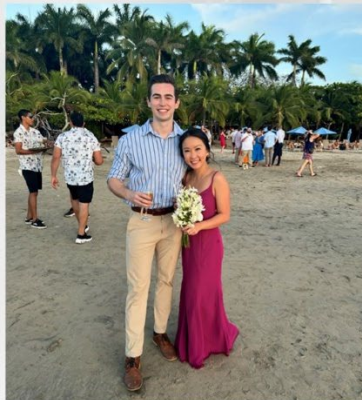
My name is Elise and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Conway, Arkansas and went to Rhodes College for undergrad and the University of Arkansas for medical school. My family still lives in Arkansas. I fell in love with Colorado during my family's many road trips to the state when I was young. My dog Honey will be moving to Denver with me! I love to run, hike, fish, and play yard games! I have recently gotten into pickleball, although I am still working on fine-tuning my skills. Right now, I am thinking I might want to become an academic hospitalist and would like to incorporate health equity into my career.

Welcome Cam Morrison!



My name is Cam and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Naperville, Illinois and went to the University of North Carolina for both undergrad and medical school. I am moving to Colorado with my partner Meagan. My parents live on the coast in North Carolina and my sister is an undergrad at UNC. My brother just moved to England this year! I love riding and working on bicycles. When I am not biking, I am usually spending time with one of my foster dogs. Meagan and I have fostered over 30 dogs since 2020. I think I would like to pursue pulmonary/critical care medicine or allergy/immunology. I plan on staying in academic medicine where I can pursue medical research!

Welcome Brad Nus!



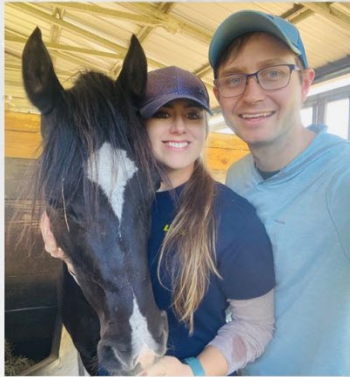
My name is Brad I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Houston, Texas and went to the University of Texas for undergrad and medical school. the University of Colorado for medical school. My dad is a paramedic which got me interested in medicine at an early age. He recently retired and has started a small business that makes high quality wooden decorations, cutting boards, and anything else you could think of! My mom works for data management and also has gotten super into learning how to lathe. They both live in Sugarland and have replaced me with 6 cats! My sister lives in Boston and works for a portable 3D printing company. I love to workout, cook, and explore new restaurants, breweries, and parks with my wife. I also enjoy the occasional Netflix binge. I love to teach and mentor so academic teaching (and therefore the meded pathway) will be one of my main focuses! I also want to specialize in cardiology or pulmonology (still undecided) but either way, I look forward to getting better with POCUS!

Welcome Nosa Osazuwa!



My name is Nosa and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Hotchkiss/Aurora, Colorado and went to Duke University for undergrad and the University of Southern California for medical school. I am the youngest of 3. My older brother and older sister both live in Colorado and my parents are also both in Aurora. In my free time I love to workout, take naps, watch new movies, watch basketball (Go Nuggets and Go Duke!) and try new restaurants. I am currently on a search for the best cheesecake! I'm unsure what I'd like to do clinically, but am interested in Heme-Onc and health barriers/disparities!

Welcome Lindsey Palm-Vlasak!



My name is Lindsey and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern before heading to Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation! I am from Largo, Florida and went to the University of Florida for both undergrad and medical school. I am overjoyed and grateful to be moving to Colorado with my wonderful husband, Alex, who will be completing his orthopedic foot and ankle fellowship at CU this year! We will be moving with Buddy (our devoted Jack Russell mix) and Mocha (mischievous horse pictured above). I love doing anything outside, preferably with my husband, dog, and horse! Clinically, I want to help care for patients with pediatric-onset disabilities, and have a special interest in the transition from pediatric to adult care! After I finish residency, I am hoping to do a pediatric rehab fellowship!

Welcome Fernanda Pessorrusso!



