



VCU EM Education News

June 2026

Congrats VCU EM Residencies and Fellowships Class of 2026!



Welcome Incoming Residents!



Incoming residents were welcomed by education leaders and chief residents at the home of EM PD Pete Moffett.

Goodbye Internship!



Graduation Awards 2026



Sawyer Ornato Award *Rebecca Pilkington-Hardison*

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

Faculty Achievement Award

Enyana Bylykbashi
Josh Musih

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



Graduation Awards 2026

Future Academician Award

Abby Stanley

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



Medical Student Teaching Award

Brittany Davis

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



Graduation Awards 2026



Bo Paulson Award *Rebecca Pilkington-Hardison*

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 - Rebecca Pilkington-Hardison

EM2 - Tanner McQuality

EM1 - Joseph McEachon

EMIM - Griffin Bleecker

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

Josh Loyd InTraining Award *Alex Joun*



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

Awards for Non-graduate Residents

David Katzin Prize

Robert Buckshaw



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

Zachary Flash



Awarded by PEM Faculty

Community Resident Award

Michael Wheeler



Awarded by Memorial Regional Faculty

Graduation Awards 2026

Anne Dean Humanism Award

Griffin Bleecker



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

Equity and Inclusion Advocate

Sarah Emslie



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

Nicole Kielar Award

Eric Donley



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

Class of 2026 Awards

Nurse Ally Award

Carter Colan



Scribe of the Year

Timothy Tymowski



**The faculty teaching, nurse ally, and scribe awards were chosen by graduating residents in the class of 2026*

Graduation Awards

Reid Faculty Advocate Award

Grace Hickam



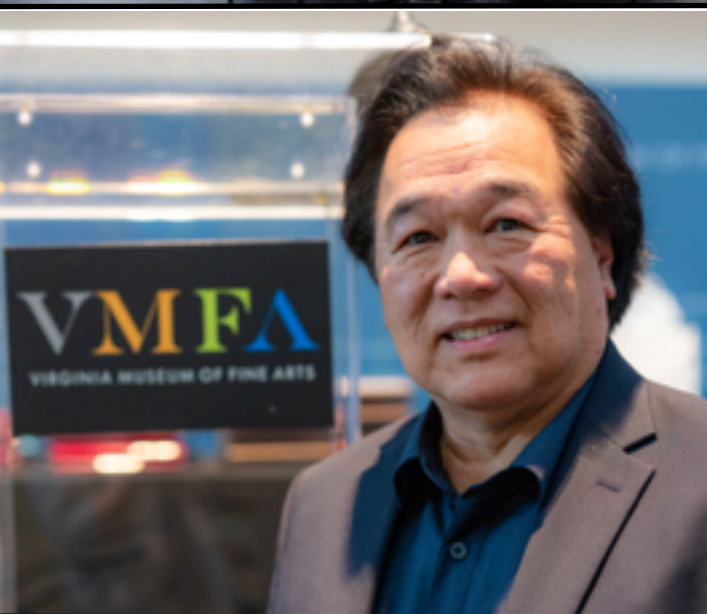
Awarded to a faculty member who residents feel is an advocate for them. Honors Renee Reid, former faculty

Tim Evans Faculty Teaching

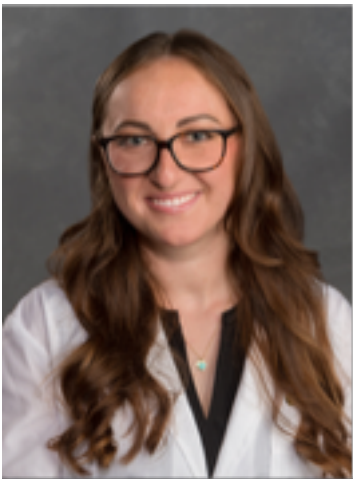
Benjamin Williams



Graduation Scenes @VMFA



2026 VCU EM Residency Graduates



Enjana Bylykbaski, MD

VCU School of Medicine

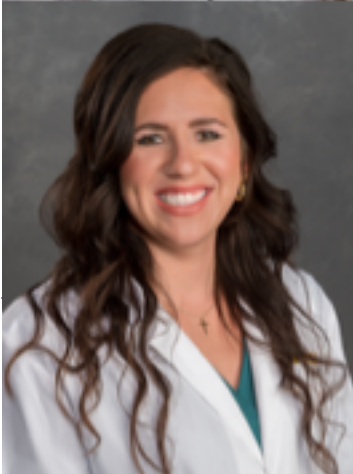
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Richmond, VA



