



VCU EM Education News

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VCU EM Welcomes Incoming Residents



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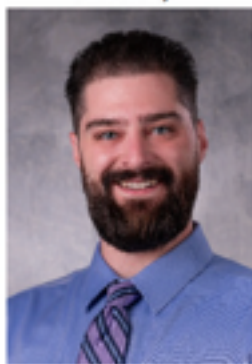
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ACGME Board Postpones Decision on new EM Requirements

The long awaited decision by the ACGME board to on the proposed revision of Common Program Requirements came, and went, without a decision. The fate of the proposal to require 4 years of training in EM is still unknown. The ACGME board is requiring further study and input. Stay tuned!



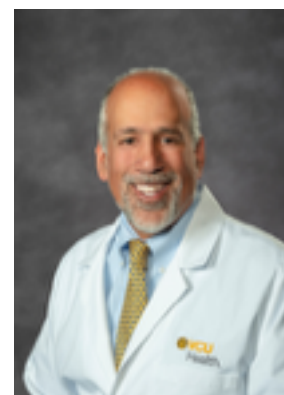
2026 VCU EM Residency and Alumni Reunion



Save the Date!

Saturday, October 17th, 2026

Hosted by Shannon Walsh



VCU EM Selects 2026-27 Chief Residents!



From Left to Right: EM2's **Robert Buckshaw**, **Boylin Eshleman**, **Michael Wheeler**, and **Hollis Young** were elected chief residents for the upcoming academic year. Their chief year begins June 1st. Congrats!

VCU EM at Virginia ACEP

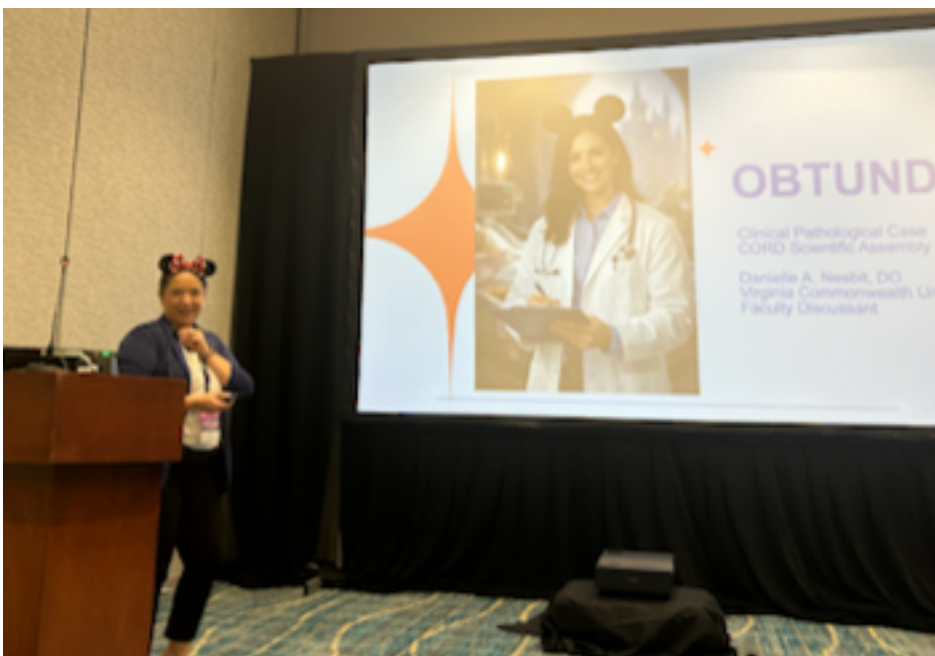


VCU EM was well represented at the 2026 Virginia ACEP conference at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA. Above VCU EM residents. Left. jeopardy team composed of **Tanner McQuality** (EM2), **Eric Donley** (EM3), and **Casey Costa** (EM3) tied for 3rd. Lower left, **Enjana Bylykbashi** (EM3) came in 3rd for her Rapid Fire presentation.