My name is Fernanda and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern! I am from Sao Paulo, Brazil and went to the Faculdade de Medicina de Jundiai for both undergrad and medical school. Additionally, I hold a Ph.D. in Gastroenterology Sciences from the University of Sao Paulo. My squad includes my amazing husband, Samuel, our children Marina and Lucas, and our dogs, Maple and Mocha. We made the big move to Colorado about five years ago, and we absolutely love it here! When it comes to hobbies, you might find skiing me on the slopes, gliding around on roller skates, or enjoying a paddle on one of Colorado's beautiful lakes. At home, I find genuine joy in cooking and baking, especially when I'm crafting pasta from scratch. And I can't forget to mention my excitement for cheering on the Broncos, whether it's from the comfort of home or right in the stands! Post-residency, I've got my sights set on diving deeper into Gastroenterology!

Welcome Christopher Prado!



My name is Christopher and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Bedford, Texas and went to the University of Texas for both undergrad and medical school. My wife and I just became a family of three after the addition of our daughter in September 2023! We love the outdoors, going on walks as a family, and hiking in national parks. My wife and I even got engaged at Rocky Mountain National Park! In my free time I like to spend time with my wife and daughter, hike, off-road, power lift, play/watch soccer, and brew coffee. Clinically speaking, I am interested in all of Neurology but currently considering a career in neuroimmunology, sports neuro, or as a neurohospitalist. I am also interested in healthcare policy, advocacy, and QI projects focused on improving our healthcare system's efficiency and access to care!

Welcome Matthew Repp!



My name is Matthew and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I was born in Tucson, Arizona and went to the University of Arizona for both undergrad and medical school. Most of my family resides in Tucson. My partner, also from Tucson, is my best friend and better half. We have two fur babies named Reagan and Odin (American Akitas) who are excited to move away from the AZ heat! My grandfather was the biggest influence in my life, teaching me the value of hard work, resilience, and compassion for others. My two nephews, both in elementary school, are a handful but absolutely my favorite little humans. I enjoy home remodeling/renovations, diving into philosophy books, exploring new vegan restaurants, and spending quality time with my partner and our two Akitas. I am interested in becoming a hematologist-oncologist or a hospitalist!

Welcome Ellie Rhodes!



My name is Ellie and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Ophthalmology at CU! I am from Hotchkiss/Boulder, Colorado and went to the University of Colorado for both undergrad and medical school. I live in Denver with my partner, Reid. Most of my family is on the Western slope, including my 1-year old niece, and my mom retired in southwest New Mexico. I'm stoked to be staying in Colorado close to my family and wonderful friends! In my free time I love to be outside. I enjoy running, biking, swimming, hiking, backpacking, glamping, scuba diving, lake/creek time, yoga, park hangs, board games at a brewery - anything in the sun! After intern year I'm excited to be full-time ophtho!

Welcome Zachary Roccaforte!



My name is Zachary and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Houston, Texas and went to the University of Houston for undergrad and McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center for Medical School. I live with my wife, Zoe, and 18-month-old daughter, May. We are hiking/adventure buddies, and May is a soon to be ski-baby! In my free time I enjoy hiking, camping, skiing, playing video games, and spending time with my family. I'm also a Houston Rockets/Texans fan for life! Clinically, I am particularly interested in Epilepsy and Stroke care, as well as medical education.

Welcome Maddy Rock!



My name is Maddy and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Rockwall, Texas and went to the University of Texas for both undergrad and medical school. My wonderful parents and brothers live all across Texas. My two cats, Copper and Tub, will be making the journey to Colorado with me! I love to do anything outdoors including running, hiking, camping, and snowboarding. I have also been crocheting up a storm recently and am on the brink of finishing a blanket I started four years ago! I am interested in lots of subspecialties at the moment, and I love medical education and plan to stay in academic medicine!

Welcome Abby Ruffle!



My name is Abby I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Charlotte, North Carolina and went to the University of North Carolina-Asheville for undergrad and Virginia Tech for medical school. I am moving to Colorado with my spouse, a dog, and two cats! In my free time I like cooking dinner with my spouse, reading, hiking, and backcountry camping. Currently, I am interested in primary care overall with specific interests in mental health, and women's health!

Welcome Ameer Sangani!



My name is Ameer and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Avon, Indiana and went to Indiana University—Bloomington for undergrad and Indiana University for medical school. I have two brothers, one older and one younger, both who live in the Midwest. My dad has worked out of the country for most of my life so my family loves to travel the world when all of our hectic schedules align! My fiancée (soon to be husband on June 1!) and I are moving to Denver together, both of our first times living outside of the Midwest (!) and are very excited for the change in scenery. As both of our families mainly reside in the Midwest, we can't wait to introduce them to Denver! I love traveling, spending time outdoors, reading, and stress baking/cooking! The pandemic got me into houseplants (as it did many others) and I can't wait to expand the plant family after the move. I'm hoping to pursue fellowship in cardiology but definitely want to keep my options open! I am also interested in quality of care research!

