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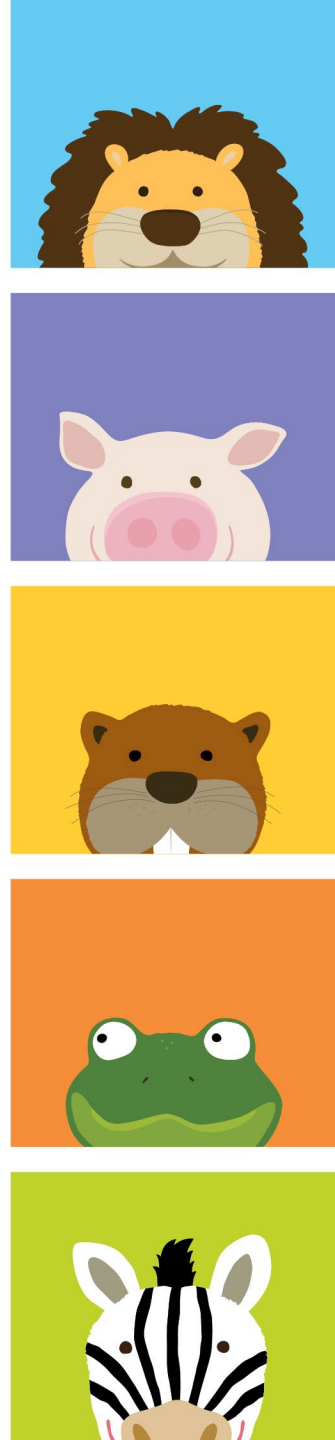


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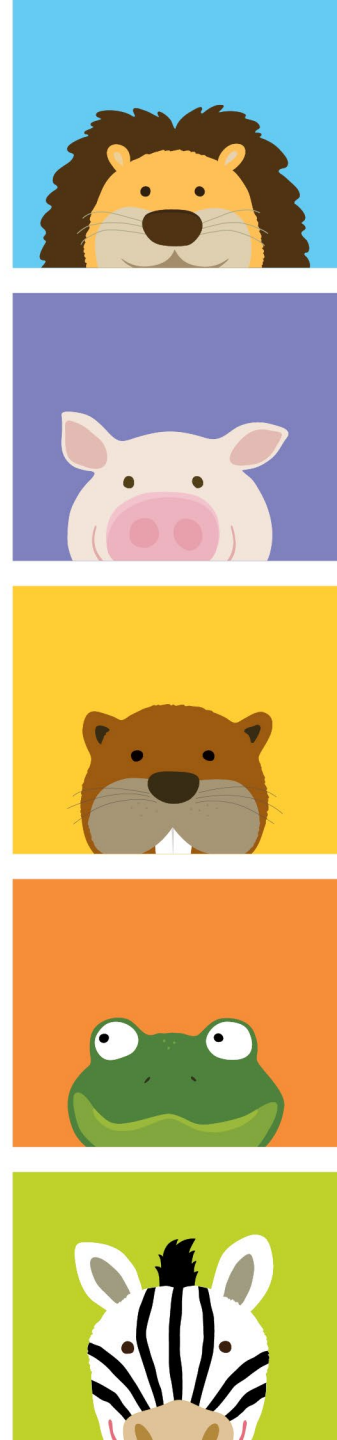
Kathy Brady, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Loyola University Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I was struck by how confident and capable all of the residents were (especially the new interns) when I rotated as a student. I felt that the diversity of patients and pathology coupled with attendings who are passionate about teaching would help me learn so much quickly!



Bridget Hyland, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Saint Mary's College
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - The people! Starting with my first rotation as an MS3 and in every block since, the attendings, other residents, nurses, advanced practitioners, staff, and patients have consistently shown me how to be a better pediatrician and person. It is virtually impossible to walk away from an interaction without learning something new. I cannot imagine a better group of individuals!

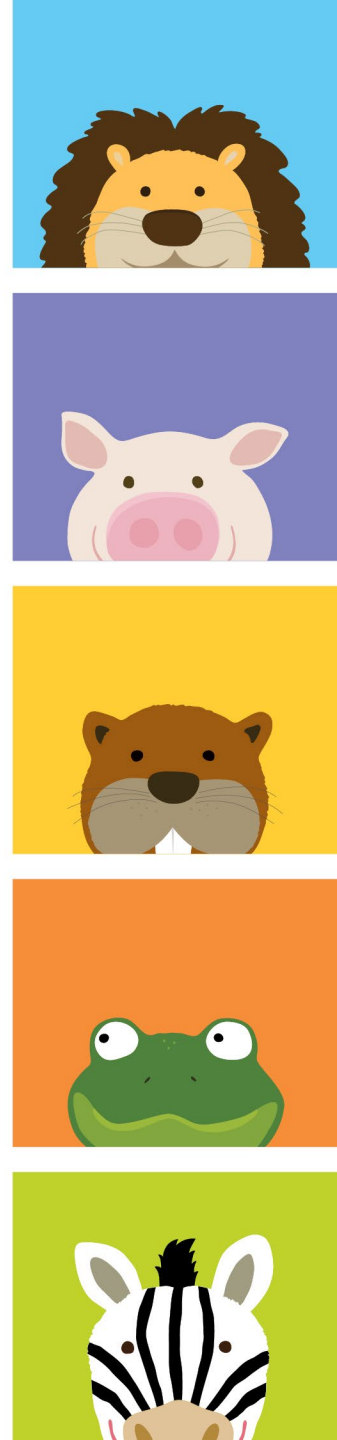




Class of 2027: PGY1

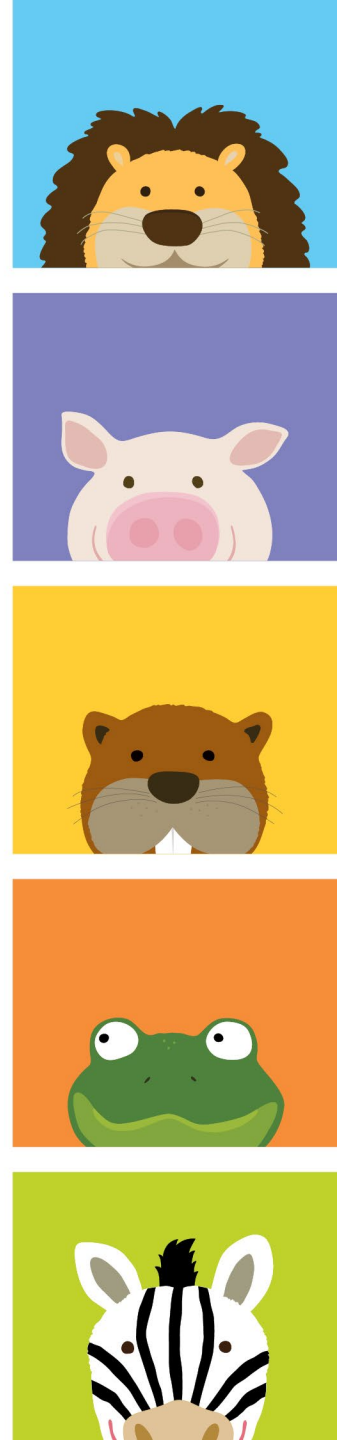
Umar Akel, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Ottawa
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - ACH-OL offers an incredibly unique training experience where there is huge variety in the communities that it serves! Serving the blue-collared workers and the southside of Chicago is very appealing to me as these are populations I am most passionate about. Also, as an Arab person, I appreciate seeing that a tenth of the kiddos served are of Arabic descent!



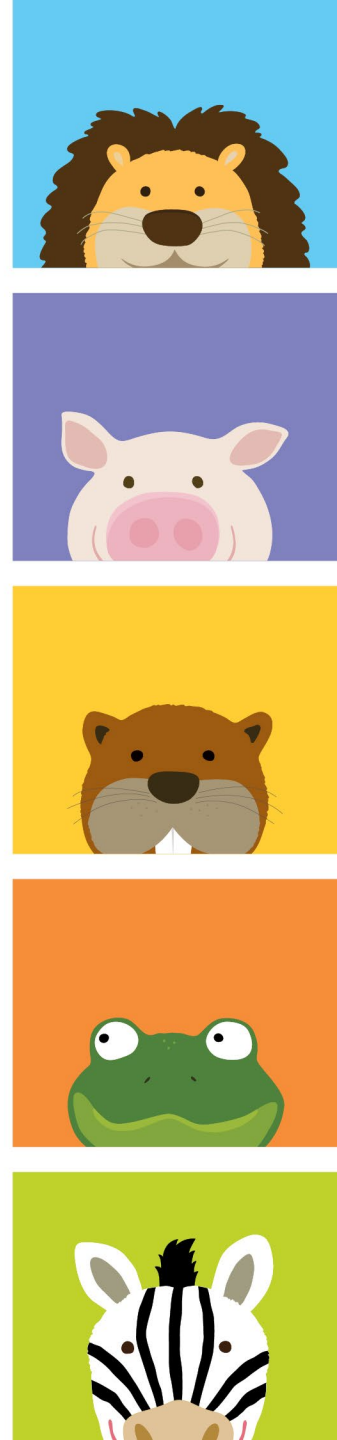
Sakina Burhani, MD

- **Medical School:**
- Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin
- **Undergraduate:**
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- As a medical school rotating at ACH-OL, I witnessed firsthand the compassion, intellect and team spirit of residents, attending and all other faculty. I loved how it felt like a family here; everyone working together and supporting each other.