Not pictured, **Abby Stanley** (EM3) was awarded 2nd place in the moderated poster competition. VCU faculty **Emily Kershner** (EM Res '20, Med Tox '22) won first place for her Faculty Rapid Fire presentation!

VCU EM at CORD Academic Assembly



CORD was held in March in Orlando. Above **Danielle Nesbitt** (Med Ed Fellow) was our faculty (Disney) discussant at CPC. Right, **Ethan Kramer** (EM2) presents his CPC case disco style. Below left, **Grace Hickam** (Faculty, EM Res '20, Med Ed Fellow '22), **Danielle Nesbitt** (Med Ed), **Alex Fahrling** (Med Ed), **Pete Moffett** (Faculty), and **Ethan Kramer** (EM2) enjoy the sunshine and palm trees. Below Right, **Pete Moffett** (faculty) presents a session on remediation.



VCU EM Family Additions!



Above Left, **Casey Costa** (EM3) and wife Anna welcome their second child Lois Ruth Costa. Above Middle, **Allison Savon** (EM3) and **Ben Williams** (Faculty, EM Res '24) are engaged! Above Right **Rishi Talati** (EM1) marries now wife Nitika. Congrats all!

Emergency Medicine @ Health Sciences Education Symposium



Above Left->Right, **Brittany Davis** (EM3), **Carlos Cevallos** (Ultrasound Fellow), **Dee Willis** (Faculty, PEM Fellow '19, EM Res '17)

EM Alumni Updates



Above Left, **Evan Ware** (EM Res '23) got married! Above Middle, **Pat Ufkes** (EM Res '23) marries long time girlfriend and surgery resident Diana. Above Right, **Adam Hemminger** (EM Res '21), **Riley North** (EM Res '24) and **Russ Dowell** (EM Res '23) attend Pat and Diana's wedding during Puerto Vallarta lockdown!

Below Left, **Rohit Manaktala** (EM Res '17) and son hike in New Mexico for Rohit's birthday. Below Middle **Chris Wilson** (EM Res '25) and wife Karen attend the Milan Winter Olympics. Below Right, **Brian Dye** (EM Res '18), wife Simrun, and daughter explore the Oregon coast.



EM Alumni Updates



Above Left, Jasper Danko was born to proud dad **Ryan Danko** (EM Res '25) and wife Samantha. Above Middle, **Chris Brown** (Faculty, EM Res'23) and wife Emily welcome their third child Lachlen. Above Right, **Ben Barmaan** (EM Res '21) is engaged to fiancée Safi.



Above Left, **Danielle Gong** (Former EM Faculty) is settled and enjoying bicycling with her kids in British Columbia. Above Right, **Craig Sweeney** (EM Res '24) is finishing his critical care fellowship at Washington University in St Louis and returning to RVA to be an intensivist at Chippenham Hospital. Below Left, **Tim Layng** (EM Res'19) gave grand rounds on Informatics in March at VCU.

Upcoming VCU EM Grand Rounds

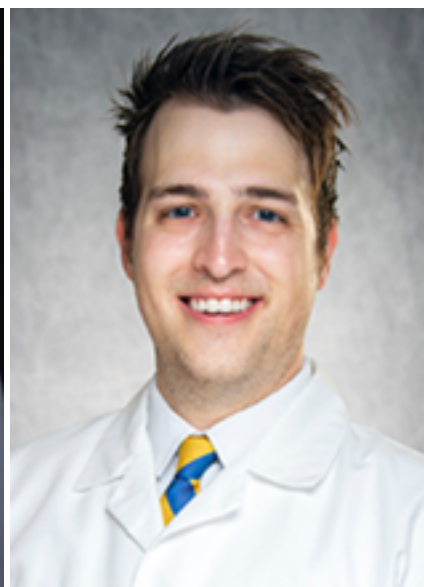


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April 8, 2026 10am - RESEARCH