Welcome Vijay Shimoga!



My name is Vijay and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from San Jose, California and went to the University of California-San Diego for undergrad and the University of Colorado for medical school. I have one older brother and two lovely parents, all of whom have been incredibly supportive in my journey to become the first in my family to pursue a career in medicine. My family doesn't have any pets yet, but the search for a furry (or water-borne?) friend continues! I love cooking and hosting dinner parties, rock climbing, golf, watching F1 racing, and spending time with close friends both inside and outside of medicine. My goal is to practice hospital medicine and palliative care with the hope of becoming a physician who is committed to both physiology and the essence of human connection in medicine!

Welcome Benjamin Silva!



My name is Benjamin and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Phoenix, Arizona and went to the University of Pennsylvania for undergrad and New York University for medical school. My incredible wife (Gabrielle) is finishing up medical school in Tucson, AZ and will hopefully be joining me in Colorado next year-along with our chihuahua named Anthony! My parents and older brother are in northern California and are excited for me to be a little closer to home after so many years on the East Coast. In my free time, I enjoy listening to podcasts, playing chess, and checking out the local slam poetry and theater scene. Right now, I am considering a nephrology fellowship and am highly interested in med-ed and patient education!

Welcome Marisa Sobczak!



My name is Marisa and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Erie, Colorado and went to the University of Colorado for both for undergrad and medical school. I live here in Denver with my partner, and we hope to add a furry friend (or two) to our family soon! My parents also live in Colorado, and my older brother is an actor in NYC! I enjoy running, baking, playing video games, and going camping whenever I can.

Career wise, I am interested in hospital medicine or critical care, and am also really passionate about medical education!

Welcome Carley Sprackling!



My name is Carley and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Sparta, Wisconsin and went to the University of Wisconsin for both undergrad and medical school. I am the oldest sibling with three younger brothers, which is the reason I consider teasing to be a show of affection. We play a lot of Settlers of Catan together, but I admit that I do not win often enough for my liking. My mom and I are super close, and I'm trying to convince her to move to Colorado, too! Luckily, I won't be moving alone. My orange cat named Orange will be moving with me. For me, a perfect day is spent hanging out on the patio with my cat while repotting a plant or reading a book. I also love to be outside and go on adventures. Last summer, I visited Rocky Mountain and Great Sand Dunes National Parks in CO. Even though the blowing sand exfoliated my entire body, I'm excited to be able to go back! I'm really excited to be part of a built-in group of mentors and colleagues who share similar interests. I'm especially passionate about women's health and reproductive justice!

Welcome Joy Suh!



My name is Joy and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Enid, Oklahoma and went to Grinnell College for undergrad and the University of Oklahoma for medical school. My family immigrated from South Korea to the US when I was 2 years old. My parents run a small convenience store in Oklahoma, and my older brother is a software engineer in Seattle. I have a crazy orange demon cat named Otis (named after Otis Milburn in Sex Education). In my free time I enjoy, crochet, thrifting, making ceramics, gaming, and baking sourdough bread. Currently I considered exploring neurocognitive, neuropalliative, vascular areas of Neurology - but am unsure and am open to anything!

Welcome Santiago Teran!



My name is Santiago and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Columbia, South Carolina and went to the University of South Carolina for both undergrad and medical school. My family lives in many different countries including Venezuela, Portugal, Chile, & Argentina. My immediate family lives in Columbia, SC & they are without doubt my biggest fans! We are a very close-knit group & spend a large portion of our time together around food & beverages. We frequently cook together and can always be found around the kitchen. Most of my time away from medicine is spent reading about horology (the art of making clocks and watches) & non-fiction books. If I'm not reading, I'm usually on the phone with family/friends while aimlessly walking and speaking way too loudly. I enjoy going on long walks while listening to podcasts, cooking, and playing sports with friends. I'm a huge sports fan! Carolina Panthers, Gamecock sports, and Atlanta Braves are what I mainly keep up with. Cardiology is what I am most interested in doing, and I would like to teach medical students, residents, and fellows throughout my career!

Welcome Ashleigh Van Deusen!



