



VCU EM Education News

June 2025

Congrats VCU EM Residencies and Fellowships Class of 2025!



Welcome Incoming Residents!



Incoming residents were welcomed by education and department leaders and chief residents at the home of EM PD Pete Moffett. Despite the rainy weather that day, we are very excited to have you here!

Interns Finish PGY1!



Graduation Awards 2025



Sawyer Ornato Award *Hayes Armstrong*

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

Faculty Achievement Award *Noah Levy*

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



Graduation Awards



Future Academician Award

Noah Hillerbrand

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

Medical Student Teaching Award

Lacy Harkrader

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

SAEM VCU Medical Student Award Recipient Michael Bly also pictured



Graduation Awards

Anne Dean Humanism Award

Katherine Mulligan



Awarded to a graduating resident for exemplifying humanism in medicine, Named in honor of VCU EM Alum Anne Dean

Equity and Inclusion Advocate

Chrissy Draper



Awarded to a resident for dedication, advocacy, and efforts toward health equity in emergency medicine.

Nicole Kielar Award

Harrison Brookeman



Awarded to a resident for achievement in EMS, named in memory of VCU flight nurse Nicole Kielar

Graduation Awards



Bo Paulson Award

Kristin Piwowarski

Awarded to a graduating resident who attended residency conference the most hours during all three years of residency, Named after VCU EM residency Alum Bo Paulson.

Conference Attendance Awards



EM3 - Noah Hillerbrand

EM2 - Eric Donley

EM1 - Tanner McQuality

EMIM - Katherine Mulligan

Awarded to the residents from each class with the highest number of hours at conference

Josh Loyd InTraining Award

Jared Berger and Noah Hillerbrand



Awarded to the resident with the highest In-Training exam score in the program after VCU EM resident alum Josh Loyd

Class of 2024 Awards

Nurse Ally Award
Zack Hedrick



Scribe of the Year Award
Trey Grimes



**The faculty teaching, nurse ally, and scribe awards were chosen by graduating residents in the class of 2025*

Graduation Award

Reid Faculty Advocate Award
Shannon Walsh



Awarded to a faculty member who residents feel is an advocate for them. Honors Renee Reid, former faculty

Tim Evans Faculty Teaching Award
Lindsay Taylor



Graduation Awards

David Katzin Prize

Abigail Stanley



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

Boykin Eshleman



Awarded by PEM Faculty

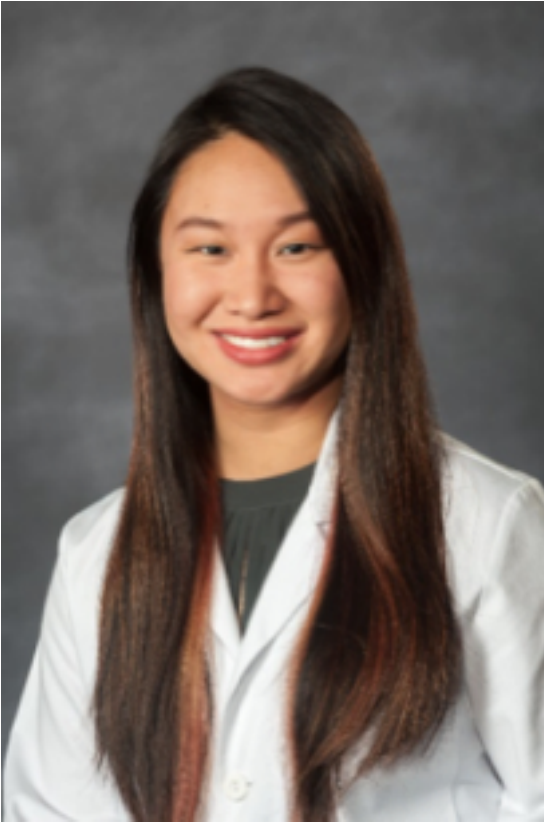
Community Resident Award

Eric Donley



Awarded by Memorial Regional Faculty

VCU EM Residency Alums Return as Faculty



Far Left, **Catherine Dong**, (EM Res '22, Med Tox Fellow '24, CMH Faculty) has been named the new Medical Director of the Virginia Poison Center after **Kirk Cumpston** (Faculty) stepped down a year ago. **Emily Kershner** (EM Res '20, Med Tox Fellow '22) served as interim medical director the past year. Left, **Ben Williams** (EM Res '24) returns from his EMS fellowship at University of Pittsburgh to join the EMS Division as Faculty.

