

# PL-3 Residents

## Categorical Residents

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**Languages:** Arabic, English  
**Why Children's National:** Location and the great supportive environment  
**Post-residency plans:** Heme/Onc

### Nouf Alsaati, M.D.



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**Why Children's National:** Very strong academic program, great opportunities for health advocacy, amazing co-residents  
**Post-residency plans:** Some combo of pediatric immunology & global health  
**Favorite DC activity:** Kayaking in the Potomac  
**Fun Fact:** I am obsessed with nutella! and yes I celebrate nutella day annually (Feb 5th if you are wondering, lol)

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**Medical School:** Umm Alqura'a University  
**Languages:** English, Arabic, Hausa and Indonesian (Basic)  
**Why Children's National:** The diverse group of residents, faculties and patients! and the opportunity to

explore different subspecialties.

**Post-residency plans:** Hem/Onc! and planning to integrate medical education in my career

**Favorite DC activity:** Going to museums and restaurants.

**Fun Fact:** I enjoy listening to music and going to music concerts! If it happens that you love Emeli Sande, you are THE BEST.

### Kaitlyn Boggs, M.D.



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**Hometown:** Fredericktown, OH  
**Undergrad:** The Ohio State University  
**Medical School:** University of Toledo  
**Languages:** English, Spanish  
**Why Children's National:** The people are amazing and it's a large

program with high volume in a big city. The best combination.

**Post-residency plans:** PEM with a focus in global health

**Favorite DC activity:** Exploring the foodie and craft cocktail scene, exploring different neighborhoods/metroparks, taking day trips to nearby beaches/rivers/mountains (there's so many nearby places to explore!)

**Fun Fact:** I love the outdoors and to hike and travel. Top of my bucket list is to go to every continent and all 50 states.

### Kirsten Dowling, M.D.



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**Undergrad:** Florida State University  
**Medical School:** Florida State University College of Medicine  
**Other Degrees:** Masters in Health Sciences, University of South Florida  
**Languages:** English  
**Why Children's National:** I was sold

by Children's National's dedication to public health, child advocacy, and outreach programs. The residents are so personable and just stole my heart! And as an added bonus, my husband completed his intern year at Walter Reed (Go Navy, Beat Army), so we got to be together for our intern struggles! But really, I couldn't be happier being at Children's National!

### Marc Delaney, M.D.



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**Hometown:** Clayton, NY  
**Undergrad:** St. Lawrence U.  
**Medical School:** Stony Brook SOM  
**Neighborhood:** Mount Pleasant  
**Fave DC activity:** Running in Rock Creek Park, Museums, and DC dog park tours  
**Why CNMC:** Big program that feels

small, in a city unparalleled for its advocacy opportunities, with fantastic co-residents and faculty!

**Post-residency plans:** Cardiology fellowship.

**Fun Fact:** Used to go Kite-Skiing in childhood - definitely worth googling.

**Post-residency plans** : Community health/public health/primary care in Jacksonville, FL (where my husband is currently living! -- Any military spouses or significant others? Let me know if you have questions!)

**Favorite DC activity** : Going to Saturday farmer's market in Silver Spring, Sunday brunch, the Mall and the museums (pre-COVID). Also spending all my COVID time with my adorable Cavapoo, Ahsoka Tano (Star Wars, anyone??). And work.... Is that weird?

**Fun Fact:** In the process of learning the raps to Hamilton since coming out on Disney Plus in July. I'm not doing as well as I would like, but my co-residents are already losing their mind with my constant quoting.

### Emilio González-Cervantes, M.D.



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**Hometown** : El Paso, TX

**Undergrad** : MIT

**Medical School** : TTUHSC El Paso  
Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

**Languages:** English, Spanish

**Why Children's National** : The significantly diverse patient population,

incredibly supportive UNIONIZED program and class, and great city to live and work in!

**Post-residency plans** : Hospitalist work somewhere while I figure out what I want to do with my life.

**Favorite DC activity** : Walking around the city with my cameras and taking pictures.

**Fun Fact:** I have three years of experience as a rodent brain surgeon/anesthesiologist under my belt.

### Oren Gordon, M.D.



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**Hometown** : Boulder, Colorado

**Undergrad** : University of Colorado

**Medical School** : University of Colorado  
Colorado

**Why Children's National** : The program has a lot of built-in things to make the residency classes more cohesive and the people are great. Also the REACH program.

