

## Second Look Weekend - Student Panelists

Saturday, April 13, 2024

**LEADERSHIP & DIVERSITY**

10:00 - 10:45 am



### Dalton Hill, M3

- From Massachusetts
- Attended University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Interested in Hematology/ Oncology
- In my free time, I love hitting the gym and am a massive soccer fan!

*I serve as the **Medical Student Executive Council** Vice President. In this role, I help lead and advocate for the student body for the entire College of Medicine. I work directly with professors, deans, and administrators to make the changes and impacts to the UTHSC CoM experience that the student body wants to see to help better the UT experience for everyone!*



### Grace Anne Holladay, M3

- From Nashville, TN
- Attended Washington and Lee University
- Applying OB/GYN
- I live with two other third-year medical students named Grace Ann and Grace, and we have named our house "Graceland," complete with two life-sized Elvis cutouts!

*At UTHSC, I serve in leadership as **Class President** for the class of 2025. I have also served as the **Pediatrics Interest Group** co-president and on the **Medical Student Executive Council**.*



### Caiden Weber, M3

- From Knoxville, TN
- Attended Lee University
- Applying OB/GYN
- My hobbies include baking, mixology, and volleyball.

*I am one of the co-presidents of UTHSC **UNITE**, the University's inter-collegiate LGBTQ+ student organization. Our goal is to facilitate lectures and other events related to queer healthcare topics and increase the visibility of LGBTQ+ healthcare students. I am also a member of my **class council** and incoming co-president of **Clínica Esperanza**.*

## Khadijat Perkins, M3



- From Nigeria
- Attended King's College London, then East Tennessee State University to finish my degree and later obtain a master's in Chemistry
- Interested in Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery
- My life outside of medicine and service revolves around my daughter, husband and lifting.

*I hold leadership positions, including Student member on the **UTHSC College of Medicine Admissions Committee** and Vice President of the **Black Student Association**. Selected as a 2023 **AHEC scholar**, I am committed to equipping myself with the skills to serve underserved communities. In my free time, I focus on supporting the unhoused in Memphis and advocate for meaningful healthcare changes and actively engage in community service, collaborating with organizations like **Remote Area Medical**.*

## Nick Yanek, M1



- From Barrington, IL
- Attended the University of Georgia, then Notre Dame for my MBA
- Interested in Pediatrics
- I love running! I ran cross country/track & field for UGA in undergrad (go dawgs!) and Team USA in the 2019 Pan-Am Games.

*I'm the Co-President of the **Pediatrics Interest Group (PIG)** and VP of **UNITE**, our LGBTQ+ organization on-campus. I also serve as the **Organization of Student Representatives (OSR)** representative, which coordinates with medical schools across the US to improve various aspects of our medical school experience.*

## RESEARCH & VOLUNTEERISM

11:00 - 11:45 am

## Jonathan Spagnoli, M4



- From Norcross, GA
- Attended the University of Georgia
- Matched Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan
- I have a 1 and a half year old son, and with that a hobby is going to the zoo with him.

*I started off research in med school during my M1 year in **pediatric cardiology**. That project ended in a manuscript. I also did the summer research fellowship at UTHSC on a **neonatology** project. Through that research I got to present in New Orleans and Denver, and I also got a first author manuscript. I have volunteered with **World Relief**, which is an organization that supports refugees and immigrants in Memphis. I also volunteer at my **church**.*

## Tori Beard, M4

- From Columbia, TN
- Attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Matched Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt
- I love to bake cheesecakes!



*I am the current President of **Memphis Street Health**, one of the largest service-based organizations on our campus. I started volunteering at a variety of local Memphis clinics and events, including with the **COVID vaccine team**. I discovered a passion for working with underserved communities, and I have been volunteering with our local homeless population at **Room In The Inn** and the **MSH Foot Clinic** for several years. This work has helped me build relationships within our community and collaborate with organizations like the **Hospitality Hub** to bring more services to homeless Memphians in the downtown area. I also participated in research during medical school, including the **Medical Student Research Fellowship** for which I partnered with West Cancer Center to investigate efficacy of a **breast cancer treatment**.*

## Elizabeth Clayton, M4

- From Nashville, TN
- Attended Florida A&M University, then Case Western Reserve University where I obtained my master's in Applied Anatomy
- Matched Orthopedic Surgery at University of Pittsburgh
- My favorite things to do are play tennis, listen to podcasts/audiobooks, and cook. My new favorite book is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. I am passionate about health equity and social justice.



*I completed a **research year** between my third and fourth years of medical school at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. While at Pitt, I conducted research in **foot and ankle surgery** and **sports medicine**. I volunteered with a **program for middle school students**, exposing them to careers in STEM and training them in bystander CPR. The faculty from the program helped me secure a \$25,000 **health equity grant** from the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for a project looking at **access to orthopaedic care and athletic training for middle and high school student-athletes**.*

## Jacob Dohmeier, M3

- From Chattanooga, TN
- Attended Lee University
- Applying Pediatrics
- I love to play any sport that I can play with friends (currently it's pickleball)



*My research in medical school has been in **Pediatric Neurology**. I have primarily volunteered with **Clínica Esperanza** as a Lab Manager and Team Leader and at **Pioneer Church**, where I serve in multiple areas including the Children's ministry volunteer and the Small-group Coordinator.*



## Witt Fesmire, M3

- From Memphis, TN
- Attended Vanderbilt University
- Interested in OB/GYN
- I enjoy reading, yoga, following Oscars movies, and following Vanderbilt sports.

*I've done several research projects focusing on **health equity/social determinants of health** as well as several case reports. I've volunteered with **Room in the Inn, Le Bonheur Family Resource Center, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis.***

## Isabella Hendrickson, M3



- From Fairview, TN
- Attended the University of Alabama
- Applying OB/GYN
- I love true crime podcasts and trivia nights!

*For volunteering, I've been involved with the **Campus Cupboard Food Bank, Midsouth Food Bank, Clínica Esperanza, Planned Parenthood,** and most of all **Memphis Street Health**, where I serve as a **Room in the Inn** coordinator! For research, I've been involved in several OB/GYN projects with topics including **fetal anomalies, abortion care and time to treatment, and complex gynecological surgery outcomes.** My longest research project is one I started at the tail end of M1 year, (serving as my Longitudinal Scholars Project or "LSP"), and it involves the **barriers to growth hormone treatment for short stature caused by pediatric chronic kidney disease** (combined nephrology and endocrinology project), which I've presented at a national conference.*