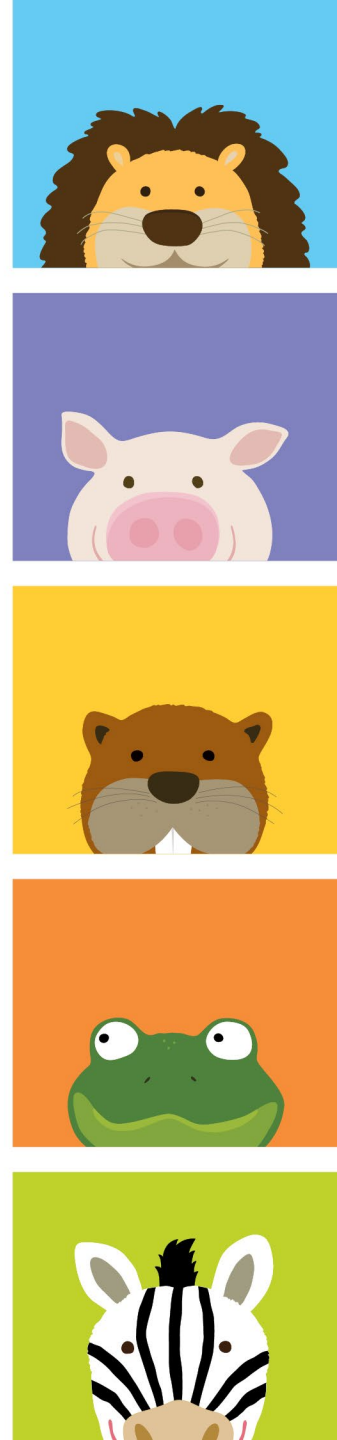
Danielle DeJournett, MD

- **Medical School:**
 - Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - The people!!! I was drawn to ACHOL because of the strong camaraderie among residents and the exceptional mentorship from faculty. This hospital is truly like no other!



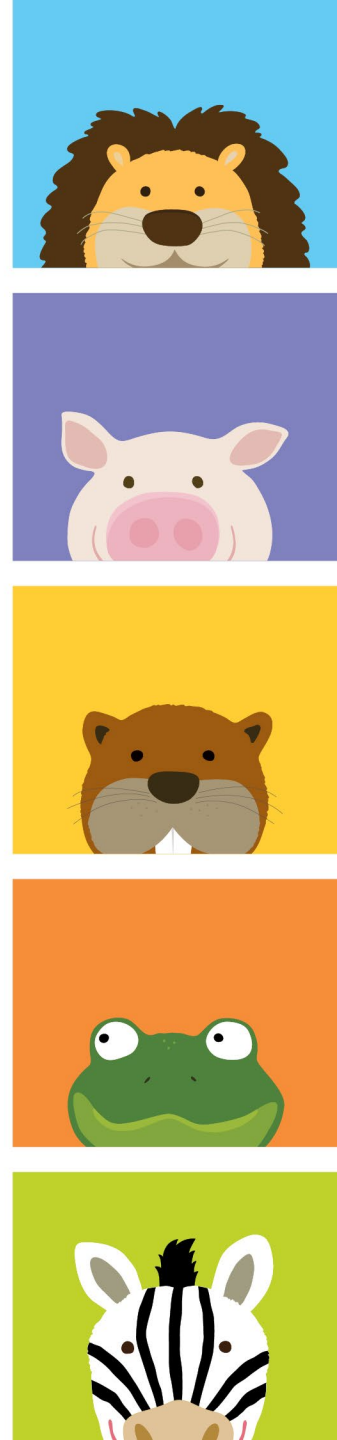
Jose A. Flores, MD

- **Medical School:**
 - The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Brown University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I'm grateful to train in a program that allows me the opportunity to treat a diverse patient population. Given the patient population we serve, there is significant exposure to a wide range of pathologies. The commitment to resident education was evident throughout the interview process and really solidified that this was an institution committed to preparing the best pediatricians.



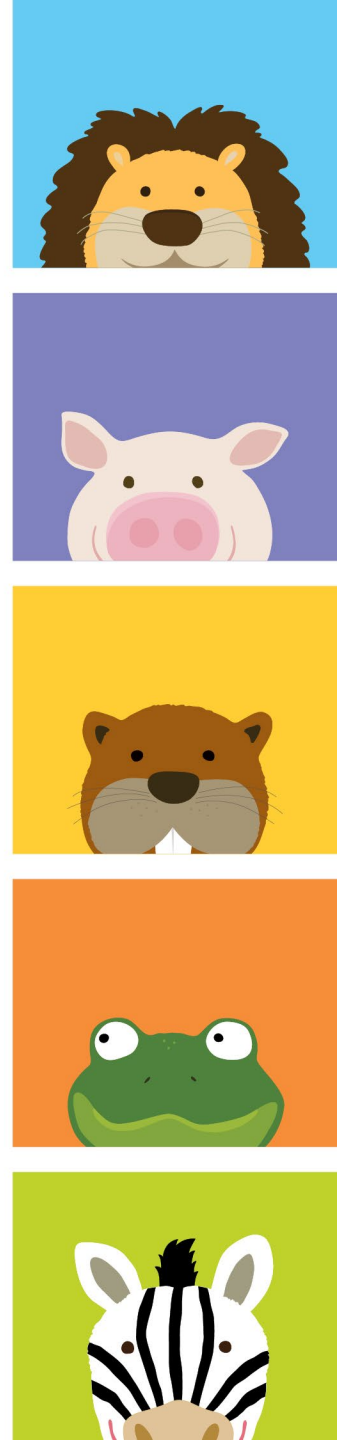
Paula Gamero Kubota, MD

- **Medical School:**
- Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (UPC) Lima-Peru Escuela de Medicina
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- I appreciate the sense of partnership and support in the hospital. They also serve a diverse community. I believe the hospital's advocacy will help me achieve my goals and become the best pediatrician I can be for my community.



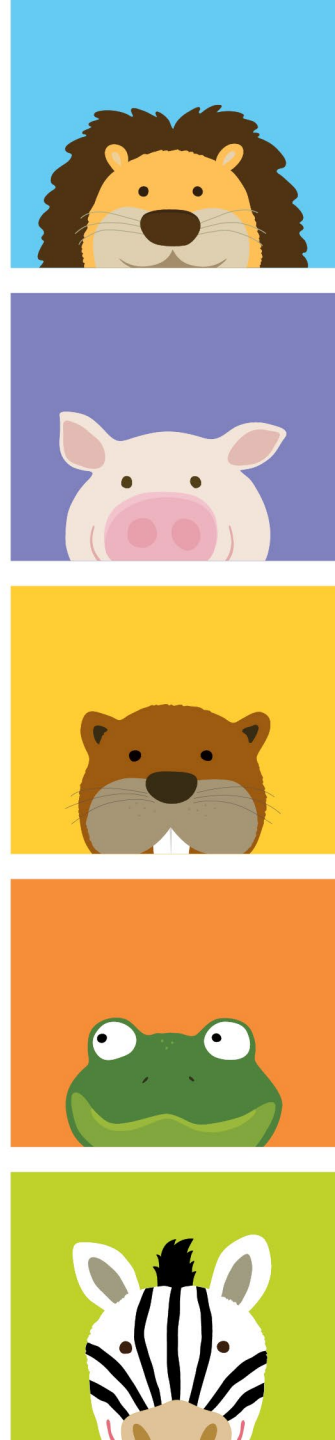
Kristina Giddens, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Des Moines University of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Georgia Institute of Technology
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I rotated at ACH-OL as a fourth year and knew within days that it was the perfect fit for my residency. Every person I encountered made me feel like I belonged while also challenging me to become a better pediatrician. The residents and attendings were immensely welcoming and provided a positive experience every day where you could learn and grow.



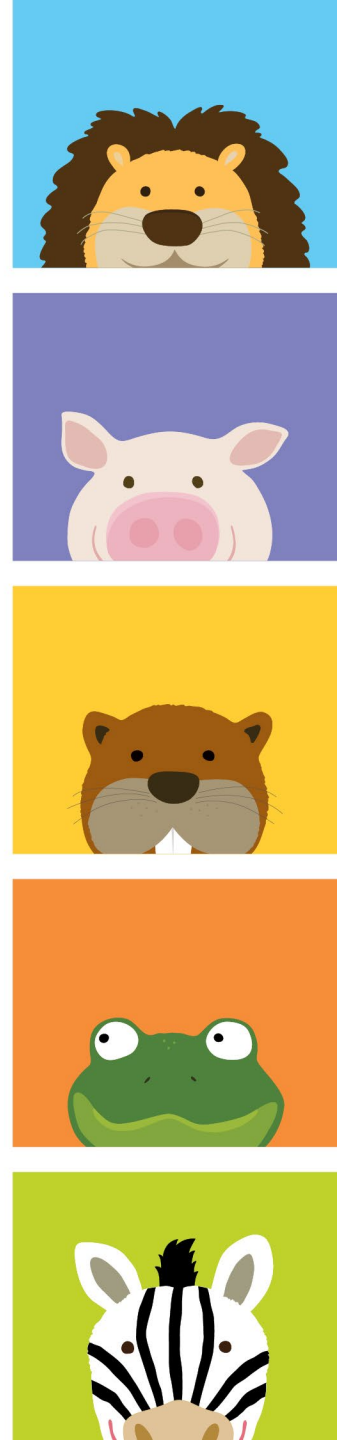
Caryn Hazard, DO

- **Medical School:**
- Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
- South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- I like the location of the hospital, and that this provides residents the opportunity to serve a diverse population of patients. I also appreciate the smaller size of the pediatrics residency program and how this has already allowed us to get to know one another and start building a community of support.



