Residents

Class of 2017

Katie Greger, M.D.

- **Hometown:** Seattle, Wash.
- **Medical School:** Chicago Medical School
- **Hobbies:** Seattle Seahawks and University of Washington football, snowboarding, reading, travel, drinking coffee, country music, and family time
- **Favorite Food:** Italian, Mexican, or whatever you’re cooking!
- **Favorite Movie:** Top Gun, My Best Friend’s Wedding, Forrest Gump, Forgetting Sarah Marshall, Mean Girls, the movies to my favorite books Jane Eyre, Pride and Prejudice, the Outlander series, sappy
- **Favorite Book:** Nicholas Sparks novels, any of those embarrassing adolescent book series (Harry Potter, Hunger Games, etc.)
- **Favorite TV:** The Big Bang Theory and Friends
- **Why Mayo:** After my interview day I knew that I would not only receive incredible training and have access to vast educational resources at Mayo, but I would also find a new group of warm, welcoming people I could call family.
- **Interests:** International emergency medicine and EMS

Tyler Hartman, M.D.

- **Hometown:** Carmel, Ind.
- **Medical School:** Indiana University School of Medicine
- **Hobbies:** Running, water skiing, golf, traveling, relaxing at the beach and going to the lake
- **Favorite Food:** Warm, homemade chocolate chip cookies
- **Favorite Movie:** Hoosiers
- **Favorite Book:** Anything by Vince Flynn
- **Favorite TV:** The Blacklist, Entourage, Suits, and SportsCenter
- **Why Mayo:** Endless educational opportunities, patient-centered learning, and an environment that will help me become the best physician I can possibly be.
- **Interests:** Sports Medicine

Rachel Lindor, M.D.

- **Hometown:** Rochester, Minn.
- **Medical School:** Mayo Medical School
- **Hobbies:** Any sport with a ball—but mostly soccer
- **Favorite Food:** Guacamole
- **Favorite Movie:** I can’t sit still for movies...unless NBA games on my DVR count? Go LeBron!
- **Favorite Book:** Mountains Beyond Mountains (Tracy Kidder)
- **Favorite TV:** Seinfeld
- **Why Mayo:** Great teaching, great people, and a genuine focus on the patient.
- **Interests:** Health law and policy, insurance coverage and reimbursement
Erika McMahon, M.D

**Hometown:** Marquette, Mich.
**Medical School:** Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
**Hobbies:** Hiking, traveling, Zumba, Pilates, and anything with my family
**Favorite Food:** Sushi and Mexican
**Favorite Movie:** About Time, Audrey Hepburn movies, and Disney movies
**Favorite Book:** Mountains Beyond Mountains by Dr. Paul Farmer and Anne of Green Gables series
**Favorite TV:** The Mindy Project and TLC
**Why Mayo:** The opportunity to train at a world-renowned facility along with the camaraderie among the residents and faculty, opportunities in critical care, a family-friendly atmosphere, emphasis on the patient, and location in the Midwest.
**Interests:** Tropical medicine, rural and international emergency medicine, critical care, and medicine for the underserved

Elisa Smith, M.D

**Hometown:** Plano, Ill.
**Medical School:** University of Illinois at Chicago
**Hobbies:** Racing motocross, photography, cooking, and hanging out with my dog
**Favorite Food:** Steak and potatoes
**Favorite Movie:** All of the Fast & Furious films!
**Favorite Book:** Harry Potter
**Favorite TV:** That '70s Show and Modern Family
**Why Mayo:** Great people, focus on patient-centered care, and unique training experience with many opportunities.
**Interests:** Medical education, ultrasound, and pediatrics

Jessica Stanich, M.D

**Hometown:** Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada
**Medical School:** Wayne State University School of Medicine
**Hobbies:** Almost anything outdoors even in the winter (hiking, camping, snow shoeing), hockey, softball, running, yoga
**Favorite Food:** Homemade pasta
**Favorite Movie:** Beethoven
**Favorite Book:** Final Exam by Pauline Chen
**Favorite TV:** Hockey Night in Canada
**Why Mayo:** Mayo Clinic was the one program I felt I could be the mother, wife and physician I aspire to be. The support for life outside of medicine was tremendous. The program’s dedication to educational excellence was outstanding and the opportunities for professional growth were endless. Finally, the expectation that the need of the patient comes first epitomized the ideal environment for me to train.
**Interests:** Education, ultrasound, prehospital care, sports medicine, and palliative and hospice care