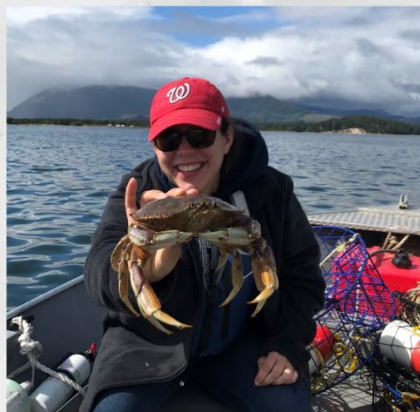
My name is Ashleigh and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Golden, Colorado and went to the University of Colorado for undergrad and Saint Louis University for medical school. My older sister is in grad school in Fort Collins, Colorado and my parents still live in Golden. I met my significant other in Boulder. We ski in the winter and go hard with yard games in the summer. In my free time I like to ski, hike, HIIT & Pilates, play pickleball, try new breweries, puzzles, reading for fun, cooking & baking. Clinically, I like both inpatient and outpatient settings. I am unsure if I want to pursue fellowship but am potentially interested in Allergy and Immunology or Sleep Medicine!

Welcome Sean Vongvittpatana!



My name is Sean and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Dallas, Texas and went to Northeastern University for undergrad and the University of Texas-San Antonio for medical school. I am so fortunate to have my amazing future wife, Ashley, who will be a family medicine resident at University of Colorado. We met during our first year of medical school and have two amazing fur babies, Bear and Roxie! Her family and my mother have been so supportive of us and we are looking forward to meeting everyone and making new friends. I love to spend my time outdoors hiking or walking in parks with my dogs and fiancée. We fell in love with Denver and Rocky Mountain National Park when we visited, and are eager to learn how to ski/snowboard. I also love to go to the gym, go to EDM concerts and festivals, NBA games (Mavs fan) and try new restaurants and go to breweries. I used to bowl competitively! Right now, I am interested in cardiology but keeping an open mind. I am passionate about mentoring and patient advocacy!

Welcome Alison White!



My name is Alison and I'll be joining the residency program as a Hospitalist intern! I am from Longview, Washington and went to Georgetown University for undergrad and the University of Washington for medical school. I am married to my husband, Austin, who I met in high school! We have two thriving houseplants. I spend most of my free time practicing or playing golf. I also love to read, mostly contemporary fiction, and oil paint. I am interested in a career as a hospitalist or intensivist. I also am really excited to get involved with medical education!

Welcome Rachel Vopni!



My name is Rachel and I'll be joining the residency program as a Primary Care intern! I am from Dallas, Texas and went to the University of Texas-Austin (Hook'em) for undergrad and Texas Tech University for medical school. I am moving up to Colorado with my partner, Evan (we got married on May 4th), and our pup, Riley, and we could not more excited! We will miss our families in Austin and Dallas but already hope they can make it up for ski season or a Red Rocks show. I enjoy yoga, crafting, hiking, exploring National Parks, skiing, and going to live music/EDM shows. I am excited to be a part of the Primary Care track! I am passionate about public health and preventative medicine with interests in medical education, healthcare disparities, and care for the underserved!

Welcome Hannah Wang!



My name is Hannah and I'll be joining the residency program as a Categorical intern! I am from Allen, Texas and went to the University of Texas-Austin for undergrad and Baylor College for medical school. My parents are still in Texas while my sister is in New York City. I am an avid pastry baker (see my croquembouche in the photo!), concert attendee, and novice runner. I look forward to exploring the beautiful Colorado nature through skiing and hiking! While I am unsure of what I would like to do in medicine, I am currently interested in hospital medicine and rheumatology as well as medical education!

Welcome Tori Whiting!



My name is Tori and I'll be joining the residency program as a Preliminary intern going into Neurology at CU! I am from Winter Haven, Florida and went to the University of South Florida for undergrad and Oakland University for medical school. I moved from Michigan with my partner, Zak, who has been the best supporter ever! I have one older brother, Josh, who lives with my parents back in Florida. Josh has autism so seeing his care growing up is a big reason I went into medicine! I'm excited for him to visit me and see what he thinks of the mountains :) I love spending time with friends, enjoying live music, listening to audiobooks, hiking, running, playing guitar, painting, and trying new breweries and coffee shops! I'm also looking to fully embrace that CO life and get more into skiing, backpacking, and camping! I am undecided about which neurology subspecialty to pursue, but am interested in exploring movement disorders, behavioral, headache, women's neurology, and neuropalliative care!