Golden Apple Teaching Awards

Awarded to faculty in the top 10% of teaching evaluations from the EM residents

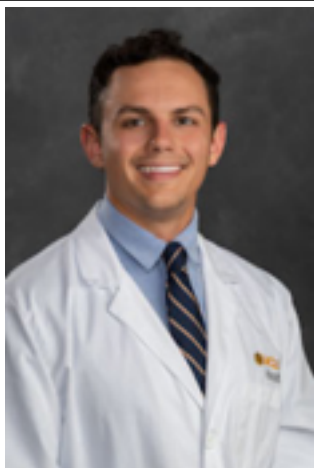


*Zachary Funk
Grace Hickam
Mike Jones
Emily Kershner
Carrie Maupin
Steve Miller
Pete Moffett
Jesse Spangler
Lindsay Taylor
Hillary Wiles-Lafayette*

Graduation @VMFA



2023 VCU EM Residency Graduates



Hayes Armstrong, MD

VCU School of Medicine

Dignity Health
Los Angeles, CA



Jared Bergerl, MD

Eastern Virginia Medical School

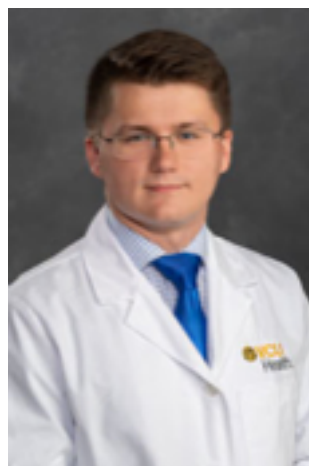
Common Spirit St Francis
Colorado Springs, CO



Harrison Brookeman, MD

VT Carillon

EMS Fellowship
University of Texas, Austin
Austin, TX



Ryan Danko, MD

VCU School of Medicine

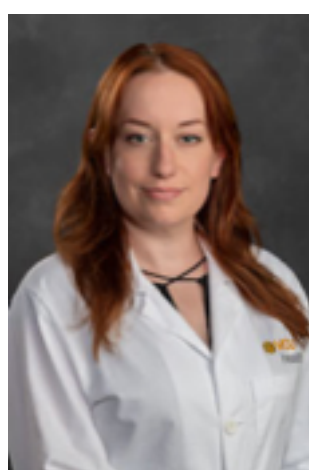
Mary Washington Healthcare
Fredericksburg, VA



Holly Farkosh, MD

West Virginia School of Medicine

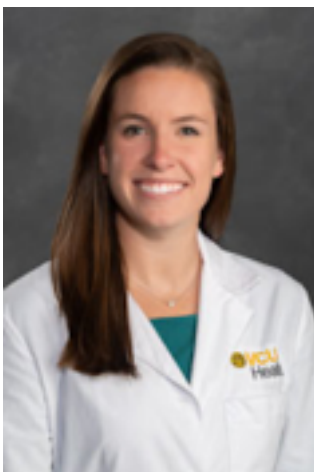
Memorial Regional Med Ctr
Mechanicsville, VA



