



VCU EM Education News

June 2023

Congrats VCU EM Residency Class of 2023!



EM Residency Reunion September 30th!

Did you know that the class of 2023 is the 20th EM residency class to graduate from VCU Health? To celebrate the milestone, and the accomplishments of our alumni, faculty, residents, and the entire VCU EM family we are planning a reunion event Saturday, September 30, 2023 in Richmond at the McGlothlin Medical Education Center (School of Medicine) on MCVP campus. More details to follow soon, but



Hold the date! September 30, 2023

Welcome Incoming Residents!



Incoming residents were welcomed by education and department leaders and chief residents at the home of EM PD Pete Moffett. We are very excited to have you here!

Interns no more, call me Resident!



14 EM Interns and 2 EMIM Interns were recognized for completing their intern year. From now on they are known as resident. Congrats!

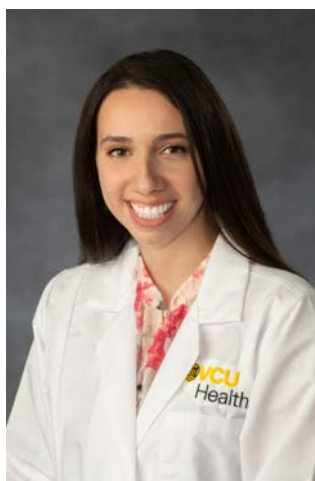
2023 VCU EM Residency Graduates



Robert Adams, MD

Campbell University

Flight Surgeon for the 495th
Fighter Squadron
Shaw Air Force Base
Sumter, SC



Mona Ahmed, DO

*Philadelphia College of
Osteopathic Medicine*

Prince William Medical Ctr
Manassas, VA



Andrew Alberter, MD

VCU School of Medicine

MedStar Franklin Square
Baltimore, MD



Chris Brown, MD

VCU School of Medicine

VCU Community Memorial
South Hill, VA



Anna Cline, MD

Medical University of South Carolina

Prisma Health
Greenville, SC



Naimah Dease, MD

Meharry Medical College

Atrium Health Pineville
Charlotte, NC

2023 VCU EM Residency Graduates



Ben Del Buono, MD

VCU School of Medicine

Southside Medical Center
Petersburg, VA



Russell Dowell, DO

VCOM

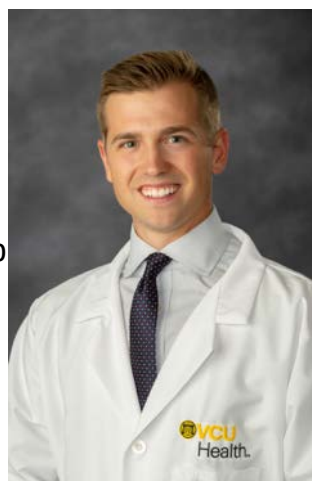
Southside Medical Center
Petersburg, VA



Melissa Edwards, DO

VCOM

Resuscitation/US Fellowship
VCU Health
Richmond, VA



Kolten Fischer, MD

Eastern Virginia School of Medicine

Ultrasound Fellowship
Regions Health
St Paul, MN



Allen Noakes, MD

Ponce School of Medicine

Flight Surgeon for the 391st
Fighter Squadron
Mountain Home Air Force
Base
Mountain Home, ID



Patrick Ufkes, MD

VCU School of Medicine

Anesthesia Critical Care
Fellowship
VCU Health
Richmond, VA

2023 VCU EMIM Residency Graduates



Joe Lykins, MD

University of Chicago

Boston University
Boston Medical Center
Boston, MA



Sober Singh, MD

SUNY Downstate

Locums
Multiple States

Golden Apple Teaching Awards

Awarded to faculty in the top 15% of teaching evaluations from the EM residents



*Kirk Cumpston
Stephanie DeMasi
Catherine Dong
David Evans
Robin Foster
Joe Gunn
Ashley Haggerty
Grace Hickam
Pat McLaughlin
Steve Miller
Pete Moffett
Joel Moll
Frank Petruzella
Lindsay Taylor
JC Wiggins*

