

POST BACC

UPDATE FALL 2021



Director's Message: Moving Forward

In a year of so many challenges, I want to acknowledge our many achievements that are setting the stage for our program's continued and future success.

First, our alums. We offer congratulations to our inaugural class (2016) of linkage candidates who graduated from medical school and are now practicing medicine in their desired specialties. And we are pleased to announce that our active alums have officially launched our Alumni Network with officers, regional and specialty (dental and PA) representatives and committees (underrepresented in medicine and social media). Specifically, we would like to recognize our officers who are mentioned and pictured in the article at the right.

We also want to acknowledge our students and faculty for embracing the virtual classroom environment. Our dedicated faculty integrated immersive and interactive sessions into their classrooms. And our students showed resilience in remaining motivated, engaged and adaptable.

The program continues to grow. We now have a linkage agreement for eligible pre-PAs with SUNY Downstate School of Medicine and will launch two new tracks: Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Diagnostic Medical Imaging, both of which also have linkages with SUNY Downstate Health Sciences College.

Kudos to the members of the post baccalaureate team (Deneen Ciancaglini, Catherine Fair, Caleb Marsh, Robert Rarig, and Deb Stull), who did not miss a beat and worked assiduously recruiting (virtually) our largest class to date.

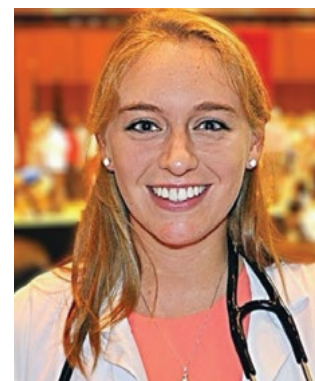
And finally, we would like to welcome members of the entering class of 2021 as you move forward on your professional journey.

Grace Hershman

Associate Vice Dean and Program Director
CST Post Baccalaureate Pre-Health Program

Announcing the Alumni Network

The post bacc program, now in its sixth year, has launched the Alumni Network, which is focused on engaging alumni with the program leadership, current students and each other. The Board, President **Lindsay Serwatka** (BCHS '16; LKSOM '22), Vice-President **Bryson Hoover-Hankerson**, ACHS '17; LKSOM '23), and Alumni Steward Director **Daniel Forrest** (ACHS '16; PCOM '21), along with a team of coordinators (regional, specialty, underrepresented in medicine, and social media) are planning events and workshops for the upcoming year and have launched an alum-to-alum mentoring program.



Lindsay Serwatka



Bryson Hoover-Hankerson

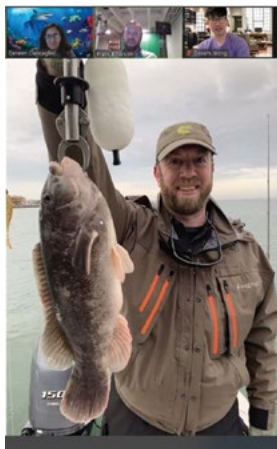


Dan Forrest



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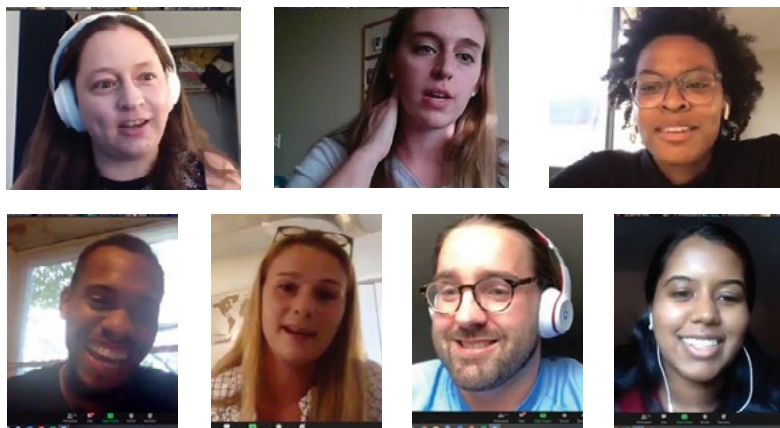
Moving forward, online



Profs Unplugged: Dr Nelson.