Casey Costa, MD PhD

Wake Forest University SOM

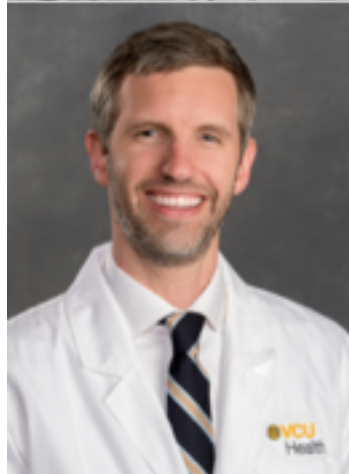
Southside Regional
Petersburg, VA



Brittany Davis, DO

VCOM

Memorial Regional Med Ctr
Mechanicsville, VA



Eric Donley, MD

VCU School of Medicine

EMS Fellowship
VCU Health
Richmond, VA



Sarah Emslie, MD

Drexel Univ College of Medicine

Baystate Health -Franklin
Greenfield, MA



Brian Kesselring, DO

Campbell University SOM

EMS Fellow
Carolinas Medical Center
Charlotte, NC



Josh Musih, DO

NOVA Southeastern University

Inova Fairfax Hospital
Great Falls, VA



Daniel Owens, MD

University of Colorado SOM

Advent Health-Littleton/Porter
Denver, CO

2026 VCU EM Residency Graduates



Rebecca Pilkington, MD

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Mary Washington Healthcare
Fredericksburg, VA



Shannon Pope, MD

Florida State University COM

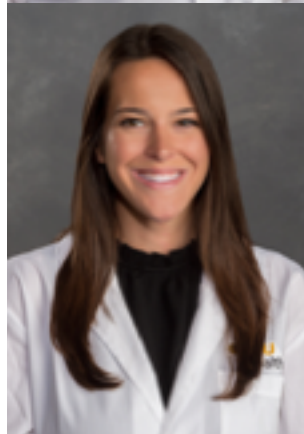
Advent Health Winter Garden
Winter Garden, FL



Matt Sandridge, DO

VCOM

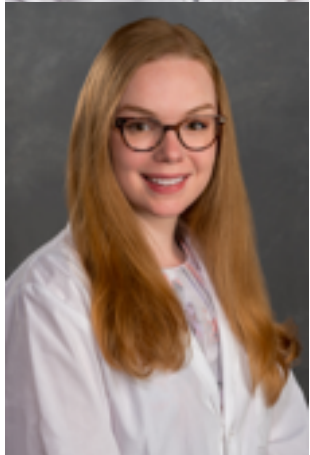
17th Special Ops Squadron
US Air Force
Oklahoma City, OK