**Post-residency plans** : BMT Hospitalist, then Hem-Onc

**Favorite DC activity** : National Art Museum, So much food, Brunch

**Fun Fact:** I was in a barbershop quartet called the Notochords and my go to karaoke song is Hakuna Matata.

### Sara Halpern, M.D.



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**Hometown** : Ithaca, NY

**Undergrad** : McGill

**Medical School** : Sackler

**Other Degrees:**

**Languages:** English, French, some Hebrew, very sadly not Spanish

**Why Children's National:** Super friendly residents (best happy hour of the interview trail), diverse patient

population with diseases you won't see anywhere else, and a great city!

**Post-residency plans** : Gen peds

**Favorite DC activity** : Eating everything, hanging out with my co-residents who are often also my neighbors :,) , exploring the various neighborhoods, hiking in Rock Creek, and using my new hammock at Medirian Hill park!

**Fun Fact:** I'm a twin!

### Brandon Ho, M.D.



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**Hometown** : Houston, TX

**Undergrad** : University of Texas

**Medical School** : Baylor College of Medicine

**Other Degrees:**

**Languages:** English

**Why Children's National** : Most diverse/hilarious bunch of goofballs in the country. Ask about

float week cause it will blow. your. mind. Union-sponsored-Chipotle-lunches.

**Favorite DC activity** : The National Portrait Gallery.

**Post-residency plans** : PEM or Hospitalist

**Fun Fact:** My sourdough starters name is Brad (hah get it?)

### Zaina Inam, M.D.



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**Hometown:** Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
**Undergrad:** Boston University  
**Medical School:** Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine  
**Neighborhood:** Brookland  
**Fave DC activity:** Exploring DC, the zoo, and The Capitol Riverfront.  
**Why CNMC:** Very supportive residency, has a great family feel,

diverse patients and staff, and DC is an awesome city!

**Post-residency plans:** Heme/onc

**Fun Fact:** I love soccer and enjoy watching games; Mia San Mia Bayern Munich!! (I also enjoy a good game of FIFA :))

### Morgan Kendall, M.D.



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**Hometown:** San Leandro, CA  
**Undergrad:** UCLA  
**Medical School:** UC Irvine  
**Why Children's National:** Hospital dedicated to the care of children, large supportive residency class, community health initiatives

**Post-residency plans:** TBD fellowship

**Favorite DC activity:** Amazing food from farmers markets to post-call brunch, exploring parks and the National Mall

**Fun Fact:** I have a Canadian boating license (lake life!)

### Claire Maggiotto, M.D.



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**Hometown:** New York, NY  
**Undergrad:** Colgate University  
**Medical School:** University at Buffalo  
**Languages:** English  
**Why Children's National:** Unbelievably supportive faculty, great learning opportunities in an exciting city, extremely diverse patient population

**Post-residency plans:** Critical Care

**Favorite DC activity:** Exploring Rock Creek Park, exercising, sitting at the dog park with my boys.

**Fun Fact:** I don't cook, at all, like never, and apparently I'm a picky eater.

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**Undergrad:** Stanford  
**Medical School:** Stanford  
**Languages:** English  
**Why Children's National:** DC is awesome, lots of family in the DMV (live with my brother), incredibly diverse pt population  
**Post-residency plans:** NICU

**Favorite DC activity:** Touring the National Mall (Sherman & Scott are personal favorites).

**Fun Fact:** I'm a 3-and-D player on the court, but I'm a streaky shooter and play atrocious defense.

### Mary Ball Markow, M.D.



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**Hometown:** Jackson, MS  
**Undergrad:** University of Mississippi  
**Medical School:** University of Mississippi Medical Center  
**Why Children's National:** friendly residents and a great learning environment

**Post-residency plans:** Pediatric Emergency Medicine

**Favorite DC activity:** Walking in Rock Creek Park

**Fun Fact:** I have a cockapoo named Milly!

### Tara Neary, M.D.



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**Hometown:** Pittsfield, MA  
**Undergrad:** College of the Holy Cross  
**Medical School:** Boston University School of Medicine  
**Favorite DC activity:** Brunching, happy hour, free museums, exploring new neighborhoods  
**Why Children's National:** Culture of safety and comprehensive care, complexity and

diversity of our patient population, and incredibly smart and fun co-residents

**Post-residency plan:** Hospitalist medicine

**Fun Fact:** I am a fast food junkie -

discovering fast food chains not found in New England has been life-changing!



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**Undergrad :** Amherst College  
**Medical School :** SUNY Downstate  
**Favorite DC activity :** Exploring the city by foot for the best happy hour with the strongest air conditioner  
**Why Children's National :** Having every learning opportunity available in a program that emphasizes great teaching,

diversity of patients, and complexity of care. Also, the people aren't too shabby!!

