Valley Children's Pediatric Residency Program

PGY-1 Class 2017-2018



Daniel Ebbs

A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine

As a Madera paramedic, Daniel had frequent interaction with Valley Children's. He started a program called MGY, which trains people in rural communities to educate their population in health issues. He has a master's degree in community health from the University of New Mexico.



Rebecca Filbrandt

American University—Caribbean School of Medicine

Rebecca is from Chico and has worked with her role model, her mother who is a pediatrician, in a rural health clinic in her hometown. She would like to employ her bilingual abilities in a clinic in an underserved community in the Central Valley.



Devon Goossen

Saint Louis University School of Medicine

A Fresno native, Devon is dedicated to addressing critical health issues unique to the Central Valley. After graduating from Fresno State, she volunteered at Valley Children's. She takes a humanistic approach to medicine, meaning she views health care from the patient's point of view.



Theodore Gross

Tulane University School of Medicine

Theodore, also known as Teddy, is from New Orleans and wants to educate parents and patients on health as a way to prevent future problems. After residency, he will fulfill his commitment to the Air Force.



Daniel Merriott

Tulane University School of Medicine

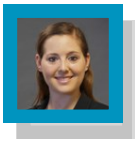
A native of San Jose, Daniel wants to be an advocate for children and be an educator for families. He is also a musician, playing and teaching trumpet for several years. While in New Orleans, he was involved in organizing and performing in an outreach concert for HIV awareness.



Jessica Monk

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

Jessica is from Livermore and has done multiple rotations at Valley Children's. She is participating in a research project, along with Dr. Mary Anne Tablizo and Dr. Janae Barker, which was accepted for presentation at a national medical society.



Erica Neuhaus

Ohio State University College of Medicine

Erica is from Santa Clara and has roots in the Valley as she attended UC Merced. She also founded the Neonatal and Maternal-Fetal Medicine Interest Group at Ohio State where she developed a NICU cuddler program there. She says pediatrics is a "lifelong calling."



Thanh Huong Nguyen

University of Colorado School of Medicine

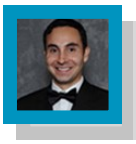
Thanh says "my world lies in pediatrics, where each smile, each triumph fills my heart." She was born in Vietnam, has a master's degree in public health and has tutored children at the Kumon Math and Reading Center for 11 years.



Tai Pham

Tulane University School of Medicine

In addition to addressing physical issues, Tai strives to address social barriers to good health for families. She is from Milpitas, has a master's degree in public health and coordinated a clinic in a severely underserved area of New Orleans



Juan Torres

UCLA/Drew Medical Education Program

Juan has done extensive research on and is committed to the underserved Latino population. From La Mesa (San Diego area), he wants to focus on preventative health care initiatives. He developed a preventative care curriculum for high school students while in medical school.



Cristina Vargas

UC Irvine School of Medicine

Cristina is a Stockton native and wants to empower, advocate for and assist families in need. She has a master's degree in biomedical and translational science and has completed diabetes and underserved Spanish-speaking patient research. She is part of KiPOW, which helps low-income schools meet diet and exercise requirements.



Albert Vu

University of Colorado School of Medicine

Albert is from Irvine and has worked in a community clinic with a mentoring pediatrician for two years. The son of Vietnamese immigrants, he wants to learn from a diverse population to grow his knowledge and understanding of all things medicine while building rich relationships with the people he serves.



Zahia Zayed

Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University

Zahia established health science education in the town of her medical school. She wants to study the effects of the biopsychosocial model on development, and how those changes impact health and how early intervention can prevent negative outcomes.