

2022 Summer Research Program Students



Aimee Steen is a rising second-year medical student at Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pomona, CA, and a US Navy Medical Officer. She attended undergrad at the University of San Diego, where she received a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience. Aimee became interested in orthopedics and military medicine while working with special operations personnel, many of whom had suffered major orthopedic traumas, in an outpatient clinic prior to medical school. In her free time, she enjoys open water swimming, scuba diving, and backpacking. This summer Aimee is excited to learn more about sports medicine and joint preservation while working with Dr. Sherman and his team.

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Basmah Abdallah Maiga is a rising second-year medical student at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Basmah is originally from Niamey, Niger and completed her undergraduate education at The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. She hopes to pursue a career in Orthopaedic Surgery with an emphasis on global health. Basmah enjoys cooking, working out, dancing, taking professional pictures, and spending quality time with her family and friends.



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Chukwunweike (Nnamdi) Ezeanyika is currently a rising second-year student at Northeast Ohio Medical University. He earned a bachelor's degree in Biology from Texas Southern University and a master's in Modern Anatomical Science from Northeast Ohio Medical University. Originally born and raised in Nigeria, Nnamdi has witnessed first-hand the effects of health disparities among disadvantaged populations and holds a passion for ensuring that quality medical care and treatment are accessible regardless of socioeconomic status. Upon graduation, he aspires to pursue a career in the Orthopedics field. Outside of medicine, he enjoys playing chess, soccer, FIFA, and watching soccer tournaments with friends.

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Dylan Roth is a rising second year medical student at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Dylan is from Indianapolis, Indiana and attended Marian University where he played football and earned a Bachelor of Science in physiology of exercise. In his free time, he enjoys golfing and recently started Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Dylan is interested in a career in orthopaedic sports medicine.



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Emily Reeson is a second-year medical student at Creighton University School of Medicine's Phoenix Regional Campus. She is originally from West Point, NE, and graduated from Creighton University with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and a minor in Theology. Emily hopes to pursue a career in Orthopaedic Surgery to meet the needs of medically underserved, rural communities. She enjoys playing basketball and sand volleyball as well as gardening in her free time.

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Jonathan Joyner is a rising second year medical student at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. He was born and raised in a small town outside of Reno, NV before earning his B.S. in biology while playing football at George Fox University in Newberg, OR. While his passion for orthopedics stems from a lifelong involvement in sports, he hopes to pursue a career in the field of orthopedic surgery to restore movement and function to a variety of patients. In his free time, he enjoys having family days at Lake Tahoe, playing golf, and mentoring students.



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Keinan Agonias is from Pahoa, Hawaii and is a rising second year medical student at University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine. He attended the University of Hawaii where he obtained a BS in Biology and minor in chemistry. Agonias interested in orthopaedics surgery upon completion of medical school. His personal interest includes bodybuilding, boxing, and basketball.

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Madeleine Schlafly is from Atlanta, GA and completed her undergraduate education at the University of Georgia where she earned a BS in Biology. She is a rising third year medical student at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA. Madeleine hopes to pursue a career in orthopedic surgery and integrate her passions for trauma informed care and women's health. She is an avid reader and enjoys trying new vegetarian recipes in her free time.



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Nadine Horneck is a rising second year medical student at California Northstate University College of Medicine. She was born in Germany and spent much of her life moving around the United States. Nadine graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 2021 with a B.S. degree in Chemical Biology. In the future, she is interested in pursuing a career in pediatric orthopaedics due to her experience teaching adaptive sports. She enjoys backpacking, yoga, and spending time at the beach.

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Sydney Fox is a recent graduate of California State University, Fresno where she obtained a B.S. in Biochemistry. During her time at Fresno State, she was a member of their Division I cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track teams. She was also active in the school's sustainability club, neuroethology research team, and campus and conference Student Athlete Advisory Committees. In September, she will be traveling to Iceland to complete a Fulbright student fellowship, studying the presence of microplastics in the Vatnajökull ice caps. Sydney is hoping to pursue a role in medicine that involves both clinical work and public health advocacy, particularly in disinvested communities.



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