

2023 Stanford Orthopaedics Summer Research Program Students



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Timar Mascio is a rising second-year medical student at the Florida State University College of Medicine in Tallahassee, FL. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Biology at Johns Hopkins University and her Master's in Biotechnology at University of South Florida. Upon graduating medical school, Timar hopes to pursue a career in orthopaedic medicine, with a focus in oncology. In her free time, Timar enjoys hiking, gardening, cooking and spending time with family and friends.

Stephanie Alejandra Rey is a rising second-year medical student at Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine at Washington State University. Stephanie is originally from San Cristobal, Venezuela. She completed her undergraduate education at the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science in Physiology. She hopes to pursue a career as an orthopedic trauma surgeon as she believes trauma is not a random process and it occurs disproportionately to vulnerable people suffering from substance use, poverty, and violence. Orthopedic trauma has become a natural intersection of her passions in medicine and equity. In her free time, Stephanie enjoys spending time outdoors biking, running, hiking, and spending time with her family and friends.



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Sylvester Okoro, originally from Prince George's County, MD, is a rising second-year medical student at Morehouse School of Medicine. He completed his undergraduate studies at Howard University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Afterward, he pursued a Master of Science in Medical Sciences at Morehouse School of Medicine. Sylvester aspires to specialize in Orthopaedic Surgery, particularly in improving health equity and well-being in medically underserved communities. His diverse research, public health, and medical science background equip him to tackle these challenges. Sylvester also enjoys traveling, watching sports, mentoring students, and trying new food in his leisure time. Sylvester will learn about sports medicine and pediatric orthopedics this summer with Dr. Shea and his research team.

Mikaela Bankston is a rising second-year medical student at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. Mikaela is from The Woodlands, Texas and she completed her undergraduate education at Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular Biology. She hopes to pursue a career in Orthopaedic Surgery with an emphasis on addressing health inequity. Mikaela enjoys playing piano and guitar, watching black and white movies, traveling, and spending quality time with her dog.



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Yasmin Araujo is a rising second year medical student at the University of Central Florida. I was born in Brazil and moved to South Florida at a very young age, and now live in Fort Myers, FL. I graduated from the University of Florida in 2022 where I majored in Microbiology and Cell Sciences and minored in Portuguese. My interests in medicine include orthopedic surgery, public health, and working with underserved populations. In my free time I enjoy going to the beach, playing volleyball, and traveling.

Easton Small is a rising second year medical student and a US Navy medical officer studying at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He attended California Baptist University where he received his bachelor's degree in biomedical science. After medical school, Easton hopes to pursue a career in orthopedic surgery with an emphasis on academic medicine. In his free time, he enjoys surfing, snowboarding, weightlifting, and running spartan races.



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Azuri Hughes is a rising second-year medical student at Drexel University College of Medicine. Azuri is originally from Fort Washington, Maryland. She completed her undergraduate career at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City, NJ with a B.S. in Biochemistry & Biotechnology. Azuri then received an M.S. in Biomedical Sciences from Drexel University prior to matriculating into their medical school. It is her goal to become an orthopedic surgeon with a subspecialty in hip and knee replacements. With this, she hopes to improve her patients' quality of life. During her free time, Azuri loves to play tennis, visiting art exhibitions and spending time with family and friends.

Reem Sarsour is a rising second year medical student at California University of Science and Medicine. Reem is originally from West Bank, Palestine and returned to Southern California to complete her B.S in Biological Sciences at University of California, Irvine. She hopes to pursue a career as a future orthopedic surgeon with an emphasis on bolstering pipelines and mentorships for women to enter the field. Reem enjoys intermural basketball, watching Lakers games, and binge-watching thriller documentaries.



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Muzammil Akhtar is an incoming second-year medical student at California Northstate University College of Medicine. Muzammil is originally from Sacramento, CA and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of California Davis with a Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior. He hopes to pursue a career in orthopedic surgery with an emphasis on adult reconstruction or sports medicine. Muzammil enjoys camping, jet skiing, and spending time with his family and friends.

Felipe Diaz Valadez is a rising second-year medical student at the University of Nevada-Reno School of Medicine. Felipe is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada, and proudly completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Although Felipe maintains a curiosity for other specialties in medicine as he continues his medical education, his primary interest lies in orthopaedics with a particular interest in trauma care. Felipe enjoys dancing, playing soccer, singing in his own charmingly off-key style, go on hikes with his German Shepherd, and spending quality time with loved ones.



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