Allison Savon, DO

VCOM

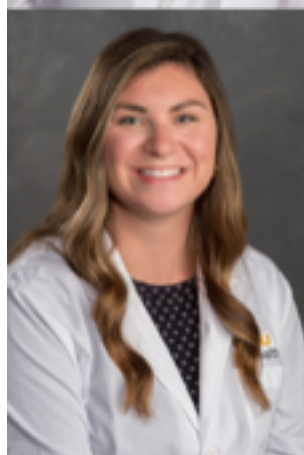
St Mary's Hospital
Richmond, VA



Abigail Stanley, DO

New York Institute of Technology

EMS and Admin Fellowship
VCU Health
Richmond, VA

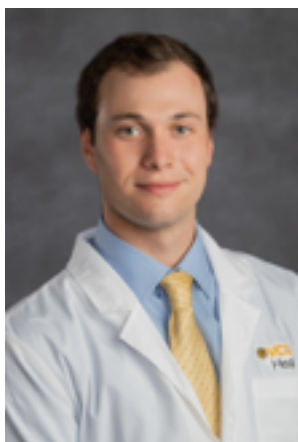


Mallory White, MD

VCU School of Medicine

Chippanham Hospital
Richmond, VA

2026 VCU EMIM Residency Graduates



Griffin Bleecker, MD

Boston University SOM

Chinle CHCF Navajo Nation
Chinle, AZ

Medstar Montgomery Med
Olney, MD



Evan Vance, MD

West Virginia University SOM

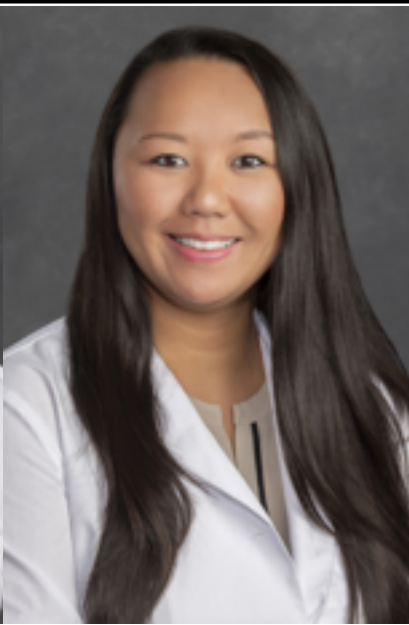
VCU Health
Richmond, VA

VCU 2026 Fellowship Graduates



Carlos Cevallos

Ultrasound Fellowship
VCU Community Memorial
South Hill, VA



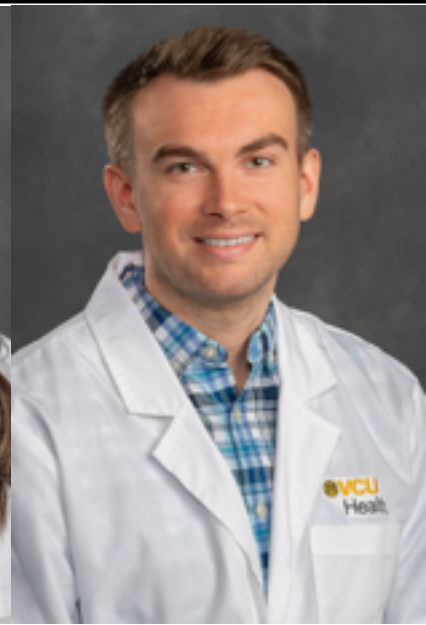
Molly O'Neil

EMS Fellowship
VCU Community Memorial
South Hill, VA



Danielle Nesbitt, DO

Med Educ Fellowship
VCU Community Memorial
South Hill, VA



Jospeh Testa

Med Toxicology Fellowship
VCUHS Addiction Fellowship
Richmond, VA

Inagural Frank Zwemmer Award



Zach Cutter (EMIM4) was awarded the inagural Frank Zwemmer Award for his dedication to VA patient care and wellbeing.

~~Zach Cutter (EMIM4 Resident) was awarded the inagural Frank Zwemmer Award for his dedication to VA~~

Chris Woleben Awarded Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award



Chris Woleben, the Hugo R Seibel Endowed Teaching Professor, Associate Dean for Admissions, and Associate Professor at VCU in Pediatric Emergency Medicine added to his many honors by being named the 2026 recipient of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. This is awarded to one VCU SOM faculty member each year who exemplifies unwavering compassion and empathy in the care of patients. Congrat and well derseved Chris!

VCU Alumni Scenes



Above Left, **David Vennard** (EM Res '21), wife Jess, and daughter Adam. Above Middle, **Noah Levy** (EM Res'25) and **Harrison Brookman** (EM Res '25) take the first new ABEM certifying exam in Raleigh, NC. Above Right, **Syed Hasan** (EM Res '18) and family.