Moriah Thompson, M.D

**Hometown:** Houston, Texas
**Medical School:** University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
**Hobbies:** Saxophone, traveling, hiking, scuba diving, and coffee
**Favorite Food:** Sushi
**Favorite Movie:** 10 Things I Hate About You
**Favorite Book:** Anything by Paulo Coelho
**Favorite TV:** Friends, 30 Rock, and Modern Family
**Why Mayo:** The people. The faculty and staff are extremely supportive, the residents are friendly and outgoing, and there is a strong focus on patient care.
**Interests:** Aerospace medicine, wilderness medicine, and hyperbaric medicine
Jonathan Thornton, M.D.

Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Medical School: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso
Hobbies: Basketball, volleyball, running, rock climbing, hiking/camping, kayaking, and cars
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Movie: The Dark Knight
Favorite Book: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo trilogy
Favorite TV: Sports, Game of Thrones, Top Gear, Family Guy, and Seinfeld
Why Mayo: On my interview day, I felt very welcome and was impressed with the exceptional residents and faculty and the commitment to patient care (and a change of scenery from Texas).
Interests: Sports medicine, wilderness medicine, critical care, and ultrasound

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Brendan Carr, M.D.

Hometown: Castleton, NY
Medical School: SUNY at Stony Brook School of Medicine
Hobbies: Playing the piano/organ, singing, hiking, and skiing
Favorite Food: Ice cream with peanut butter and chocolate sauce
Favorite Movie: Back to the Future and Office Space
Favorite Book: Lord of the Rings
Favorite TV: Wheel of Fortune, Big Bang Theory, America’s Funniest Home Videos, and House Hunters
Interests: Everything!

Justin Corcoran, M.D.

Hometown: Oakdale, Minn.
Medical School: University of Toledo College of Medicine
Hobbies: Board games, fishing, indoor rock climbing, video games, reading
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Movie: Star Wars (the original series)
Favorite Book: The Name of the Wind
Favorite TV: Firefly
Why Mayo: Along the interview trail someone asked me, "Would you rather be at a place where EM dominates the other residency programs, or a place where your consulting services are so good that you learn something every time you interact with them?" Mayo is definitely the second, and that’s what I wanted.
Interests: Simulation, international emergency medicine, and critical care
S. Brent Core, M.D.

Hometown: Kennesaw, Ga.
Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine
Hobbies: Cooking, walking my dogs, and watching a lot of movies
Favorite Food: Chili
Favorite Movie: Die Hard, Wall-E, every single Stanley Kubrick movie, American new wave films of the 70s, Solaris (the 1972 Russian version), and The Thing
Favorite Book: Philip K. Dick's short stories and Hunger Games
Favorite TV: The Wire, Louie, and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia
Why Mayo: Our incredible camaraderie and Mayo's culture of prioritizing the needs of the patient first
Interests: EM pharmacology, critical care, ultrasound, FOAMed, and EM social media

Andrew Escamilla, M.D.

Hometown: Port Isabel, Texas
Medical School: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas
Hobbies: Eating, reading, gaming, sports, and basically, anything that allows me to spend time with my family and friends
Favorite Food: Fresh seafood
Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption
Favorite Book: The Stand
Favorite TV: Anything on Netflix, Amazon Prime, or Hulu that I can binge watch with my wife. Seinfeld, Scrubs, The Wire, Breaking Bad, Dr. Who among others.
Why Mayo: I wanted to be a part of a community that truly put the needs of the patient first.
Interests: Education

Taft Franklin, M.D.

Hometown: Burns, Ore.
Medical School: Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine
Hobbies: Trail running, bicycle touring, traveling, fishing, camping, and watching NCAA Football
Favorite Food: Mexican, farm to table
Favorite Movie: Nacho Libre
Favorite Book: Shantaram by Gregory Roberts and Martin Eden by Jack London
Favorite TV: The Wire, Seinfeld, and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia
Why Mayo: During the interview process I met faculty and residents who were dedicated to providing exceptional patient-centered care. In addition to complex patients bound for a referral center, there are many people from surrounding rural areas for whom Mayo is the first point of emergency care.
Interests: Rural emergency medicine and foreign language

Eric Funk, M.D.