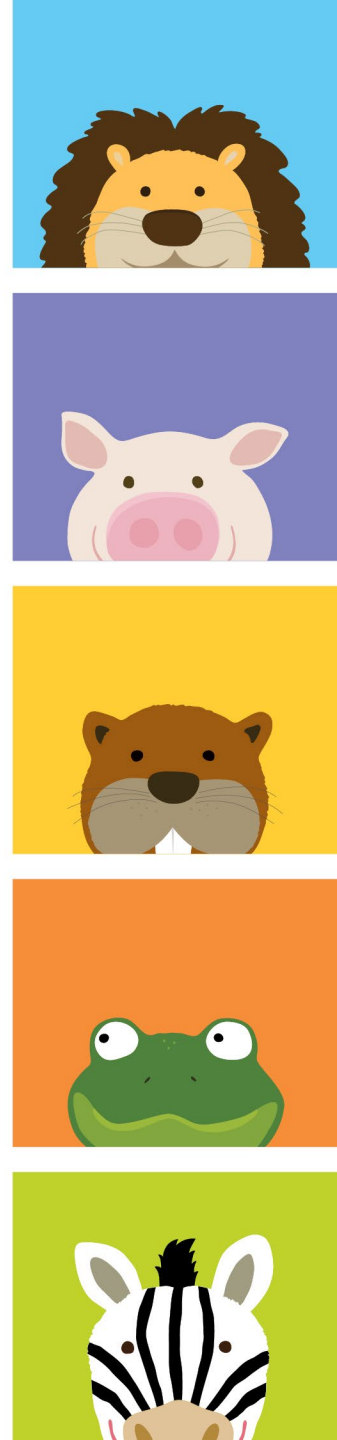
Bridgit Kioko, MD

- **Medical School:**
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
- Morgan State University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital is the emphasis on providing care to underserved populations. As an individual who had firsthand experience with the lack of adequate care, Advocate's mission to train physicians to care for the medically underserved resonated with me. I hope to accomplish this mission during residency and beyond.



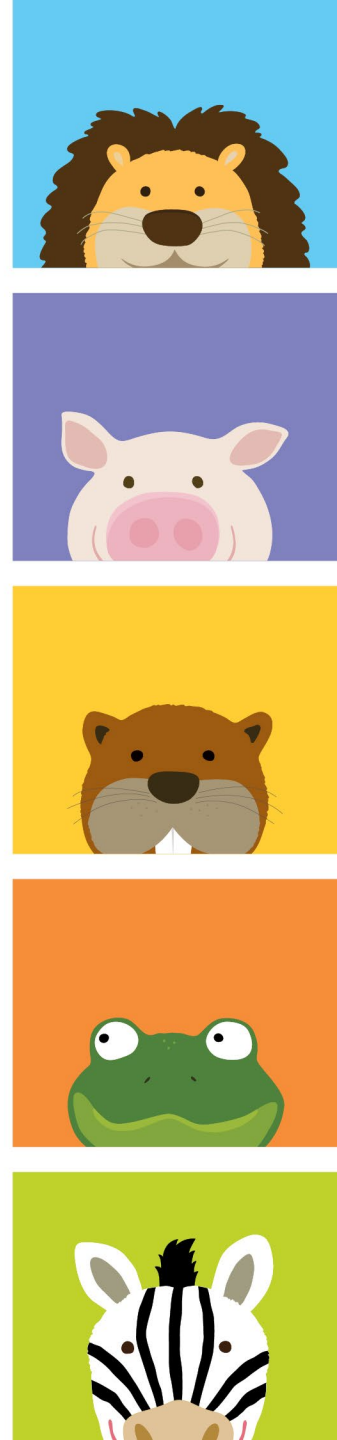
Abby Krause, MD

- **Medical School:**
- Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin
- **Undergraduate:**
- DePaul University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- The supportive, family-like learning environment



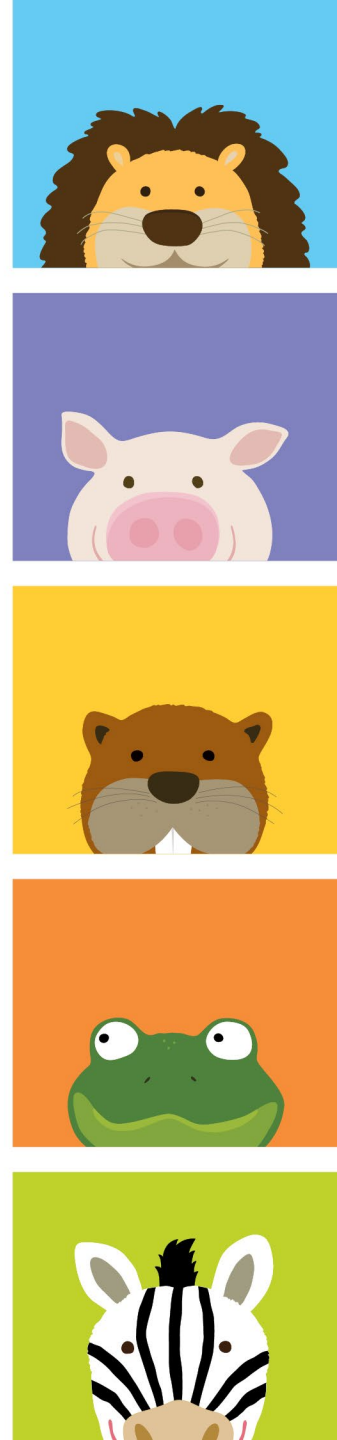
Elena Nicholson, DO

- **Medical School:**
- Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
- Benedictine University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- During my interview, The staff were genuinely interested in and valued my individual gifts and what I could bring to the team. Along the same line, I appreciate the staff's dedication to supporting their residents, they have showed genuine interest in understanding my goals and helping me to achieve these goals. I look forward to serving the children in the Chicagoland community and being able to live near my family.



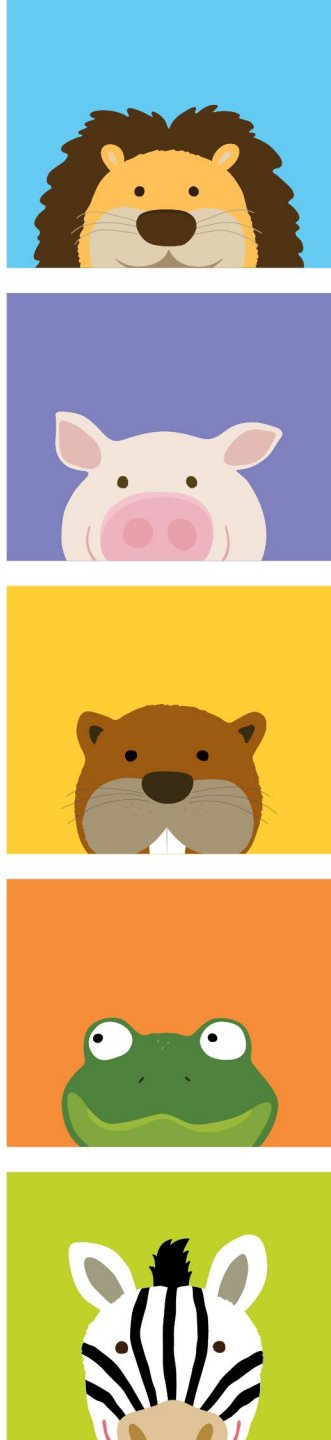
Radha Ramadan, MD

- **Medical School:**
 - Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin
- **Undergraduate:**
 - DePaul University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - What I really love about ACH-OL is the strong sense of community and the extensive patient and provider diversity. Not only does it provide ample opportunity for knowledge and learning, but you also feel very supported and comfortable at every level!