VCU EM at SAEM26 in Atlanta!



SAEM26 was held in May in Atlanta. Above Left, **Alex Joun** (EM2), **Robert Buckshaw** (EM2) and **James Bishop** (EM2) came in 3rd place at MedWar held in Piedmont Park. Above Right **Chrissy Draper** (EMIM3), **Melissa Edwards** (EM Res '23, US/Resuc Fellow '25, CMH Faculty), and **Joel Moll** (Faculty) present at SAEM. Middle Left Dee Willis (EM Res '17, PEM '19, Faculty) participates on a panel on PEM care. Middle Right **Luan Lawson** (Faculty) presents at SAEM. Left, **Ramana Feeser** (Faculty) and **Moshe Feldman** (Faculty) present their study at SAEM.

Scenes Around SAEM26!



VCU EM Family Additions!



Far Left, **Anna Cline Knorr** (EM Res '23) and husband Daniel celebrate the birth of daughter Lucille Jane "Lucie" Knorr. Center, **David Martin** (EM Res '06, Faculty) welcomes baby Michael "Mack" Gray Martin. Above Right **Katie McIver** (EM Res '24) marries now husband Bradley as furr baby Olive looks on.

VCUHS Resident and Fellow Research Day

Claudia Ambrose	EM	Prolonged Diarrhea Leading to Methemoglobinemia in a 3-Week-Old Infant	Case Report
James Bishop	EM	Methylmalonic Acidemia Crisis	Case Report
Brittany Davis	EM	Loperamide Induced Ventricular Arrhythmia	Case Report
Emily Gerber	EM	Acute Airway Obstruction from Spontaneous Mediastinal Hematoma	Case Report
Sarah Emslie	EM	The Undifferentiated "Stroke Alert": Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome	Case Report
Molly O'Neil	EMS	Beyond CPR: Trauma Resuscitation Bundle in Achieving ROSC in Traumatic Out-Of-Hospital Arrest	Case Series
Jordan Hart	PEM	Decreasing Chest X-ray Utilization in Pediatric Wheezing Like Illness at an Academic Center Affiliated ED	Quality Improvement

Several residents and fellows participated in the recent VCUHS GME resident and fellow research posters in May 2026. Congrats on your achievement!

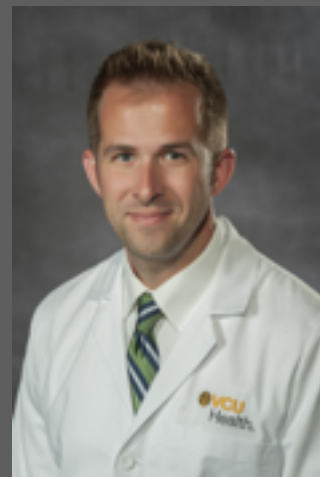
Faculty Academic Promotions effective July 1, 2026