**Post-residency plans :** Fellowship in some subspecialty. Stay tuned

**Fun Fact:** I've never met a board game I didn't like.

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**Hometown :** Clifton, NJ  
**Undergrad :** Boston College  
**Medical School :** New York Medical College  
**Other Degrees:** M.S in Physiology  
**Languages:** Gujarati (not fluent)  
**Favorite DC activity :** biking and running at Rock Creek, brunch & happy hour anywhere

**Why Children's National :** Residents are one big family. We see a lot of patient diversity & complexity with a wide range of resources available in terms of advocacy, research, etc. && to be honest, work can be pretty challenging but I'm so happy to see how much I've grown because of these challenges and hope it makes me a great doctor one day!

**Post-residency plans :** Fellowship in PICU or Cardiology or both?

**Fun Fact:** I'm a vegetarian that struggles with eating vegetables & I'm an optimistic NY Giants fan.

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**Hometown :** Arlington, VA  
**Undergrad :** Marymount University  
**Medical School :** George Washington  
**Other Degrees:** MPH  
**Languages:** English, Spanish, Portuguese  
**Favorite DC activity :** Going to the National Gallery of Art, Kennedy Center and National Zoo.

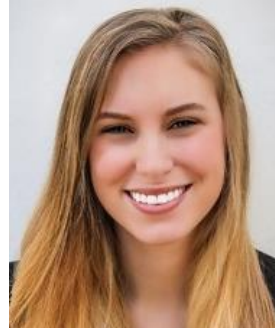
**Why Children's National :** I was most drawn to this program because of the wonderful residents and attendings I met during my pediatric rotation here. I also wanted to work with a diverse patient population. My husband and I absolutely love living in the District of Columbia.

**Post-residency plans :** Joining the fabulous Tara, Claire and Monique for a chief year. Hoping to work in a medical home/community pediatrics center. Being a mommy to the little love of my life Ava :)

**Fun Fact:** I have two fabulous and crazy doggies- Doby and Luna.

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**Hometown :** Summerfield, NC  
**Undergrad :** University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill  
**Medical School :** Florida Atlantic University  
**Other Degrees:** English/History, B.A.  
**Languages:** English  
**Favorite DC activity :** Bragging

about living here, exploring neighborhoods, trying new food, hanging out with my dope roommate (AKA Geoff Guenther, see above. It is not lost on me that he did not include this in his profile.)

**Why Children's National :** Large program with focus on resident autonomy and education, diverse patient and disease base, amazing co-residents who support and lift you up every day

**Post-residency plans :** Pediatric Critical Care

**Fun Fact:** I have two dogs that are much cooler than me

### Lena Saleh, M.D.



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**Hometown :** NJ/Lebanon  
**Undergrad :** Johns Hopkins University  
**Medical School :** Chicago Medical School  
**Other Degrees:** Masters of Public Health  
**Languages:** English & Arabic  
**Favorite DC activity :** Exploring DC

through food, hanging out on rooftops

**Why Children's National :** Large stand-alone children's hospital with a diverse patient population, "resident-run" program feel, opportunities for research and advocacy, awesome residents, great city

**Post-residency plans :** TBD

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**Undergrad :** Brandeis University  
**Medical School :** Penn State University  
**Languages:** English  
**Favorite DC activity:** Everything - monuments at night, amazing restaurants, our FREE museums,

biking on the C&O canal, hiking in Great Falls and the other surrounding national parks in MD and VA

**Why Children's National :** Excellent, large academic program, amazingly supportive co-residents, emphasis on advocacy on a local and national level, and a diverse and multicultural patient population. Being 30 min away from home is pretty great, too.

**Post-residency plans:** Heme-Onc Fellowship (but planning on working for a year in between)

**Fun Fact:** Alice and I run a small medical education podcast called PedsAdmit. Find us wherever you get your audio content!

### Alice Shanklin, M.D.



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**Hometown :** Shoreham, NY  
**Undergrad :** Juniata College  
**Medical School :** University of Rochester  
**Favorite DC activity:** Enjoying a rooftop restaurant or hiking in Shenandoah  
**Why Children's National:** I love

working at a large academic center- our patients surprise me every day. Following my partner and younger sister to DC was a nice bonus.