Lori Gatzke, MD

VCU School of Medicine

Fort Bragg AF Special Ops
Fayetteville, NC



Lacy Harkrader, MD

VCU School of Medicine

Memorial Regional Med Ctr
Mechanicsville, VA



Noah Hillerbrand, MD

VCU School of Medicine

Critical Care Fellowship
VCU Health
Richmond, VA

2023 VCU EM Residency Graduates



Morgan Webb, MD

VTech Carillion School of Medicine

Carilion Clinic
Pearisburg, VA



Noah Levy, MD

Sydney Kimmel Jefferson

UPMC Altoona
Altoona, PA



Maggie McAndrew, MD

Geisinger Commonwealth SOM

Memorial Regional Med Ctr
Mechanicsville, VA



Kristin Piwowarski, DO

Lincoln Memorial Univ Debusk

Southside Regional Med Ctr
Petersburg, VA



Chris Wilson, DO

Texas College of Osteopathic Med

Souda Air Force Base
Island of Crete, Greece



Max Zinsou, MD

SUNY Downstate College of Med

Christus Santa Rosa Hosp
San Antonio, TX

2023 VCU EMIM Residency Graduates



Katherine Mulligan, MD

Brody SOM at ECU

IM Faculty
VCU Health
Richmond, VA



Jessicas Paton, MD

VCU School of Medicine

Addiction Fellowship
VCU Health
Richmond, VA

VCU 2025 Fellowship Graduates



Chelsea Bunce, MD
Ultrasound Fellowship
Sentara Hospital/EVMS
Norfolk, VA



Melissa Edwards, DO
Ultrasound/Resusc Fellowship
VCU Community Memorial
South Hill, VA



Zackary Funk, MD
Ultrasound Fellowship
Baptist Health System
Jacksonville, FL



Carrie Maupin, MD
Med Education Fellowship
VCU Community Memorial
South Hill, VA



Elizabeth Morrison, MD
Ultrasound/Resusc Fellowship
St Rita's Medical Center
Lima, OH



Yimi Oyekanmi, DO
Med Tox Fellowship
University of Connecticut
Hartford, CT



Theodore Parks, MD
Pediatric EM Fellowship
VCU CHoR
Richmond, VA



Noreen Petrash, DO
Pediatric EM Fellowship
Lehigh Valley Children's Hosp
Allentown, PA

Faculty Academic Promotions



Taruna Aurora
Associate Professor



Steve Miller
Associate Professor



Frank Petruzella.
Associate Professor



Nina Vitto
Associate Professor



Rashida Woods
Associate Professor

Congrats to the faculty above who as of July 1st have been promoted to the academic rank noted above!

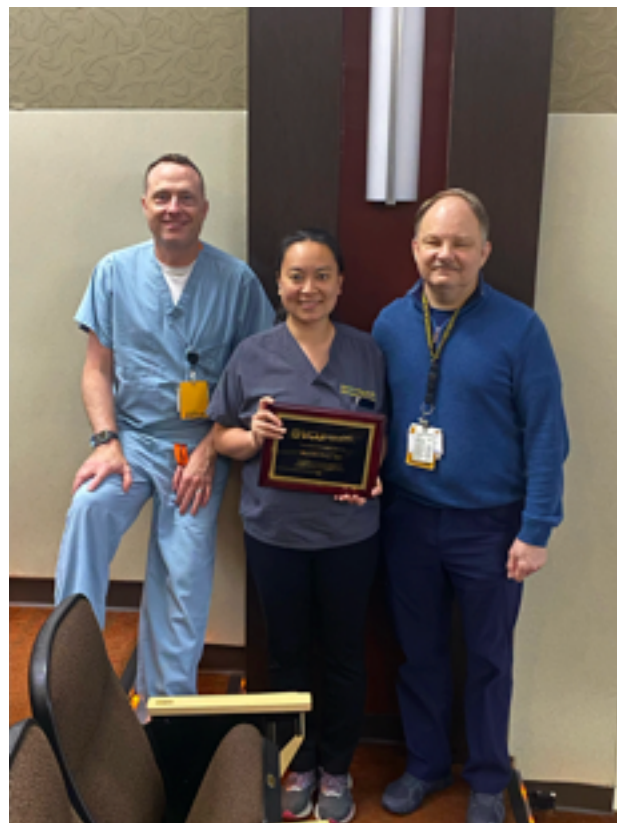
Air Force Alumni in Action



Our Air Force Alums have been busy on deployment around the world! Above, **Laura Barrera** (EM Res '24) and **John Hutchison** (EM Res '22) deployed sending an American Flag flown on base to the EM Residency. Above Right, Air Force alums L-> R **John Hutchison** (EM Res '22), **Allen Noakes** (EM Res '23), and **Laura Barrera** (EM Res '24) serve their country and make VCU EM proud! Above Right, **Nisha George** (EM Res '22) takes her oath as Major.