VCU 2023 Fellowship Graduates



Timothy Fields, MD

EMS Fellowship
Swedish Hospital
Seattle, WA



Colin Smith, DO

EMS Fellowship
Charleston Area Medical Ctr
Charleston, WV



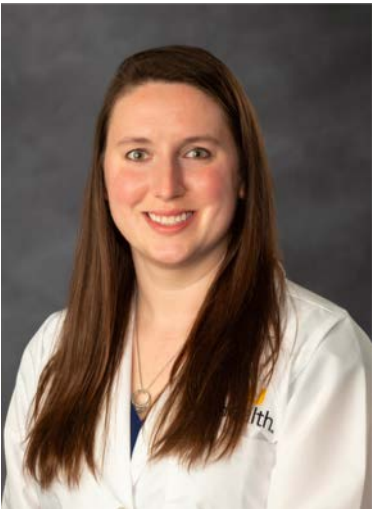
John Schneider, MD

Medical Education Fellowship
Washington University
St Louis, MO



Andrew Chambers, DO

Medical Toxicology Fellowship
Boston University
Boston, MA



Ashley Haggerty, DO

PEM Fellowship
Shady Grove Adventist Hosp
Rockville, MD



Stephanie DeMasi, MD

Resusc/Ultrasound Fellowship
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN



Taylor Brittan, MD

Ultrasound Fellowship
University of Florida
Jacksonville, FL



Mike Jones, MD

Ultrasound Fellowship
VCU Health
Richmond, VA

Graduation Awards



Sawyer Ornato Award

Patrick Ufkes

Awarded to a graduating resident for excellence in clinical care of patients

Faculty Achievement Award

Naimah Dease

Awarded to a graduating resident for dedication to self development and resilience in training



Graduation Awards

Future Academician Award

Melissa Edwards and Joe Lykins



Awarded to a graduating resident who has shown exceptional promise for a career in academic emergency medicine

Medical Student Teaching Award

Kolten Fischer

Awarded to a graduating resident for dedication and skill shown in teaching medical students during their training



Graduation Awards



Bo Paulson Award

Mona Ahmed

Awarded to a graduating resident who attended residency conference the most during all three years of residency

Conference Attendance Awards



*EM3 - Mona Ahmed
EM2 - Diana Morales
EM1 - Morgan Julian*

EMIM - Joe Lykins

Josh Loyd InTraining Award

Craig Sweeney



Awarded to the resident with the highest In-Training exam score in the program

Graduation Awards

Anne Dean Humanism Award

Chris Brown

Awarded to a graduating resident for exemplifying humanism in medicine



Joel Moll DEI Award

Sober Singh

Awarded to a resident for dedication, advocacy, and efforts toward celebrating diversity, equity, and inclusion in emergency medicine



Class of 2023 Awards

Evans Faculty Teaching Award

Michael Joyce



Fellow Teaching Award

Stephanie DeMasi



Nurse Ally Award

Matthew Donovan



Scribe of the Year Award

Olivia Willis



**The above awards were chosen by graduating residents in the class of 2023*

Graduation Awards

David Katzin Prize

Craig Sweeney



Established by the family and friends of Dr David Katzin in his memory. Dr Katzin was a graduate of VCU IM residency and Cardiology Fellowship, and a prominent cardiologist. His son is an emergency physician. It recognizes an EM2 who excels in cardiology and critical care.

PEM Intern of the Year

Kristen Piwowski



Awarded by PEM Faculty

Community Resident Award

Zach Deuell



Awarded by Memorial Regional Faculty

Graduation Scenes



VCU EM at SAEM23 in Austin!



SAEM was held in May in Austin, TX. Top, VCU EM dinner at SAEM. Above Left, Kolten Fischer *EM3*, Melissa Edwards *EM3*, and Ben Pastwik *EM2* performed well in Sonogames. Above Right, *EM2*'s out and about in Austin!

More SAEM23!



Top Left, VCU EM at SAEM Diana Morales EM2, Laura Barrera EM2, JC Wiggins (faculty, Res '19, US '20), Melissa Edwards EM3, Riley North EM2. Top Right incoming chiefs Ben Williams, Jen Wang, and Katie McIver recruit at the residency fair. Middle Left Ramana Feeser faculty presents benefits of SAEM membership as chair of membership committee. Middle Right, Joel Moll faculty participates in a panel discussion. Left, Landon Mueller (Res '20) catches up with Grace Hickam (Res '21, MedEd Fellow '23, faculty) and Pete Moffett faculty.