Although the program was almost entirely online this year, faculty, leadership, students, and alums were able to connect through a variety of online events, panels, and workshops. Dean Hershman held monthly Dean's Corners, allowing students to hear healthcare providers talk about different aspects of their journey.

Students were able to see a different, more personal side of their faculty members during Profs Unplugged (left). And alums were able to participate in panels (above), information sessions, and workshops.



(Left to right, top to bottom) Amy Baumgart (BCHS '17; SKMC '23); Lindsay Serwatka (BCHS '16; LKSOM '22); Tavorsia Talley (BCHS '18; TUSPM '24); Bryson Hoover-Hankerson (ACHS '17; LKSOM '23); Tina Yerdon (ACHS '19; NYCPCP '24); Patrick Loughran (BCHS '17; DUCOM '23) and Celena George (ACHS '18; LKSOM-PA '22).

Alumni news...Congratulations to all!

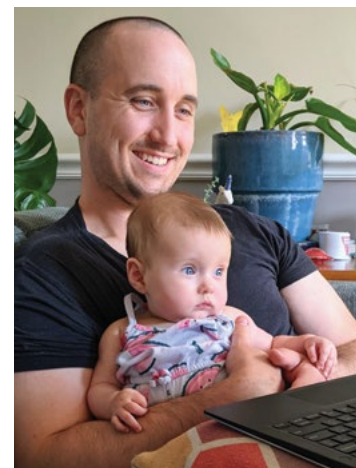
Devaki David (ACHS '16; PCOM '21) graduated from PCOM this past May and is working as a resident physician in internal medicine at Bayhealth Medical Center in Delaware.

Anthony Vu (ACHS '17) is a third-year pharmacy student at Jefferson College of Pharmacy, working at Paoli Hospital. He is also interning at Pharmacy Podcast Network.

Victoria Cantoral (ACHS '18) has matriculated at ATSU-KCOM in Kirksville, Missouri as part of the class of 2025. **Eric Gramszlo** (ACHS '2018; LKSOM '23) and his wife, Collette, welcomed daughter, Betty Rose Gramszlo (6 lbs 6 oz; 19 inches), on March 1, 2021. **Paige Snow** (BCHS '18) reports that she completed her first year as part of the University of Queensland Ochsner Clinical School class of 2024 online. She hopes though that she will be able to complete her second year in Brisbane, Australia before returning to the US (New Orleans, LA) to complete her clinical rotations. **Kassie Trinkley** (ACHS '18) shared that she is attending LECOM at their Seton Hill location this fall.

Rachel Johnston (ACHS '19) is currently a D1 at AT Still University Missouri School of Dentistry. She'll be in Kirksville for 2 years and then she'll move to St. Louis for clinicals. After working full time as a patient care associate, **Nicoll Morillo** (ACHS '19) moved to Newark, NJ to start medical school at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. **Ada Ng** (ACHS '19) has personal and professional news: she moved to Henderson, Nevada, to attend Touro University - Nevada this year, and she got engaged to her partner of 11 years! **Sara Sar** (ACHS '19) is in her second year at PCOM and "loving it!" She is excited to have her cousin, **Deena Alsaadi** (ACHS '20), join her at PCOM this fall. **Tim Scheinert** (BCHS '19) "landed" on Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. **Dara Tokunboh** (ACHS '19) reports that she received a service and research scholarship to attend Albert Einstein College of Medicine this fall.

Dasam Jeong (ACHS '20) started LKSOM this fall. **Stephan Vulcano** (BCHS '20) reports that he has (finally) moved from Connecticut! He has started a new job as a laboratory scientist at Atrin Pharmaceuticals in Doylestown, PA at the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, investigating different chemotherapeutic compounds to stop cancer growth.



Eric Gramszlo (ACHS '18, LKSOM '23)



Dara Tokunboh (ACHS '19, AECM '25)

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Alumni News

Our alums continue to be accepted to schools and programs across the country. Congratulations to all!