Thanks to all of our Air Force residents and alums for your service. Please stay safe!

Faculty Transitions



Above left, founding Toxicology Fellowship PD, **Brandon Wills** will transition Toxicology Fellowship PD to **Emily Kershner** (faculty, EM Res '20, Med Tox '22) July 1st. Brandon will continue to work clinically as a toxicologist and addiction medicine at VCU. Right, after 11 years at VCU **Danielle Gong** (faculty) is returning to Canada, shown being recognized by past and present residency leaders for her multiple contributions.

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. 6 medical students from VCU SOM matched into Emergency Medicine in 2025, two matched at VCU

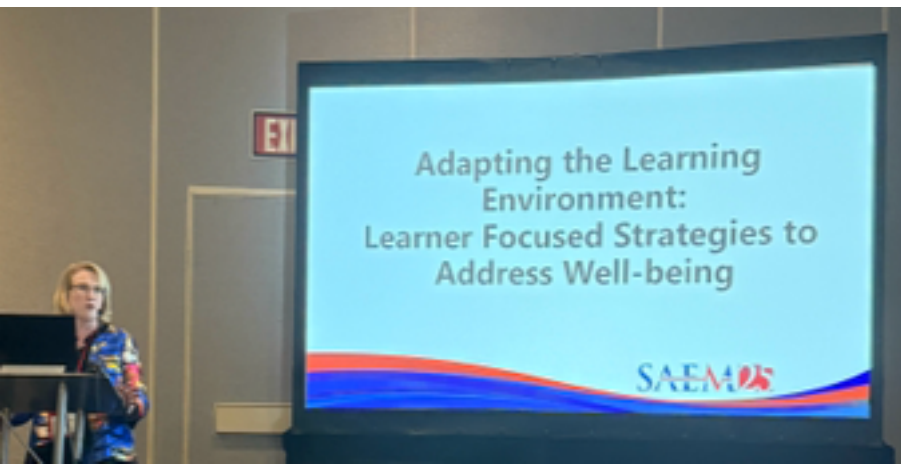
VCU EM at SAEM25 in Philly!



SAEM25 was held in May in Philadelphia. Top, VCU EM dinner at SAEM. Middle Left, incoming chief residents recruit at the SAEM Residency Fair. Middle Right, **Lindsay Taylor** (faculty) leads the Sonogames team of L->R **Evan Vance** (EMIM4), **Sarah Emslie** (EM2) and **Noah Hillerbrand** (EM3).

SAEM25
MAY 13-16 PHILADELPHIA, PA

Scenes Around SAEM25!