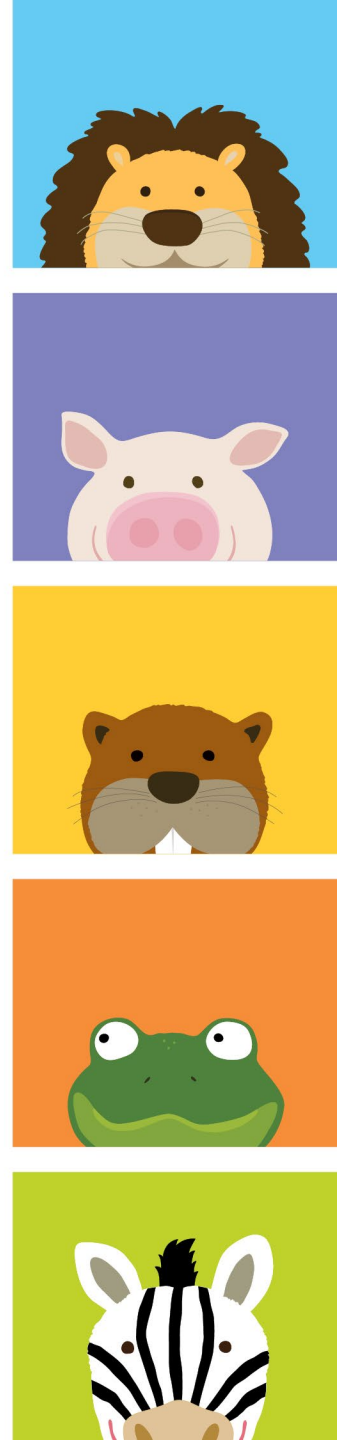
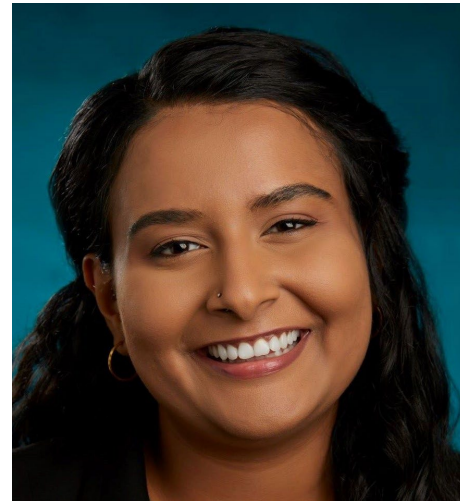
Lena Rammouni, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Michigan- Dearborn
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - What drew me to ACH-OL above all else is the sense of community. During my interview, it was evident that everyone, from the leadership team to current residents, was genuinely invested in each other's success. I wanted a residency program that would feel like home, and ACH-OL proved to be the perfect fit for me! Moreover, at ACH-OL we get to work with a diverse patient population and see a wide range of pathologies. I know my training here will greatly contribute to my development as a well-rounded physician!



Aashna Thakur, MD

- **Medical School:**
 - Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - How Advocate Children's proactively and persistently seeks out ways to improve care for its incredibly diverse patient population.

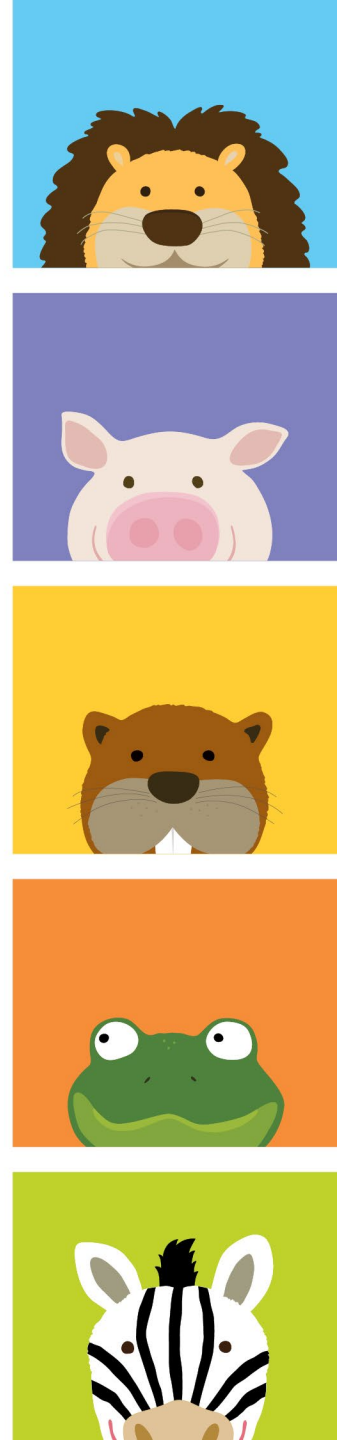




Class of 2026: PGY2

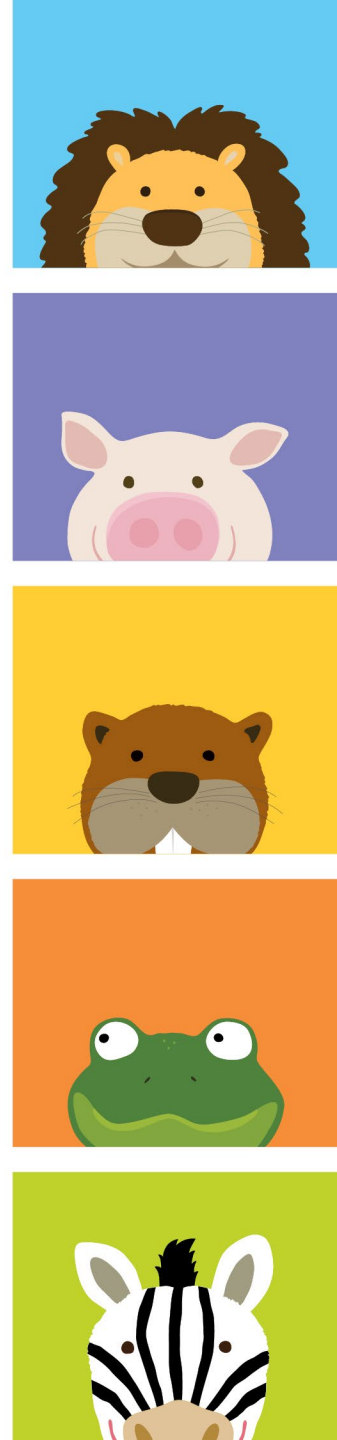
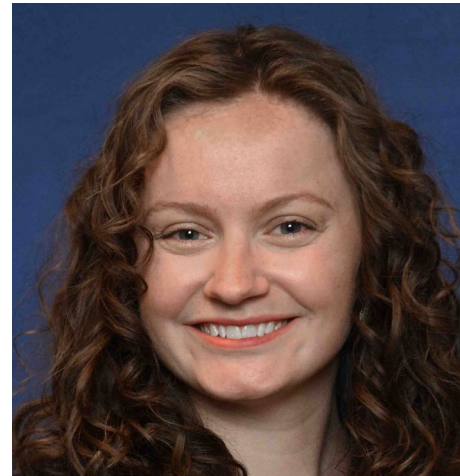
Emma Flosi, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I had the opportunity to rotate through this program as a medical student. From day one, it was clear that the environment was warm and welcoming, the close relationships between co-workers were authentic, and the program itself was one that made me feel safe to learn and grow!



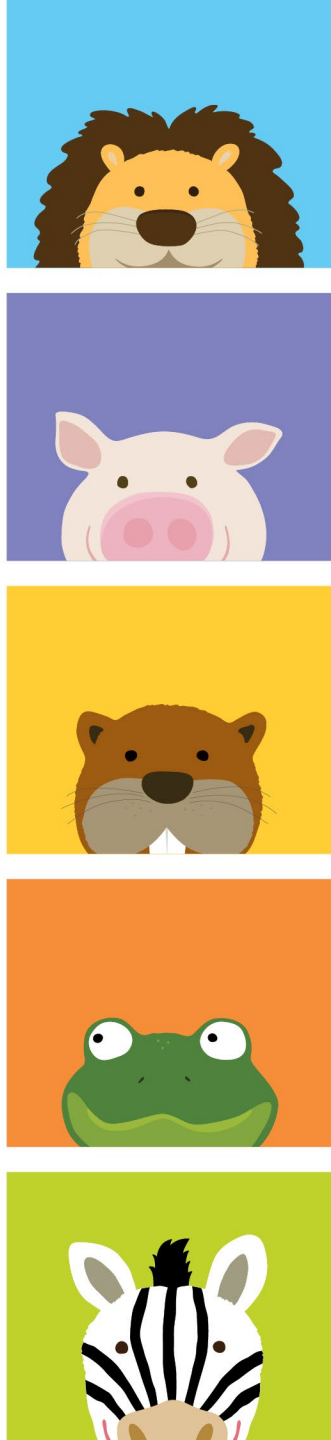
Alexandra Gary, DO

- **Medical School:**
- Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
- University of Alabama
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- There is so much to like! The large patient volumes and the population's diversity allow for some great learning opportunities.
Residents, attendings, and program leadership have our best interests in mind and strive to help us succeed. Also, the proximity to Chicago is a huge plus!