Hometown: Denver, Colo.
Medical School: University of Kansas School of Medicine
Hobbies: 1989 Schwinn road bikes, gardening, hiking/backpacking/camping, 3D printing
Favorite Food: Blueberry cake donuts
Favorite Movie: Hitman, Fargo, Top Gun
Favorite Book: Asimov Foundation series
Favorite TV: Any live sports
Why Mayo: 1) Residents and faculty are people that I enjoy working with and learning from, 2) strong focus on purposeful education of residents, 3) opportunities to pursue any niche area that I'm interested in as Mayo has incredible resources that allow for many unique opportunities, and 4) helicopters.
Interests: I'm interested in everything – that is why I chose EM! Currently, critical care and wilderness medicine are at the top of the list.
Derick Jones, M.D.

**Hometown:** Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico  
**Medical School:** Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth  
**Hobbies:** Archery, triathlons, camping, snowboarding, and ice hockey  
**Favorite Food:** Mexican food (tamales, enchiladas, tacos al pastor, consome)  
**Favorite Movie:** Interstellar, Guardians of Galaxy, RED, Bourne Series  
**Favorite Book:** The Age of Turbulence and Adventures in a New World  
**Favorite TV:** 24, Revenge, White Collar, and Shield  
**Why Mayo:** Mayo Clinic's core value of putting the patient first, opportunities for intra-institutional collaboration and leadership, the ED LAB, and international EM  
**Interests:** International emergency medicine, clinical informatics, and hospital administration

Rona Wang, M.D.

**Hometown:** Mounds View, Minn.  
**Medical School:** Tufts University School of Medicine  
**Hobbies:** Collecting stamps on my passport, island hopping, running, tennis, and sleeping  
**Favorite Food:** Coffee  
**Favorite Movie:** The Thomas Crown Affair, A Walk to Remember, Now You See Me, and The Princess Bride  
**Favorite Book:** Oh, The Places You'll Go!  
**Favorite TV:** White Collar, Suits, The Blacklist, and Gilmore Girls  
**Why Mayo:** A legacy dedicated to patient care, a leader and innovator in healthcare, a worldwide network with compassionate and passionate people propelled by wide breadth and depth of interests, an atmosphere that fosters contagious learning...and a brand new ED!  
**Interests:** Healthcare management and strategy, healthcare innovation, and quality improvement

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Joshua Ellis, M.D.

**Hometown:** San Antonio, Texas  
**Medical School:** Howard University School of Medicine  
**Hobbies:** Anything competitive—football, basketball, running, Risk, Monopoly, Tic Tac Toe  
**Favorite Food:** Mexican—enchiladas  
**Favorite Movie:** Dear White People (it is such a good profile on modern racial identity)  
**Favorite Book:** Where to begin! I consider myself an avid reader. Either The Warmth of Other Suns or The Frontrunner  
**Favorite TV:** Fresh Prince of Bel Air and Avatar The Last Air Bender  
**Why Mayo:** I want to pursue academic medicine and plan on having mentorship and teaching roles throughout my career. Emergency Medicine at Mayo has so many role models to train under for this exact purpose. Mayo Clinic is excellent for medical education training.  
**Interests:** Diversity and inclusion in Medical Education; Academic medicine; international medicine; Adolescents in pediatric emergency medicine
**Alexander Finch, M.D.**

**Hometown:** Yangon, Myanmar  
**Medical School:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine  
**Hobbies:** Mountain biking, board games, UNC basketball  
**Favorite Food:** Italian  
**Favorite Movie:** Lost in Translation, Almost Famous  
**Favorite Book:** Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell, Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep by Phillip K. Dick  
**Favorite TV:** The Wire, Friday Night Lights, Firefly, Arrested Development, Game of Thrones  
**Why Mayo:** “The best interest of the patient is the only interest to be considered.” This core value really resonated with me, and I wanted to be on a team that aspires every day to make decisions with this focus.  
**Interests:** EMS and critical care