Women in EM Group Welcome New Residents

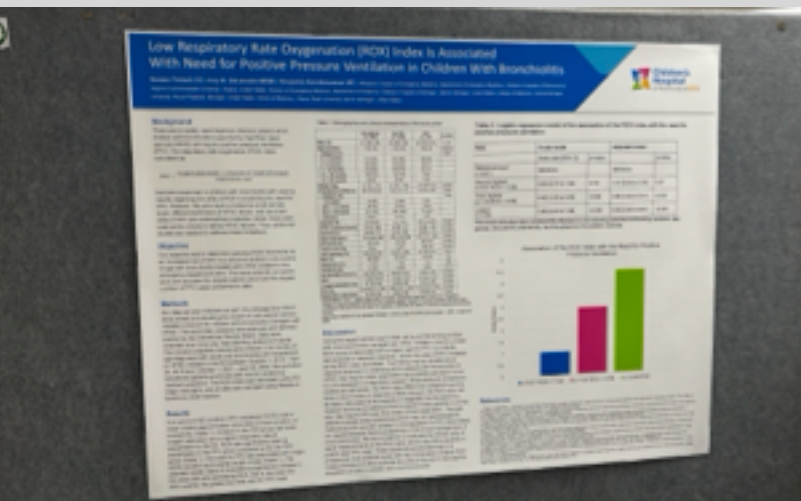
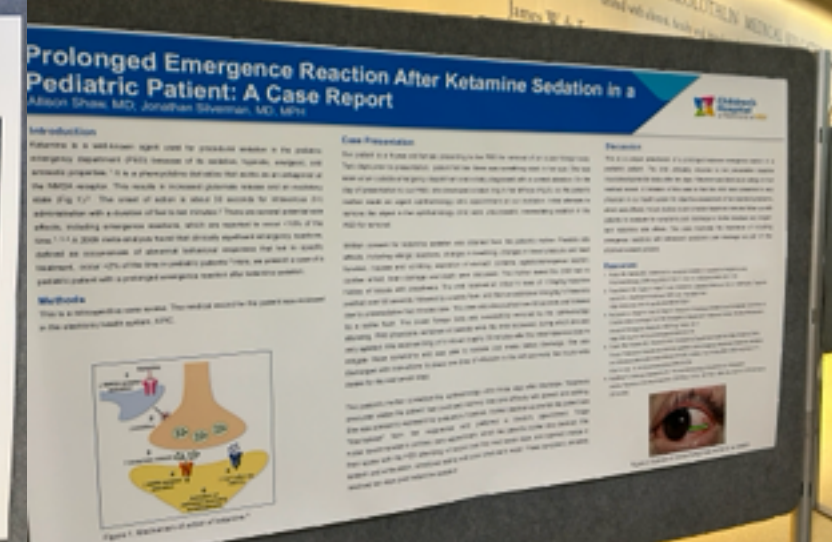
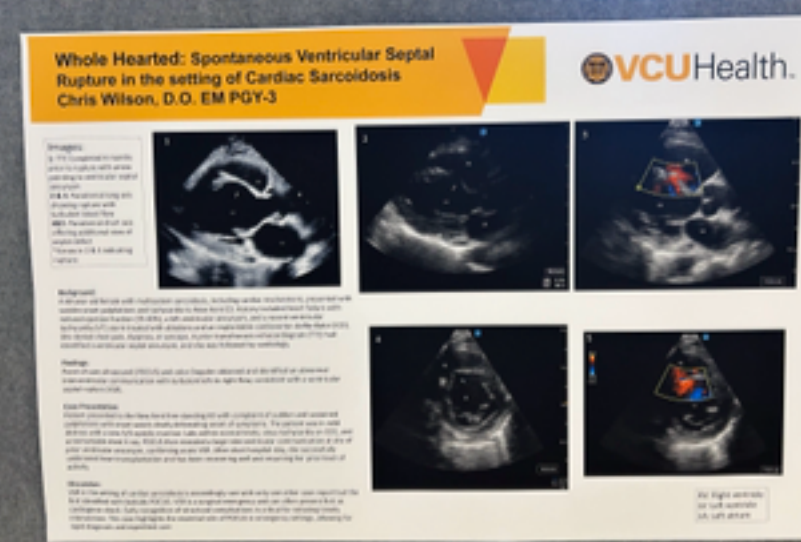
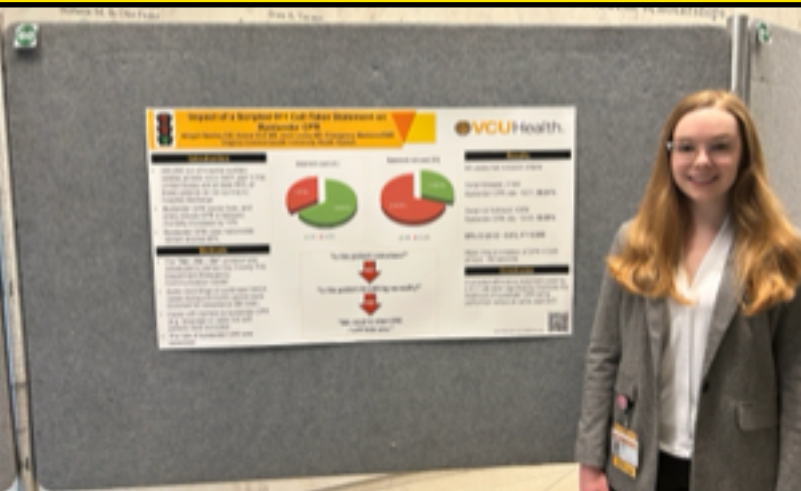