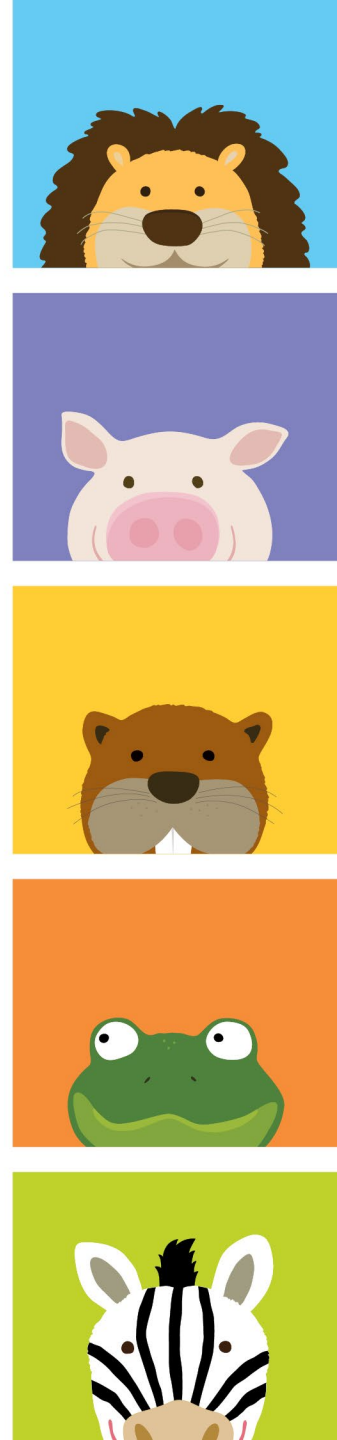
Said Jusic, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Illinois at Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I was lucky enough to rotate twice at ACH-OL as a fourth-year medical student. I thoroughly enjoyed the diverse patient population and the emphasis placed on serving the community. The residents, faculty and staff I worked with were very welcoming and supportive.



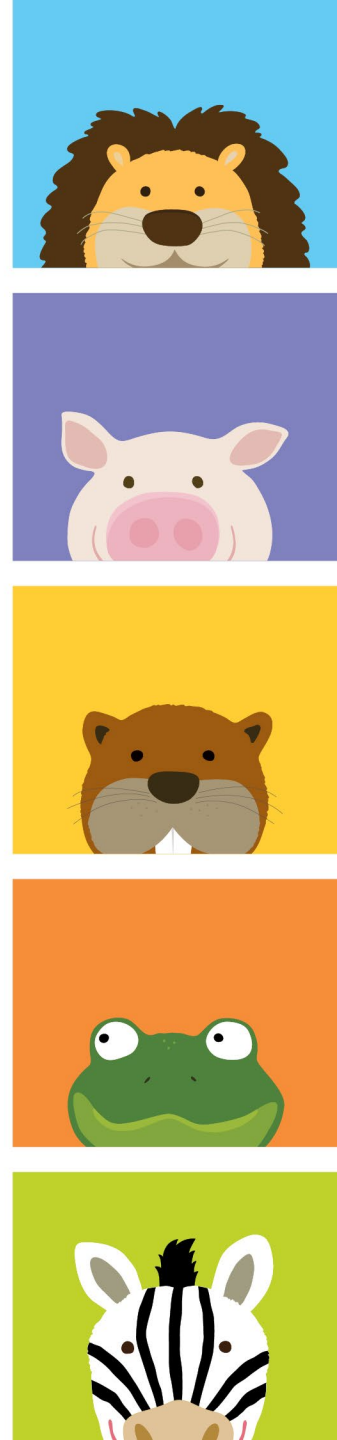
Zoya Khan, DO

- **Medical School:**
- Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
- Vanderbilt University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- The supportive, close-knit community here was one of the major reasons why I chose ACH-OL. From the leadership team to co-residents, it's apparent that everyone wants each other to succeed. I also felt that the wide range of pathology and diverse patient population here would equip me with the knowledge and skills necessary to become a strong physician in the future.



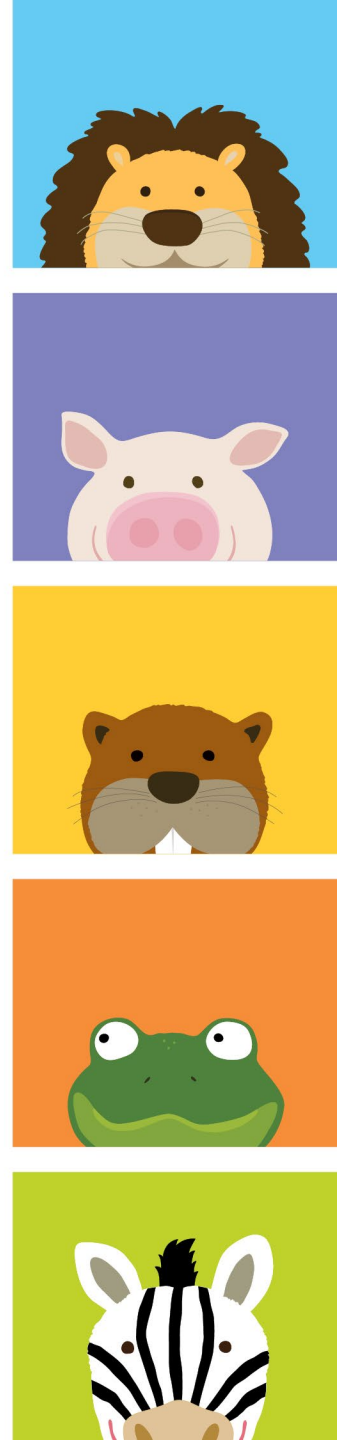
Clifford Klimas, DO

- **Medical School:**
- Lincoln Memorial University
- **Undergraduate:**
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- From day one, everyone I met has been so nice and inviting, making me immediately feel like I was part of the family.



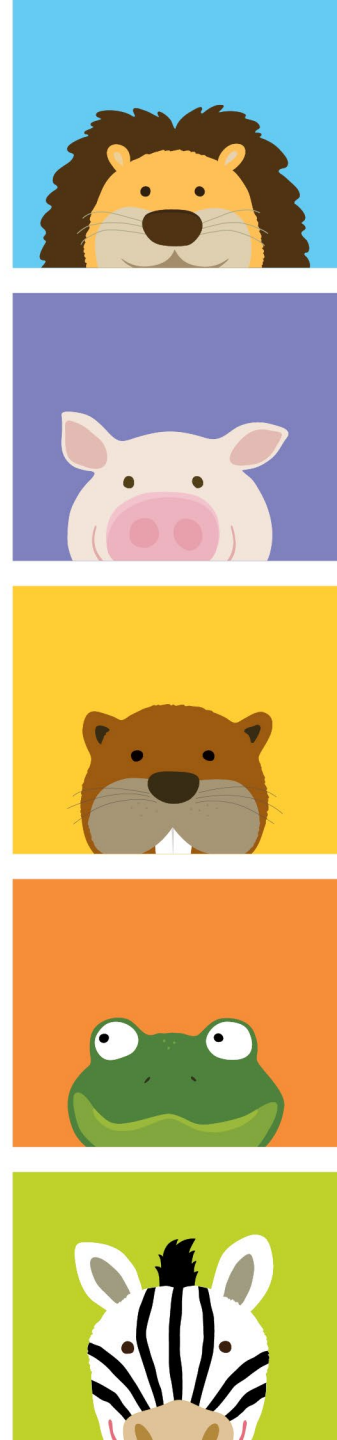
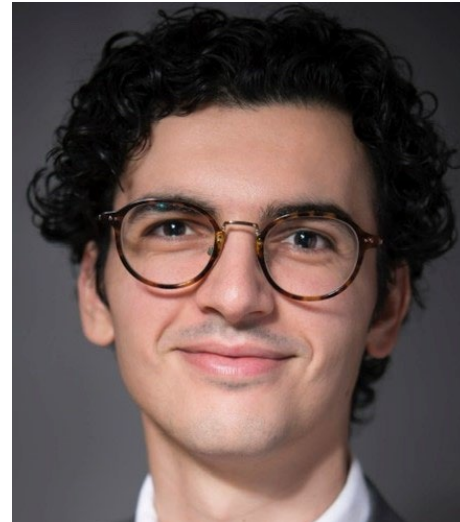
Mariam Mansour, MD

- **Medical School:**
- University of Iowa
- **Undergraduate:**
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- Everything! The people are so down to earth, genuine, and humble. My co-residents and senior residents are all so kind and supportive. There's a very strong focus on community service and advocacy. The spirit of teaching is pervasive throughout the program. The patient population is incredibly diverse, medically and otherwise. It's the perfect program for me!



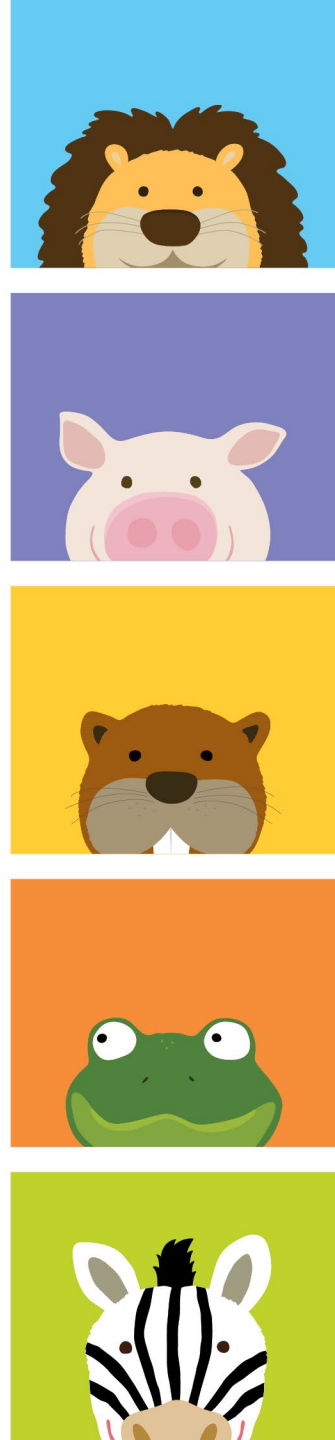
Dominic Marcus, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Loyola University Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I love the supportive and welcoming learning environment fostered by the amazing attendings, residents, and staff. I also value the patient population that ACH-OL serves.