**Post-residency plans:** Critical Care Fellowship

**Fun Fact:** Shaefali and I run a small medical education podcast (PedsAdmit, wherever audio content is found!)

### Dana Stone, M.D.



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**Hometown :** Marlton, NJ  
**Undergrad :** Johns Hopkins  
**Medical School :** Temple University School of Medicine  
**Favorite DC activity :** Walking all around

the city with my dog, trying all the awesome food there is here

**Why Children's National :** awesome atmosphere to work and learn, great and supportive people, endless opportunities for advocacy, education, or whatever anyone wants to do

**Post-residency plans :** TBD

**Fun Fact:** I don't think I will ever be over how epic it was to be in Philly for the Superbowl and parade. GO BIRDS

### Lucas Walker, M.D.



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**Hometown :** Clarendon Hills, IL  
**Undergrad :** Vanderbilt University  
**Medical School :** University of Illinois  
**Favorite DC activity :** Bar trivia, watching the Caps win the cup, and riding bikeshares all over the city  
**Why Children's National :** Large & very social

program, amazing city, broad range of experiences to figure out what I want to do and be a competitive applicant in any area.

**Post-residency plans :** PICU, interested in Simulation and Education

**Fun Fact:** I got an InstaPot just so I can make carnitas while watching football and I don't regret it at all.

## LAUNCH Track Residents



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**Hometown :** Bensalem, PA

**Undergrad :** Rutgers University

**Medical School :** Harvard Medical School

**Other Degrees:** Master of Public Policy

**Why Children's National :** I wanted a large program with lots of exposure to policy and advocacy.

**Post-residency plans :** Exploring the intersection of clinical medicine, health equity, and social policy

**Favorite DC activity :** Cycling!

**Fun Fact:** I watch marching band videos on YouTube (especially of my old high school band).



**Folami Duncan, M.D.**

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**Hometown :** Springdale, MD

**Undergrad :** Temple University

**Medical School :** Meharry Medical College

**Languages:** French and Russian

**Why Children's National :** This program checked off all of my boxes: very personable residents, program commitment to diversity, close to home and best of all the community health track!

**Post-residency plans :** Pediatric Emergency Medicine !! With future plan to integrate public health / health policy into my career

**Favorite DC activity :** Live music events, restaurants at the Wharf and hanging out with family and friends.

**Fun Fact:** I love cooking new foods while dancing to my favorite songs:)

**Danielle Gladstone, M.D.**



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**Hometown :** Seattle, WA // West

Hartford, CT // Rhinebeck, NY

**Undergrad :** Middlebury College

**Medical School :** Stony Brook University School of Medicine

**Languages:** English, Spanish

**Why Children's National :**

Washington DC is a vibrant dynamic city with a patient population to match. Children's is a world-class institution where you'll see everything you need to see to be a competent independent physician!

**Post-residency plans:** Rural community health in central WA state

**Favorite DC activity :** Walking all over the city, dancing salsa all night,

eating diverse food options, going to the Renwick Gallery and Glenstone (outside DC) for FREE!

**Fun Fact:** My favorite way to build my house plant community is by trading starts and clipping with other co-residents. I've even got the "Plant Mom" socks to match.

**Geoffrey Guenther, M.D.**



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**Hometown :** Fairfield, Connecticut

**Undergrad :** Colgate University

**Medical School :** Tulane University

**Other Degrees:** MPH

**Languages:** English, French

**Why Children's National :** Best city. Best people. Unique advocacy training and opportunities in the LAUNCH track.

**Post-residency plans :** Global health/Infectious Disease

**Favorite DC activity :** Running the Rock Creek Trail

**Fun Fact:** Returned Peace Corps Volunteer

**Sarah Haley, M.D.**



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**Hometown :** Crofton, Maryland  
**Undergrad :** Loyola University Maryland  
**Medical School :** Baylor College of Medicine  
**Languages:** English, Spanish  
**Why Children's National :** Amazing and fun residents I wanted to be friends

AND colleagues with, diverse patient population, and the Community Health Track

**Post-residency plans :** primary care and advocacy work

**Favorite DC activity :** Eating and walking around beautiful DC with our Great Dane.

**Fun Fact:** I was Annie in "Annie" in high school, replete with the red wig

**Katrina Hammond-Jack, M.D.**



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**Hometown :** Chesapeake, VA

**Undergrad :** James Madison University

**Medical School :** Howard University

**Other Degrees:** M.S. in Medical Science

**Why Children's National :** LAUnCH Track :-) Supportive training environment with awesome attendings/faculty/residents. Close to my family/support system.

**Post-residency plans :** NICU? Newborn Hospitalist?

**Favorite DC activity :** Exploring the city with my family, finding new restaurants

**Fun Fact:** I love spending time with my hubbie and 3 kids aka my minions!

**Monique Quinn, M.D.**



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**Hometown :** Grand Rapids, MI

**Undergrad :** Loyola University Chicago

**Medical School :** Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

**Favorite DC activity :** Biking around the monuments, especially in cooler weather!

**Why Children's National :** Diverse patient population, lots of advocacy and underserved medicine opportunities, and the Community Health Track is the bomb dot com. Also the people here are so wonderful!