Luan Lawson wins National SAEM Education Award



Above left, **Luan Lawson** (faculty) is awarded the Hal Jayne Excellence in Education Award by the president of SAEM at the 2025 SAEM Academic Assembly, recognizing her achievements in education in academic EM. Dr Lawson is Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education in the VCU School of Medicine.

VCUHS Resident and Fellow Research Day



Several residents and fellows participated in the recent VCUHS GME resident and fellow research posters. Top Left, **Abigail Stanley EM2** and Top Right, **Jess Patton EMIM5**. Also participating and not pictured: **Chris Wilson EM3**, **Allison Shaw 1st Year PEM Fellow**, **Noreen Petrash PEM 3rd Fellow**, and **Julian Korn 2nd Year PEM Fellow**.

VCU EM Alumni Family!



Congrats to the VCU alums for their additions! Above Left, **Ben Del Buono** EM Residency '23 and wife Marissa on the birth of Kristina Eleanor Del Buono in early May. Above Middle, **David Tidwell** EM Residency '21 and now wife Alisia elope and marry this past spring. Above Right, **Chris Velasquez** EM Residency '21 and third baby Danilo relax in Cancun.



Left, **Mike Moss** (EM Res '16), wife Amanda with fellow alum **Kyle Irby** (EM Res '16) and wife Lorelle reunite to hike in Utah. Below Left, **Rand Michael** (EM Res '24) and family exploring New Mexico. Below Right, **Jacob Moyer** (EM Res '20) and family soak in the sun at the beach for Jacob's birthday.



Upcoming VCU EM Grand Rounds



Gabe D Kelen, MD

Professor and Chair
Department of Emergency Medicine
Johns Hopkins Medicine
Professor, Anesthesiology and Critical Care
Director, Johns Hopkins Office Critical Event
Preparedness and Response

*Bursting at the Seams: Crowding and Boarding in
the ED Myths and Solutions*

July 19, 2025 10am



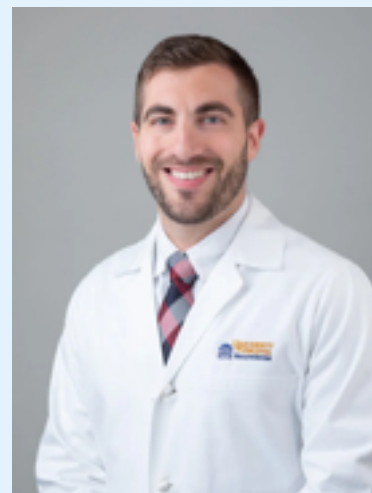
Lindsay Taylor, MD

Associate Professor
Co-Chair, Ultrasound Fellowship
Department of Emergency Medicine
Virginia Commonwealth University

Evans Faculty Teaching Award 2025

TBD

August 13, 2025 10 am



Tim Layng, DO

Assistant Professor Emergency Medicine
Director, EM Informatics
Medical Director, Medical Scribes
University of Virginia SOM

VCU EM Residency Class of 2019

TBD

September 3, 2025 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"
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4. Type in "emergency" and select **"Emergency Medicine Residents Education Fund"**

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