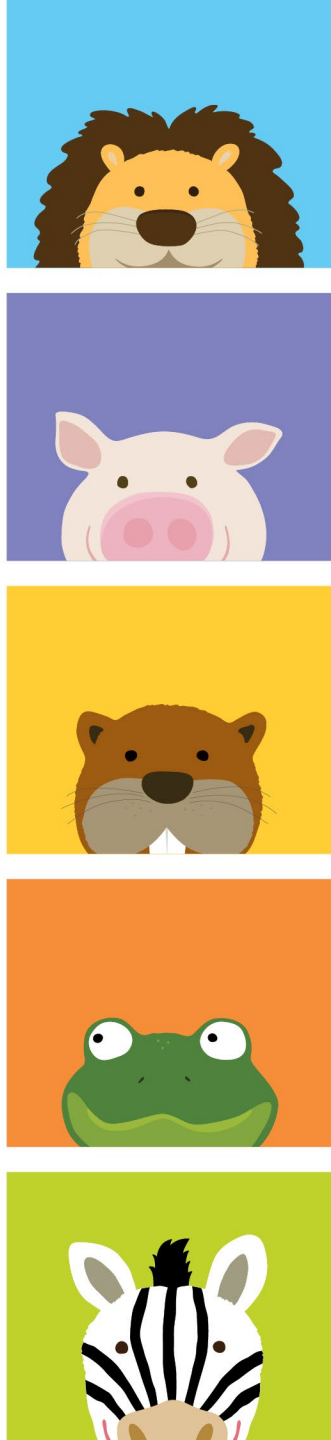
Matt Mussman, MD

- **Medical School:**
- New York Medical College
- **Undergraduate:**
- University of Kentucky
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- Coming back to Chicago from New York, the support I've received from my co-residents and attendings has been incredible, and each day I go to work knowing that I'm practicing medicine in a safe and patient-centered environment! Additionally, thanks to the hospital's location, we have a diverse patient population with a wide variety of both rare diagnoses and common illnesses.



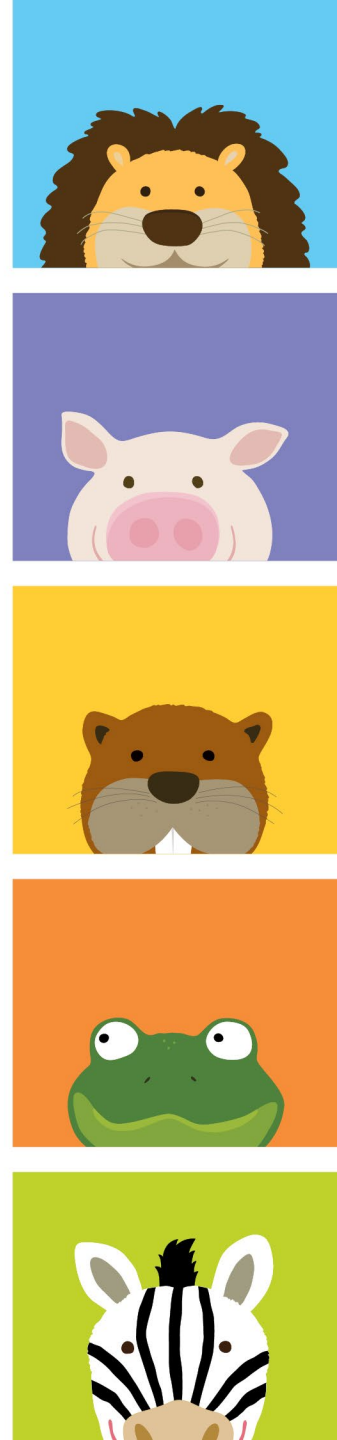
Arinzechukwu Michael Obegolu, MD

- **Medical School:**
- Ross University School of Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
- University of Dallas
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- A very warm and welcoming environment! From the meet & greet and interview, this program stood out to me as the program that will train me to become a well-rounded physician. I am impressed with the diverse staff and patient population, the support from attendings and co-residents, high standard of education, and the emphasis on wellness and support to residents.



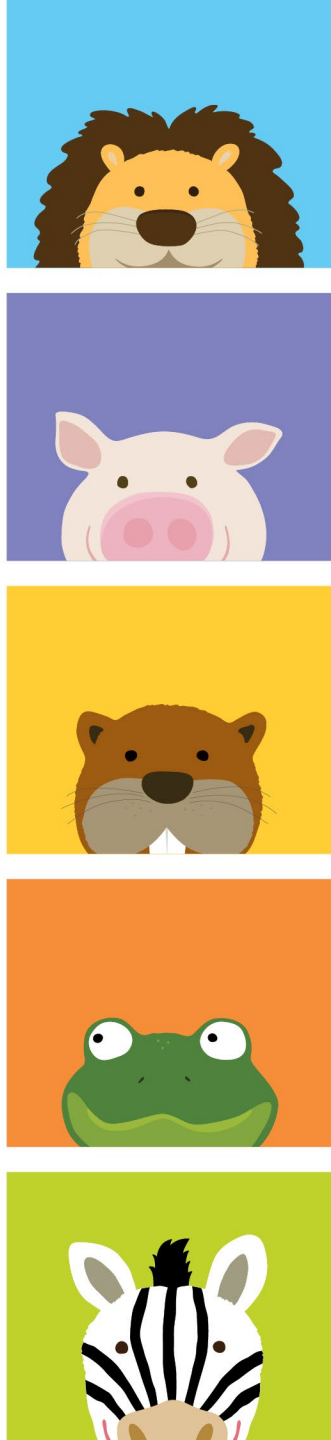
Rebekah O'Connor, DO

- **Medical School:**
- Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
- Wheaton College
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- There are many things, but across the board, the people are one of the consistent pieces that make it the place it is. Between the attendings, residents, other staff, and patients, it is a wonderful place to work and train. They foster an incredibly collaborative environment, and I appreciate the support that it provides in helping develop residents into competent and compassionate physicians.



Ben Peters, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Des Moines University
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Truman State University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - When I was rotating here in the PICU during my 4th year of medical school, the people at Oak Lawn were welcoming and genuinely interested in my success. From residents to attendings to program leadership, everyone also seemed like they wanted to be here. The passion and goodhearted approach that members of the program have for creating pediatricians is the kind of excellence which makes me want to be a better doctor, a better friend, and a better human. We lean into each other, and the surrounding area's rich diversity, to give our patients a voice and a chance to heal in the hope they will go back and make their communities better. ACH-OL has a big heart; I wanted to be a part of that!



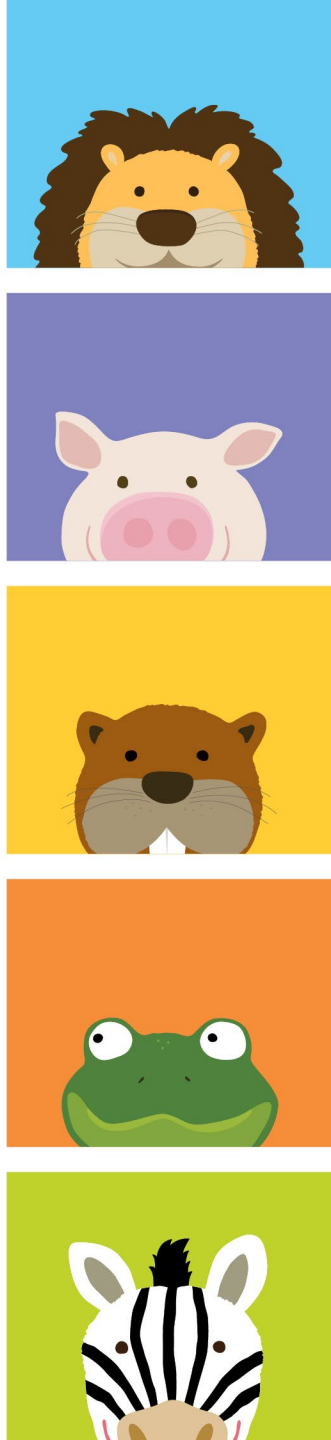
Samrita Sawhney, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Loyola University Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - What I love most about ACH-OL is without a doubt the people. Rotating here as both a third year and fourth year student, I was able to see the kinship among residents. I also saw that the attendings are genuinely invested in their resident's education and constantly rooting for their residents to succeed which really made me fall in love with this program. Furthermore, something that resonated with me about this program is the variety of patient pathologies seen on a daily basis and the diverse population I get the opportunity to work with day to day.