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**Lauren Harper, M.D.**

**Hometown:** Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Medical School:** The University of Toledo College of Medicine  
**Hobbies:** Running, refurbishing old furniture, ping-pong, reading, playing with puppies, exercising with my husband, and Netflix-ing  
**Favorite Food:** Sweet potato fries  
**Favorite Movie:** Bridget Jones’s Diary  
**Favorite Book:** Pride and Prejudice, Nine Stories, Wuthering Heights  
**Favorite TV:** House of Cards, Parks and Recreation, Game of Thrones  
**Why Mayo:** I knew that I wanted to train at a progressive, cutting-edge institution, surrounded by brilliant and compassionate physicians dedicated to providing the best patient care possible. I found this at Mayo Clinic, and I am honored to be a part of the Mayo family.  
**Interests:** Ultrasound and Wilderness Medicine

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**Aaron Klassen, M.D.**

**Hometown:** Waterloo, Ontario, Canada  
**Medical School:** University of Arizona College of Medicine  
**Hobbies:** Running, cycling  
**Favorite Food:** Namaimo bars  
**Favorite Movie:** The Life Aquatic  
**Favorite Book:** Lord of the Rings  
**Favorite TV:** Hockey Night in Canada  
**Why Mayo:** This is a program with strong educational resources, at a facility caring for patients with legendary complexity, surrounded by experts at the cutting-edges of their fields, within an environment that treats every team member as a valuable human being.  
**Interests:** EMS, operational medicine, bioethics, disaster medicine

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**Kimberly Lovik, M.D.**

**Hometown:** St. Ansgar, Iowa  
**Medical School:** University of Iowa College of Medicine  
**Hobbies:** Playing with my children, painting, anything outdoors  
**Favorite Food:** Mexican  
**Favorite Movie:** I’m not picky, I’d just be happy getting to sit and watch a movie  
**Favorite Book:** Murder mysteries – Sue Grafton, James Patterson, Sandra Brown, etc  
**Favorite TV:** Bravo, HGTV  
**Why Mayo:** The people were amazing during my visit, the reputation of the hospital and emergency department, as well as a small Rochester community to raise my children  
**Interests:** Personal – spending time with my family, playing outside, art, refinishing old furniture; Professional – community medicine, access to healthcare, care of kids with special needs
Nathan McMurray, M.D.

**Hometown:** Abingdon, Va.

**Medical School:** University of Virginia School of Medicine

**Hobbies:** Cooking, longboarding (even though I'm not 14 anymore), traveling (I've been to 46 states and 24 countries), watching college football/basketball

**Favorite Food:** French

**Favorite Movie:** The Count of Monte Cristo

**Favorite Book:** Besides Harry Potter?

**Favorite TV:** The Office, Breaking Bad, Law & Order, Seinfeld

**Why Mayo:** The main reason I applied to the program was because I wanted to see the "world famous" Mayo Clinic. At my interview day, the culture of Mayo and the culture of the EM department really drew me in. I loved how patient focused everyone and everything was. Bonus reason: everyone here is unbelievably friendly and collegial, which is the type of environment I want to train and practice in.

**Interests:** Sports medicine, international medicine, wilderness medicine, systems optimization

Craig Tschautscher, M.D.

**Hometown:** Carver, Minn.

**Medical School:** Wayne State University School of Medicine

**Hobbies:** Running, soccer, reading, nerdy things

**Favorite Food:** German

**Favorite Movie:** The Lord of the Rings

**Favorite Book:** A Song of Ice and Fire series, Ready Player One, Lord of the Rings

**Favorite TV:** Game of Thrones, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Battlestar Galactica

**Why Mayo:** I felt that no other place could offer such an incredible combination of academics and clinical exposure, partnered with such outstanding faculty

**Interests:** Medical education, research, international medicine, EMS, toxicology

Jacob Voelkel, M.D.

**Hometown:** St. Joseph, Mo.

**Medical School:** University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

**Hobbies:** I am no bodybuilder, but I enjoy weight lifting as well as biking and playing just about any sport you could think of.

**Favorite Food:** As of late, it’s butter chicken and naan

**Favorite Movie:** The Rocky series

**Favorite Book:** Benjamin Franklin’s Autobiography

**Favorite TV:** The Amazing Race and Survivor

**Why Mayo:** When I started interviewing I hoped to find a program that offered opportunities as well as a program that was dedicated to excellence. I found both of those things at Mayo. Call me crazy, but I found the location to be ideal as well!

**Interests:** Sports Medicine, ultrasound guided injections