VCUHS and CHOR Open New Pediatric Hospital and Peds ED



Above VCU EM Residents Tour the new Pediatric ED prior to opening April 30th. The new Pediatric ED has 24 beds, including 3 in trauma/resuscitation bay. It is physically located in the new Childrens Hospital tower that opened on the same date on the MCVP campus.

EM Bound VCU School of Medicine Graduates



Left, graduating VCU SOM M4's finish up their time in Richmond by a capstone course to prepare them for their training in EM this summer. 12 medical students from VCU SOM matched into Emergency Medicine in 2023, with 3 having matched at VCU Health.

VCU EM Family Additions!



Above Left, Anna Cline EM3 marries Dan - can Clemson and South Carolina fans really co-exist? Above Right, Michael Joyce (EM Res '15, US Fellowship '16, faculty) expands his family with the birth of daughter Ryan. Below Left Lauren (Wingfield) Webb (EM Res '19) added Rory to her family joining her daughter Rook. Below Right Mike Chiappone (EM Res '20) added son Louis Charles shown with big brother Pierce



Coordinator Sharon Fleming Featured in VCU GME Newsletter

Sharon Fleming, GME Coordinator, Emergency Medicine



How long have you been in a program coordinator role?

I have been in the role as a Program Coordinator for six years.

How did you get into your role as a residency/fellowship program coordinator?

After working for one year in the Department of Emergency Medicine I transitioned into the role as Assistant to the EM Department Chair and Program Coordinator.

What do you most enjoy about your job?

I most enjoy meeting the incoming housestaff and watching them develop over their training period.

What is the best professional advice you've received and want to share with your GME colleagues?

You are good enough! You must believe that you deserve a seat at the table!

What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?

I enjoy spending quality time with family and friends, music concerts, comedy shows, farmer's markets, fishing, and playing tennis.

Best wishes to Sara Holt for her service to VCU EM Education

After spending the last two years as a program coordinator for the emergency medicine residency, Sara Holt is departing emergency medicine. Although a great career opportunity for her, we will miss her contributions to our education mission and working with her.

We wish you the best Sara, you will always be a member of the VCU EM family!



Spangler elected Virginia ACEP President



Jesse Spangler (EM residency '15, faculty) was elected president of Virginia ACEP. He was previously treasurer and will start his two year term as president February 2024. Great to have his passion and energy advocating for EM in Virginia as shown below!



Faculty Academic Promotions

Congrats to the faculty who received promotion in academic rank effective July 1, 2023!



Lisa Merck, MD
Professor with Tenure



Jonathan Silverman, MD
Associate Professor

Women in EM Group Welcomes Incoming Residents



EM Resident Accepted to AMA Diversity Leadership Program

Diane Morales EM2 has been accepted into the American Medical Association's Diversity Leadership Program. This program will bring together approximately 30 residents from University of Cincinnati, Indiana University, Ohio State University, and Virginia Commonwealth University to gain leadership competencies, skill-building tools, and to create a national network of colleagues for pursuing career advancement in academic medicine. Congrats Diana!



Upcoming VCU EM Grand Rounds



Tammie Quest, MD

Professor and Chief, Division of Palliative Medicine, Department of Family and Preventive Medicine
Professor, Emergency Medicine
Director, Emory Palliative Care Center

July 19, 2023 10am



Arthur Saavedra, MD PhD

Dean, VCU School of Medicine
VCUHS Executive VP for Medical Affairs

August 16, 2023 11am



Thom Mayer, MD

Medical Director NFL Players Assoc

September 13, 2023 10am

Grand Rounds Live or Virtual



Location

Ben Johnson Auditorium, MCV Campus of VCU
305 N 12th Street, Richmond, Virginia

Zoom Link

<https://vcuhealth.zoom.us/j/757236839>



Please Support VCU EM Resident Education!

You can donate to support VCU EM residents through the MCV Foundation. We have established an ongoing fund to support the residents and residency for things that VCUHS does not fund. Please consider supporting the future of emergency medicine!

1. Go to <https://www.mcvfoundation.org/give>
2. Click on "Give Now"
3. Under Choose a Fund dropdown select "Search by key word"
4. Type in "emergency" and select **"Emergency Medicine Residents Education Fund"**



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