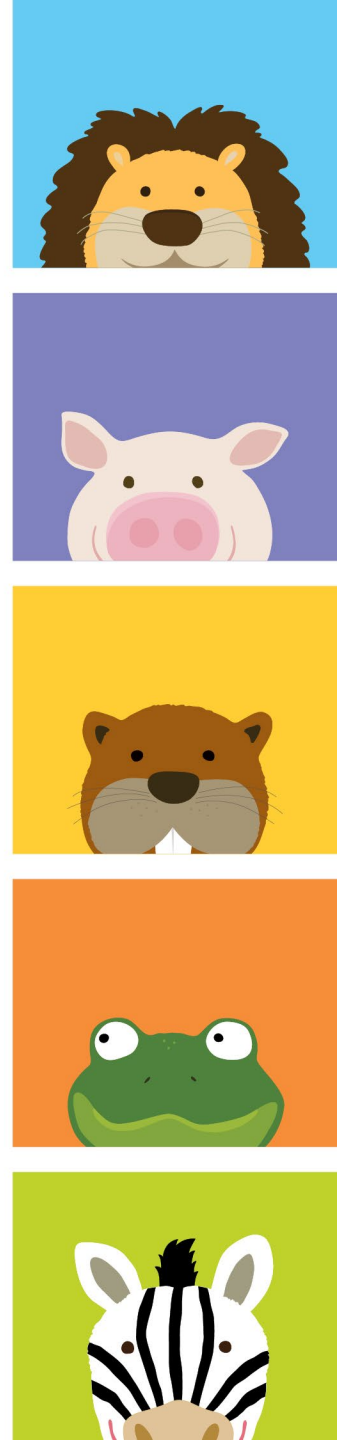
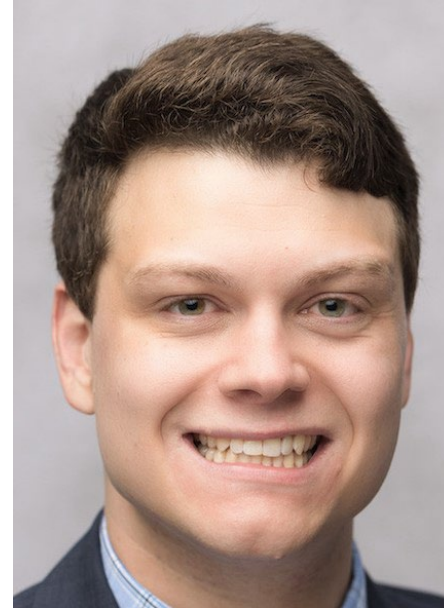
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John Wieser, MD

- **Medical School:**
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- **Undergraduate:**
- Washington University in St. Louis
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- I chose ACH-OL because of the wonderful, supportive community and diverse medical training opportunities!

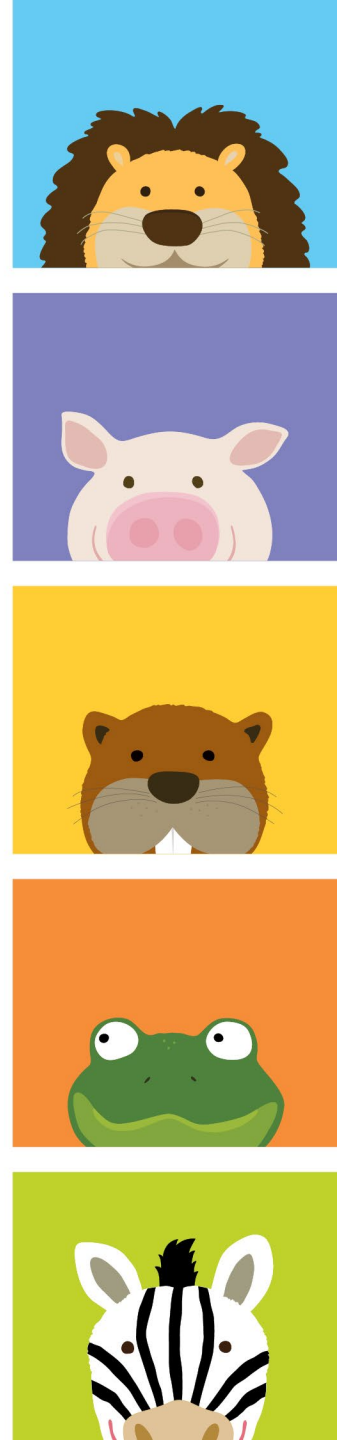




Class of 2025: PGY3

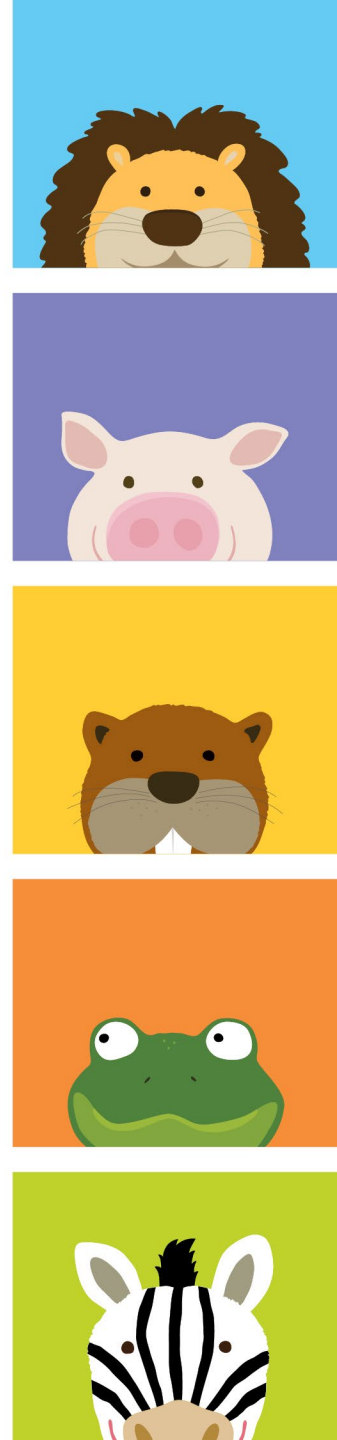
Amany Abunimeh, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Illinois at Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I love that I have the opportunity to treat a diverse patient population. Working with patients from many different backgrounds allows me to experience a wide range of pathologies while also gaining an appreciation for new perspectives. The children are always the best part, and everyone from the attendings to the nurses to the residents are very open and willing to help.



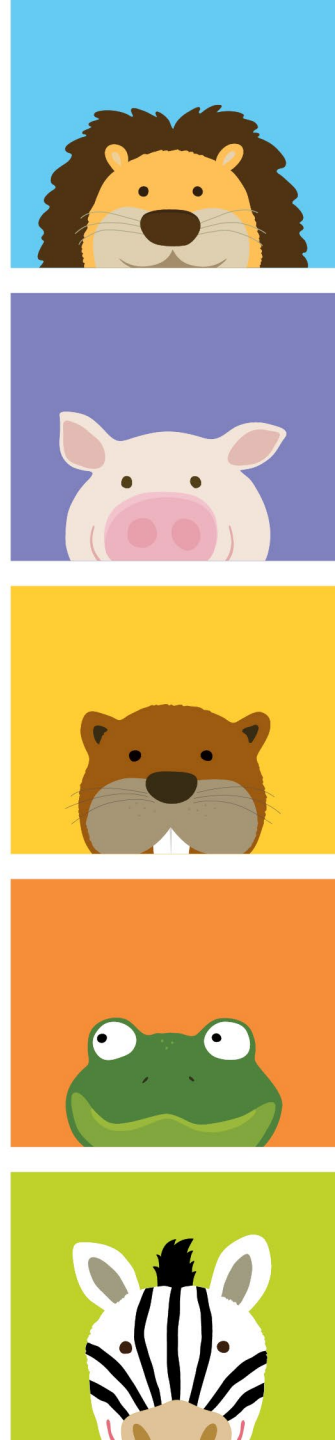
Rachel Alexander, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Calvin University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I like feeling supported as I step into my new role and receiving encouragement to grow and gain confidence!



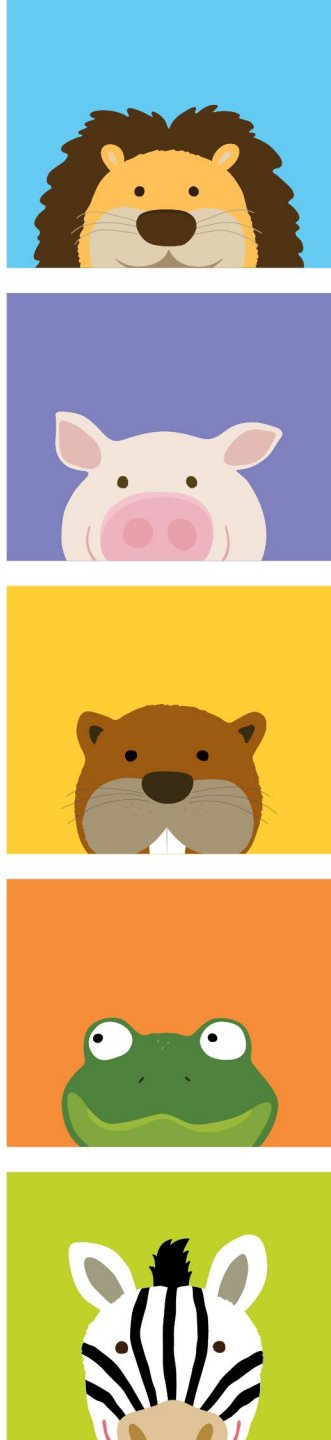
Yetunde Badmus, MD

- **Medical School:**
 - University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Toledo
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - The community, the people and the atmosphere of constant support and good humor. I also appreciate that the impression that I got during the interviews translated to what I see daily at work.