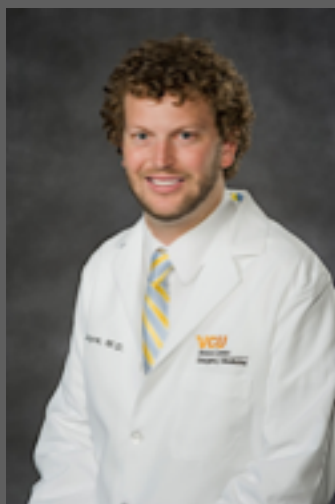
Megan Donohue
Associate Professor



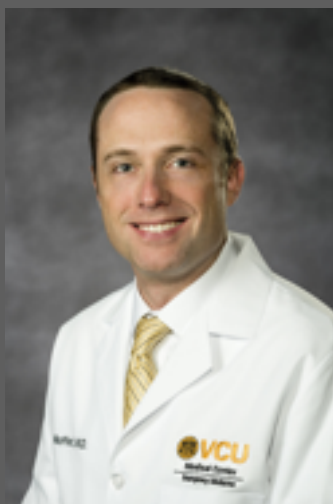
Jessica Gertz
Associate Professor



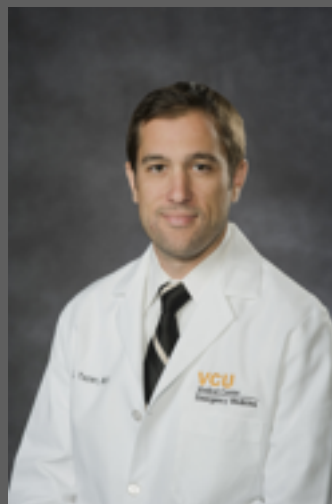
Jason Jennings
Associate Professor



Michael Joyce
Professor



Peter Moffett
Professor



Jordan Tozer
Professor



Chirs Woleben
Professor

MCVP Faculty Academic Promotions effective July 1, 2026



Jesse Spangler
Associate Professor



Shannon Walsh
Associate Professor

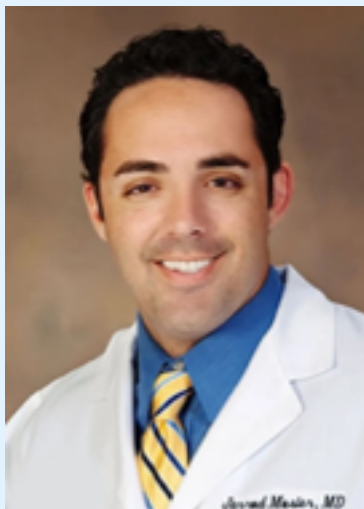
Upcoming VCU EM Grand Rounds



Kevin Harris, PhD MSA

Assistant Dean for Faculty Development
Office of Faculty Affairs and Development
School of Medicine
Virginia Commonwealth University

July 8, 2026 10 am

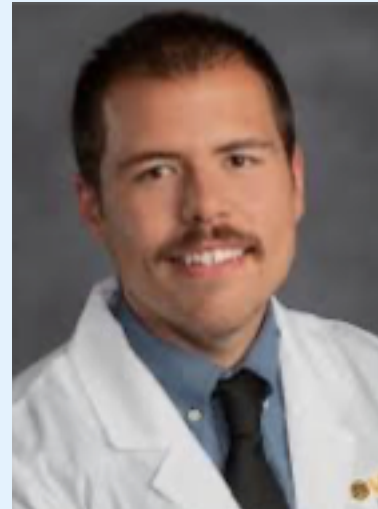


Jarrod M Mosier, MD

Associate Director, AZ EM Research
Professor, Emergency Medicine tenured
Vice Chair, Research
Department of Emergency Medicine
University Arizona Tucson

Research Grand Rounds

August 12, 2026 10 am



Ben Williams, DO

Assistant Professor
Department of Emergency Medicine
Division of EMS
VCU School of Medicine

VCU EM Residency Class of 2024

Evans Teaching Award

September 9, 2026 10am

Grand Rounds Live or Virtual



Location

MCV Campus of VCU

Teams Link

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 264 278 338 641 6

Passcode: R2vR99Bn

VCU EM Honors Retiring DIO Brian Aboff



The Department of Emergency Medicine recognized retiring DIO **Brian Aboff** in April for his advocacy and support of residents and fellows, and his support of EM educational program growth and additions. Brian served as DIO for ten years at VCU Health. We are forever grateful for your leadership and friendship and wish you happiness and health in retirement!

Thank You for an Amazing 11.5 Years!



I have made an extremely difficult decision to depart VCU and join Washington State University College of Medicine to serve as Regional Dean of the Vancouver, WA Campus. I am proud to have been Residency Program Director, Founding Medical Education Fellowship Program Director, Inaugural Vice Chair of Education, Inaugural VCU SOM Longitudinal Career Advisor for hospital based specialties, and Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs. Together we grew and added educational programs, and transformed our learning environment. I will continue to work on the ACGME EM Review Committee, and as an ABEM board examiner. Thank you to everyone who contributed so much during my time at VCU, I will forever be grateful for all of you! Please keep in touch!

Joel
joel.moll@wsu.edu



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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