**Post-residency plans :** Going to be chief next year, and then completely undecided! Somehow working advocacy into whatever is next

**Fun Fact:** I was a foster mom before going to med school! Also have a potentially unhealthy obsession with 'Arry Potter.

**Jade Sanders, M.D., MPH**



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**Hometown :** Pomona, CA

**Undergrad :** University of California, Berkeley (GO BEARS!)

**Medical School :** Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science; David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

**Other Degrees:** Masters of Public Health

**Languages:** English

**Favorite DC activity :** Exploring the neighborhoods by foot or by bike.

**Why Children's National :** Socioeconomic diversity of the patient population. Ethnic diversity throughout the echelons of the organization. The blend of community & tertiary care.

**Post-residency plans :** Primary Care

**Fun Fact:** I have a human bite mark imprinted on my chin.



## Primary Care Track

### Adeolu Aromolaran, M.D.



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**Hometown :** Columbia, MD

**Medical School :** Yale School of Medicine

**Other Degrees:** Master of Health Science

**Languages:**

**Why Children's National :** Location and the great supportive environment

**Post-residency plans :** Critical Care

**Favorite DC activity :** Trying new restaurants, hanging out with my family and visiting the monuments at night

**Fun Fact:** I'm an ordained minister and was the officiant at my friend's wedding over Thanksgiving!

### Kelly Cline, M.D.



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**Hometown :** Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Undergrad :** Johns Hopkins University  
**Medical School :** George Washington University

**Languages:** English, conversational Spanish (workin' on medical)

**Why Children's National :** My co-residents inspire me every day!

They're the smartest, most compassionate people and I can always count on them for a laugh, a hug, a pep talk, a snack, a teaching point (or more aptly a knowledge bomb), you name it.

**Post-residency plans :** Critical care vs Cardiology

**Favorite DC activity:** Brunch at Baked Joint, ice cream & oysters at the Wharf, and picnics on the National Mall

**Fun Fact:** My living room is an urban jungle...47 plants and counting! And a pup named Milo who loves sunbathing even more than the plants.

### Mickey Emmanuel, M.D.



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**Hometown :** Tampa, FL

**Undergrad :** University of Florida

**Medical School :** University of Florida #gogata

**Languages:** English, Malayalam

**Why Children's National :** Living in my favorite city and the wonderful local families we get to care for!

**Post-residency plans :** PEM

**Favorite DC activity :** Going on walks and long bike rides around DC, trying out new restaurants!

**Fun Fact :** I make an mean cup of chai!

### Erica Gennaro, M.D.



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**Hometown :** Mountainside, NJ

**Undergrad :** Lafayette College

**Medical School :** Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

**Why Children's National :** The residency program offers a unique opportunity to train in a strong primary care track at a busy tertiary care center with a diverse patient

population. It also has the added benefit of being in a fun, beautiful city.

**Post-residency plans :** primary care

**Favorite DC activity :** exploring DC neighborhoods, kayaking, nearby hiking, visiting the National Zoo

**Fun Fact:** I like to paint! Also I couples matched with my now fiance who is an Internal Medicine resident at GW.

### Kristina Roth, M.D.



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**Hometown :** Shoreview, MN

**Undergrad :** St. Catherine University

**Medical School :** University of Minnesota

**Why Children's National :** Large academic program with a diverse patient population, excellent teaching, and amazing residents!

**Post-residency plans :** Allergy and Immunology

**Favorite DC activity:** Brunch and happy hour (endless delicious choices!), running and biking in Rock Creek Park, exploring all the museums (many are free!), and walks along the National Mall.

**Fun Fact:** I lived in Belgium for four years.



## Genetics Track

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**Hometown :** Apple Valley, MN

**Undergrad :** Pomona College

**Medical School :** Case Western

**Other Degrees:** PhD (Genetics)

**Languages:** Mediocre pig Latin

**Why Children's National :** Great people! Diverse residents and

attendings, unique patients, and a chance to learn by doing.

**Post-residency plans :** Genetics!

**Favorite DC activity :** People watching on the National Mall, visiting the

Zoo, bar trivia (pre-COVID), cuddling with my cat

**Fun Fact:** In high school and college, I played three different types of clarinet - B $\flat$  soprano (the regular type), E $\flat$  alto, and B $\flat$  bass.