

Second Look Weekend - Student Panelists

Saturday, April 12, 2025

LEADERSHIP & DIVERSITY

1:00 - 1:30 pm

Moderated by Dustin Fulton, EdD



Ben Finder, M3

- From Pittsburgh originally, but family lives in Memphis now
- Attended University of Tennessee in Knoxville
- Interested in Child Neurology
- My hobby is at home espresso! I even hosted a couple of coffee shop pop-ups at my house with a fellow ex-barista classmate!

I am currently an M3 and serve as the Class President for the Class of 2026. I have also served as the Pediatrics Interest Group treasurer and as a lead peer mentor for my MPOWER group.



Mrinmoyee "Min" Kalasikam, M1

- From Brentwood, TN
- Attended Vanderbilt University
- Interested in Anesthesia
- I can play the cello.

I am involved with the AMA as the vice president of events, and I also serve as the LSP Rep for the M1 Class currently. I love being involved with advocacy and networking opportunities through the AMA, and I look forward to working with the upcoming M1s soon!



Alayna Robinson, M3

- From Knoxville, TN
- Attended Virginia Tech
- Interested in Orthopedic Surgery
- I was on a Bonnaroo Promo Poster!

I have served as one of the Class of 2026 representatives for the Medical Student Executive Council (MSEC). I also serve as the Women in Medicine and Science (WIMS) social media chair and as co-vice president of the Student Orthopedic Association (SOA).

Raymond Senu, M3



- From Memphis, TN
- Attended University of Tennessee in Knoxville
- Interested in Emergency Medicine
- I'm fluent in both Twi and Ewe, and I love mentoring students and exploring new cuisines from around the world.

I've conducted research at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, studying the use of Apple Watches and artificial intelligence to identify pregnant patients at risk for pre-eclampsia and cardiac conditions. I also completed a quality improvement project on intimate partner violence at UTHSC's Family Medicine site in Jackson. I've served at the Free Medical Clinic of America since 2019, and I currently work as an Education Specialist at Clinica Esperanza, a student-run clinic that provides free healthcare to Memphis's immigrant community. I'm also a volunteer at the Stress and Wellness Clinic and with Room in the Inn, helping care for underserved populations across the city.

Caiden Weber, M4



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

I was President of UTHSC Unite, the University's inter-collegiate LGBTQ+ student organization whose goal is to facilitate lectures and other events related to queer healthcare topics and increase the visibility of LGBTQ+ healthcare students, and am the outgoing Co-President for Clinica Esperanza, a service organization serving Spanish-speaking patients.

Taylor Berke, M3

- From Rockford, IL
- Attended University of Missouri
- Interested in OB/GYN
- I like to go on walks on Mud Island and watch all things Mizzou sports!

I received funding through the Medical Student Research Fellowship (MSRF) program to investigate the potential impact of histone deacetylase inhibitors on neuroblastoma. I have also investigated the impacts of tummy time, play positions, screen time, and baby gear on early motor skill development in children on a team at LeBonheur. I am currently exploring the role of narrative medicine in addressing emotional experiences in clinical practice, developing standardized resources for obtaining strong letters of recommendation, and introducing an innovative Transition to Junior Internships course to enhance medical education in the fourth year. Recently, I have been investigating outcomes following previable and periviable preterm prelabor rupture of membranes. Additionally, I have served as a volunteer at both Clínica Medicos OB and Hope House.

Griffin Laird, M3

- From Jackson, TN
- Attended Rhodes University
- Interested in Neurosurgery
- I have ran at least a mile a day every day for over 3 years now!

I spent the summer after my M1 year doing the Medical Student Research Fellowship (MSRF) program at LeBonheur Children's Hospital. Since then, I have continued to work with my same research mentor, completing multiple projects and presenting at various conferences. I mainly volunteer with Memphis Street Health, specifically the Foot Clinic. When able, I spend one morning a week providing foot care to people in Memphis who do not have the same access to healthcare as others.

Kishan Sinojia, M4

- From Memphis, TN
- Attended Rhodes University
- Matched in Neurology at Barrow Neurological Inst at SJHMC-AZ
- I enjoy swimming!

The best of staying local for college is that I got to continue my volunteer work at the Wellness and Stress Clinic of Memphis. This clinic provides free social and medical services to its patients, and it's been an amazing experience both as an undergrad and medical student. On the research side, I've been very lucky to have great neurology faculty and residents who involved me in a lot of different projects!

Emmaline Trentham, M3



- From Knoxville, TN
- Attended Wake Forest University
- Interested in Pediatrics
- I like to bake, cross stitch, and go on walks around Mud Island!

I was part of the St. Jude Pediatric Oncology Education program during my M1 summer, and have continued conducting research with the St. Jude Critical Care department ever since. I also am part of a project through the Le Bonheur Neuroradiology department. I have been attending Clinica Esperanza since my M1 fall, and I have served as the scheduling coordinator, vice president of communications, and was recently elected to be one of the co-presidents for my M4 year. Through this, I have also volunteered to organize an event educating medical residents about interpreting and care through the perspective of cultural humility.

Hanah Walker, M3



- From Somerville, TN
- Attended Samford University
- Interested in OB/GYN
- I love running as a stress reliever during medical school and I hope to run a marathon before the end of this year!

While at UTHSC, I have had the privilege of being involved in several volunteer organizations. I volunteer at Clinica Esperanza, with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and with Best Buddies International. In regard to research, I have worked on several projects regarding social determinants of health and women's health.