ALABAMA

Alabama COM
Edward Via COM – Auburn
University of Alabama at Birmingham
SOM

ARKANSAS

Arkansas COM

ARIZONA

Arizona COM - Midwestern University
AT Still University School of
Osteopathic Medicine
Burrell COM
Midwestern University College of
Dental Medicine

CALIFORNIA

American University of Health
Sciences - College of Pharmacy
California Health Sciences University
COM
California Northstate University COM
Keck School of Medicine of USC
Touro COM

UCLA/Drew Medical College
Western University of Health
Sciences

Western University of Health
Sciences College of Dental
Medicine

CARIBBEAN

American University of the
Caribbean SOM
Ross SOM

COLORADO

Rocky Vista University COM
University of Colorado SOM

DELAWARE

Arcadia University PA Program –
Delaware

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Howard University College of
Medicine

FLORIDA

Larkin University School of Pharmacy
Miller School of Medicine – University
of Miami
Nova Southeastern University COM
University of Tampa – PA Medicine
Program
USF Health Morsani College of
Medicine

GEORGIA

Medical College of Georgia SOM
Emory University SOM

ILLINOIS

Carle Illinois College of Medicine
Rush Medical College
University of Illinois COM

INDIANA

Indiana University School of Dentistry

IOWA

Des Moines University COM

KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky College of
Medicine
University of Louisville SOM

LOUISIANA

University of Queensland Ochsner
Clinical School (Brisbane,
Australia)
Edward Via College of Osteopathic
Medicine - Louisiana

MAINE

University of New England COM

MARYLAND

University of Maryland SOM

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston University SOM
Tufts University SOM
Tufts University School of Dental
Medicine
University of Massachusetts Medical
School

MICHIGAN

Wayne State University SOM
Michigan State University College of
Human Medicine
Michigan State University COM
Oakland University William
Beaumont SOM

MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota SOM

MISSOURI

AT Still University - Kirksville COM
AT Still University's Missouri School
of Dentistry & Oral Health
Kansas City University of Medicine
and Biosciences

NEBRASKA

Creighton University SOM

NEVADA

Roseman School of Health Sciences -
College of Pharmacy
Touro University Nevada COM

NEW JERSEY

Hackensack Meridian Medical SOM
Rowen University School of
Osteopathic Medicine
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson
Medical School

NEW YORK

Albany Medical College
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
New York Institute of Technology COM
New York College of Podiatric
Medicine



New York Medical College
NYU College of Dentistry
SUNY Downstate College of Medicine
SUNY Upstate Medical University
Touro COM
University of Rochester School of
Medicine and Dentistry
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/
Northwell

NORTH DAKOTA

University of North Dakota SOM

OHIO

Case Western Reserve University SOM
University of Cincinnati SOM
University of Toledo College of
Medicine and Life Sciences
Wright State University Boonshoft
SOM

PENNSYLVANIA

College of Pharmacy – Thomas
Jefferson University
Drexel University SOM

PENNSYLVANIA, continued

Geisinger Commonwealth SOM
Jefferson University College of
Pharmacy
Lake Erie COM
Lewis Katz SOM - Temple University
Lewis Katz SOM, PA Program -
Temple University
Lock Haven University PA Program
Maurice H Kornberg School of
Dentistry - Temple University
PCOM
Penn State College Medicine
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy
Sidney Kimmel Medical College -
Thomas Jefferson University
Temple University SPM
University of Pittsburgh SOM

SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina SOM

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sanford SOM – University of South
Dakota

TENNESSEE

Lincoln Memorial University–DeBusk
COM
Meharry Medical College

TEXAS

Dell Medical School – UT-Austin
Paul L Foster SOM
Texas Tech University Health
Sciences Center
University of Texas Medical Branch
SOM
UT Southwestern Medical School

UTAH

Rocky Vista University COM
Roseman University of Health
Sciences College of Dental
Medicine

VIRGINIA

Edward Via COM – Virginia
Liberty University COM

WASHINGTON

Washington State University Elson S.
Floyd College of Medicine

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia School of Osteopathic
Medicine

