Welcome, New Residents!

From left to right, top to bottom: Kip Guja, Lynne Martin, John Hunter, Justin Bauer, Brian Dang, Andy Hung, Hugo Decker, James Hui, Hong Song, Phil Cheung, Sarah Cheng, Sara Shams, Anna Li, and Ankur Doshi.

Bursting at the seams at lucky number 13, the class of 2022 is not only notable for its immense size, but also for its diversity. Our new residents hail from areas as near as Menlo Park and as far as Stockholm. They draw from their experience as competitive athletes, musicians, artists, researchers, and budding entrepreneurs to add perspective and interest to our motley crew in the reading room.

Within this group, we also welcome our first integrated interventional radiology (IR)/diagnostic radiology (DR) class. James, Lynne, and Phil C. will complete three years of DR, followed by two years of dedicated IR training.

We expect many great things from this talented group of new radiologists!
Major Change

Alex Sheu (PGY-5, IR/DR) and his wife Sarah (Stanford Dermatology, class of 2018) welcomed little Alice Elizabeth Sheu on April 26, 2018. Alice’s hobbies include eating, sleeping, kicking balloons, spitting up on Dad, and being exceptionally cute. We look forward to Alex S.’s liberal use of dad jokes in years to come.

Resident Read-Back

Pranay Kothari (PGY-4, DR)

Born on Friday the 13th, this former mathlete and Caltech alumnus is perhaps best known for his perpetual black cloud. Affectionately named “Hurricane Pranay,” he tends to attract a veritable tsunami of stroke codes, traumas, fluoroscopy studies, and even dreaded PACS transitions on call. In spite of the sheer destruction and despair he leaves in his wake, Pranay’s sweet disposition and selflessness make the onslaught of head-to-toe scans (almost) bearable.

All joking aside, Stanford Radiology is lucky to have Pranay. Our appreciation for this humble team player runs deep. He even quietly took junior call shifts while on vacation! Going forward, he will be taking his talents to a bright future in breast imaging. Keep aiming high, Pranay; in the words of his fellow mathlete Cady Heron, “The limit does not exist.”

Justin Tse (PGY-4, DR)

“A new hope for body imaging,” Justin is the first Stanford resident in a decade to apply for an abdominal imaging fellowship (aside from Andrew Wentland, the “king troll”).

Although he claims to have an affinity to low-hanging fruit and $100 Jeopardy questions, Justin is an industrious resident with an ever-expanding list of awards, presentations, and publications. This dark horse even placed second in the challenging SAR Case of the Day competition this
past spring. Some of Justin's publications include “Bayonet sign in dysphagia lusoria” in *Abdominal Radiology* with Dr. Terry Desser, as well as a recently accepted paper on elevated hepatic artery velocities in sonographic evaluation of hepatic dysfunction with his mentor, Dr. Aya Kamaya.

**Jason Pai (PGY-4, DR)**

Not to be confused with Justin (but who are we kidding), Jason excels at all things, including piano, rock climbing, and taekwondo. Perhaps his proudest accomplishment outside of radiology is his platinum ranking in League of Legends; we guarantee that you will bring a smile to his face and a tear to his eye if you bring it up. This born competitor will also light up if you ask him about a certain elementary school spelling bee rival. His more esoteric pursuits include memorizing the next thousand digits of pi and getting lost in k-space. Jason is pursuing a career in musculoskeletal imaging, along with Phil W., Ryan, Spencer, Zoe, Dylan's cat, Alex K.'s two guinea pigs, my chupacabra, and your barium-stained left shoe...

**Impression**

*Ali Tahvildari*

We said our goodbyes to our former clinical assistant professor, assistant program director, mentor, and friend last month as he moved on to a private practice job in Washington, D.C. During his time at Stanford and the VAPAHCs, Dr. Tahvildari challenged us to grow as both radiologists and peer educators.

Dr. Tahvildari created a culture of constant self improvement with a lively mix of quizzes and games. Whether you lived in fear of his withering side-eye or punitive Monopoly money taxation, you made sure to incorporate those pesky basal pulmonary emboli into your search pattern. You have seared the Bosniak classification system into your memory and would never apply it to cystic renal lesions on ultrasound after missing that quiz question two years in a row, much to Dr. Tahvildari's chagrin. But thanks to Tatooine, Yuri Gagarin, and Katy Perry's errant Left Shark, you earned a few points back on the quiz and in his esteem with your vast knowledge of pop culture trivia.

Most of all, Dr. Tahvildari formed a lasting impression on us all by example. Drawing from his experience as a chief resident at Emory, he emphasized the importance of teaching others for personal growth and instituted several ways for us to instruct more junior residents. We thank him for raising the bar higher so that we would rise to the occasion. Please join us in wishing him the best of luck in his new job and all his future endeavors!