May 6, 2026 10am

June 10, 2026 10am

Grand Rounds Live or Virtual



Location

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

Zoom Link

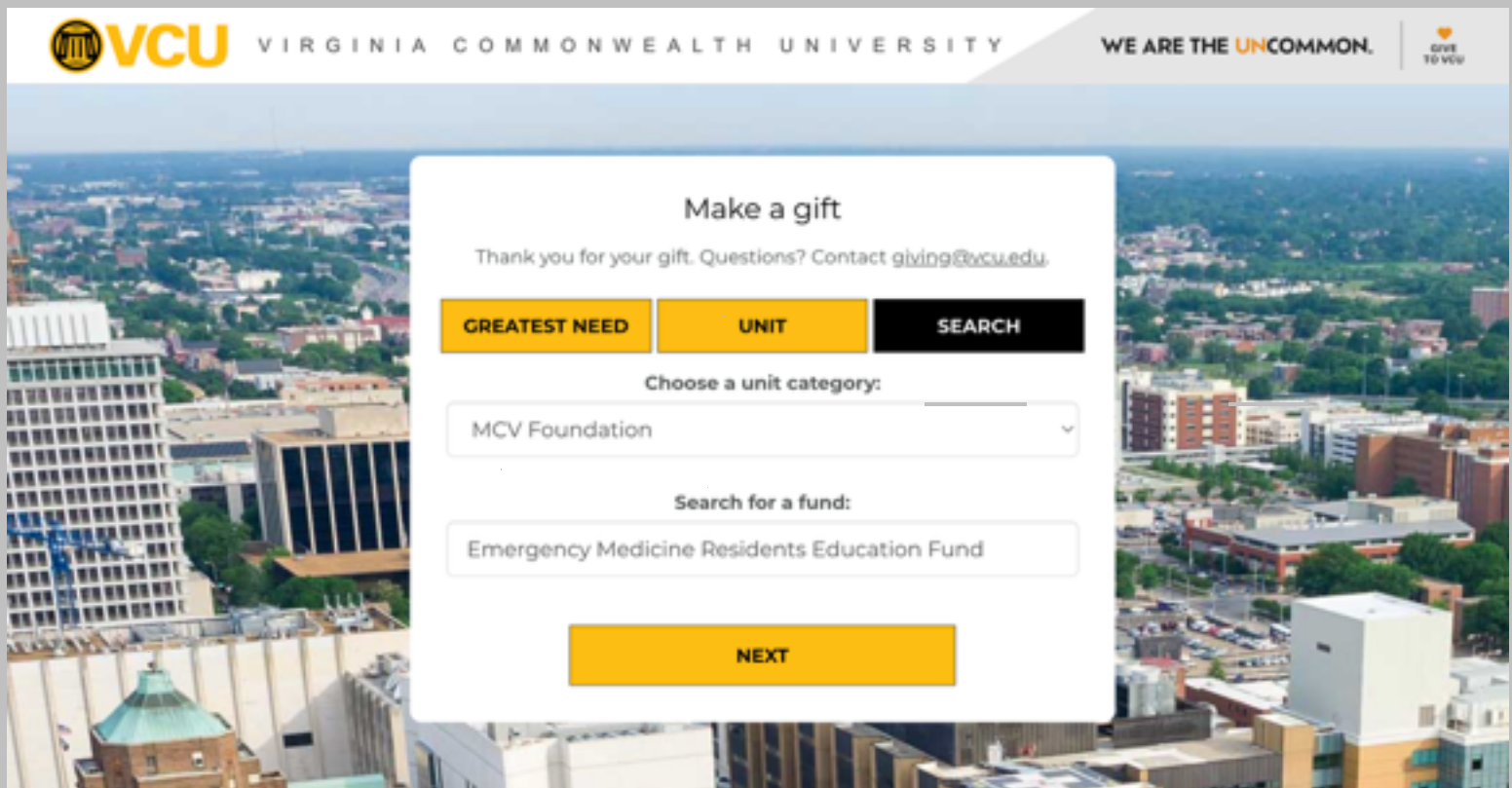
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You can donate to support VCU EM residents through the MCV Foundation. We have established an ongoing fund to support the residents and residency for things that VCUHS does not fund. Please consider supporting the future of emergency medicine!

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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