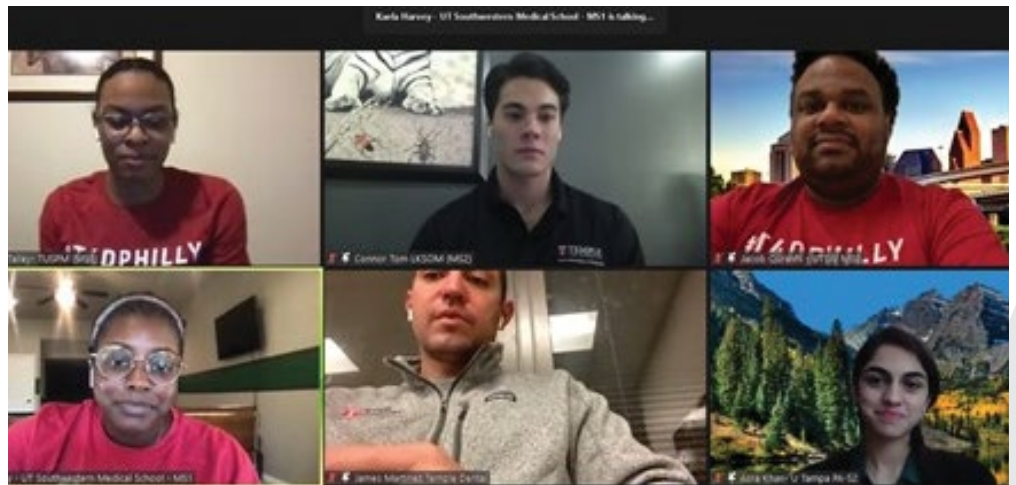
Faculty win teaching awards

Congratulations to **John Noel** for being named a 2020 recipient of the Temple University College of Science and Technology Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award and to **Kathleen Giangiacomo** for being awarded a 2020-2021 Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching.



Program teamed up with Tour for Diversity in Medicine

This past February our program partnered with Tour for Diversity in Medicine (<http://tour4diversity.org/>) to host a 4-evening event that featured informational workshops with students, physicians and deans on topics such as critical test-taking strategies, the importance of mentorship, interview skills and more. Speakers included T4D mentors in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and optometry, as well as a panel of admissions deans and directors from Philadelphia medical, dental, podiatry and physician assistant schools. In addition, current and former post-bacc students from our program spoke about their experience in our program.

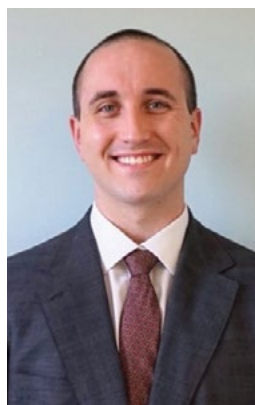


Speaking on post-bacc programs:

(l to r): Tavorsia Talley (BCHS '18; TUSPM '24); Connor Tom (ACHS '18; LKSOM '23); Jacob Qurashi (BCHS '19; UTSW '25); Kaela Harvey (BCHS '18; UTSW '24); James Martinez (ACHS '18; Kornberg '24); Asra Khan (ACHS '16; U Tampa-PA Program '22).

The program continues to grow with new tracks and linkages...

The program now offers tracks for students interested in physical therapy (PT) and diagnostic medical imaging (DMI) as part of a growing partnership with SUNY Downstate, which also includes new articulation agreements for PA, PT, and DMI in addition to the previous linkage agreement for medicine.



Eric Gramszlo (ACHS '18; LKSOM '23)



Kameron Matthews, MD, JD, FAAFP

...and with new Advisory Board members

We welcomed **Shushawna DeOliveria**, DHA, Director of Student Admissions, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, **Eric Gramszlo** (Alum Representative; ACHS '18; LKSOM '23), and **Kameron Matthews**, MD, JD, FAAFP, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Affairs, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Founder and Co-Director, Tour for Diversity in Medicine to our Advisory Board.