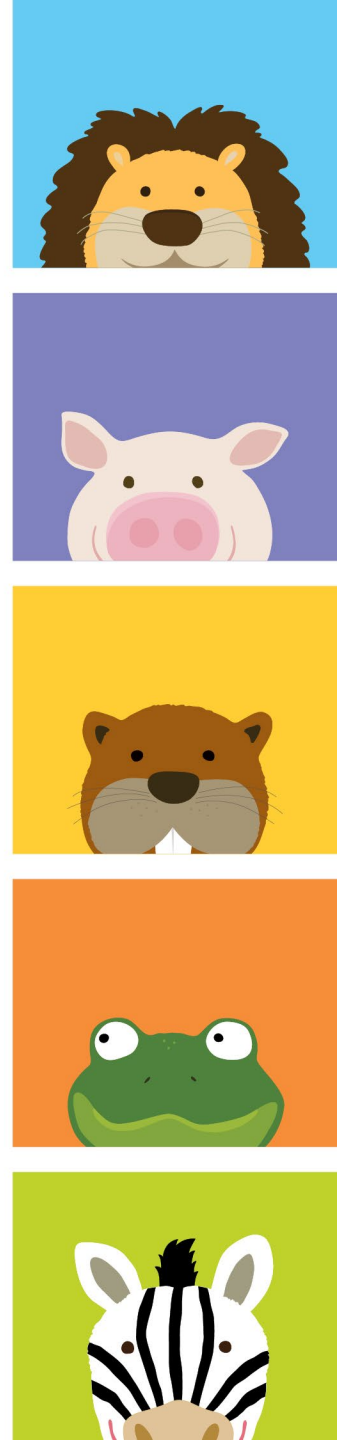
Aishwarya Bhaskar, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Loyola University Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - The sense of community and positivity where everyone goes above and beyond to help each other out. Our patients rock! We see such a diverse group of kids with unique backgrounds and pathologies! I also love how ACH-OL is close in proximity to the best city in the world (Chicago)!



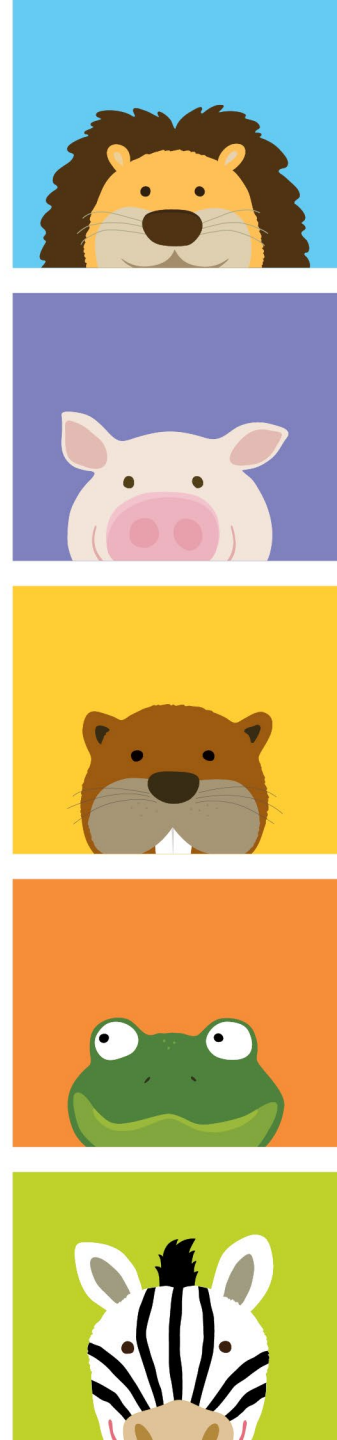
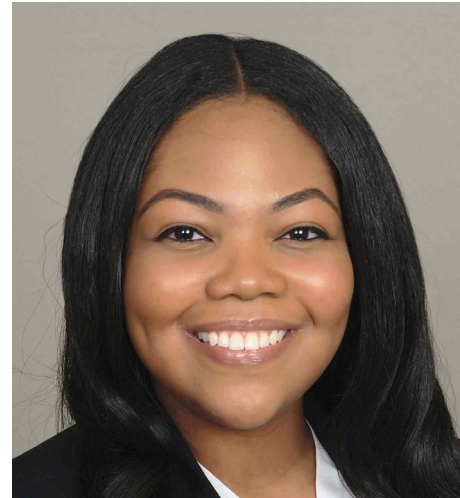
Ally Bochenek, MD

- **Medical School:**
 - University of Illinois at Chicago – Rockford
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Saint Xavier University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - The community. I feel supported on every level in all my experiences. Whether it be my senior resident, the attending, a consultant, I feel supported by everyone who has my best interest at heart and trying to make me a better doctor. We are able to form such strong personal and professional relationships and really maximize the residency experience because of it.



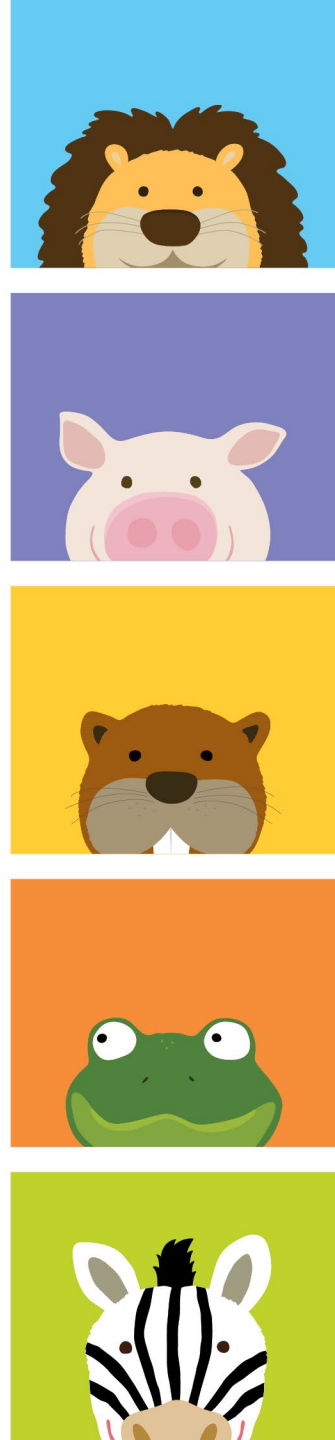
Diamond Brown, MD

- **Medical School:**
 - Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I love ACH-OL's diverse patient population because it provides ample opportunity for learning, in addition to outreach and advocacy! The residents, attendings, and staff are very supportive, which helps create a safe learning environment. Excellent patient care is top priority at ACH-OL, and I'm lucky to be a part of such a great program!



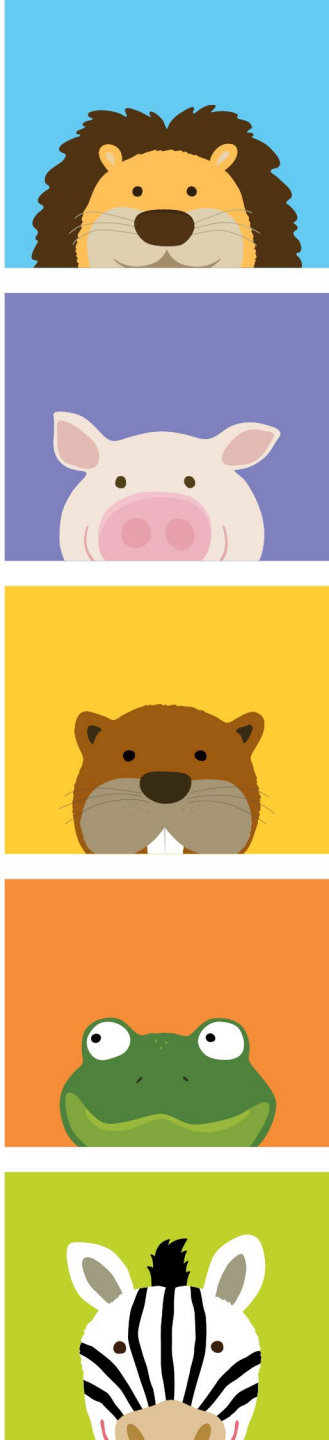
Jessica Budiselic, MD

- **Medical School:**
- Saint James School of Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
- Simon Fraser University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
- I have felt nothing but support from my colleagues, chiefs, and attendings since day one. At the end of my first week, I had already seen a vast array of pathologies, some of which I had never heard of. I also appreciate the level of diversity in the patients and staff I get to interact with on a daily basis. ACHOL has really built a culture of collaboration and I truly feel like a valuable member of the team.



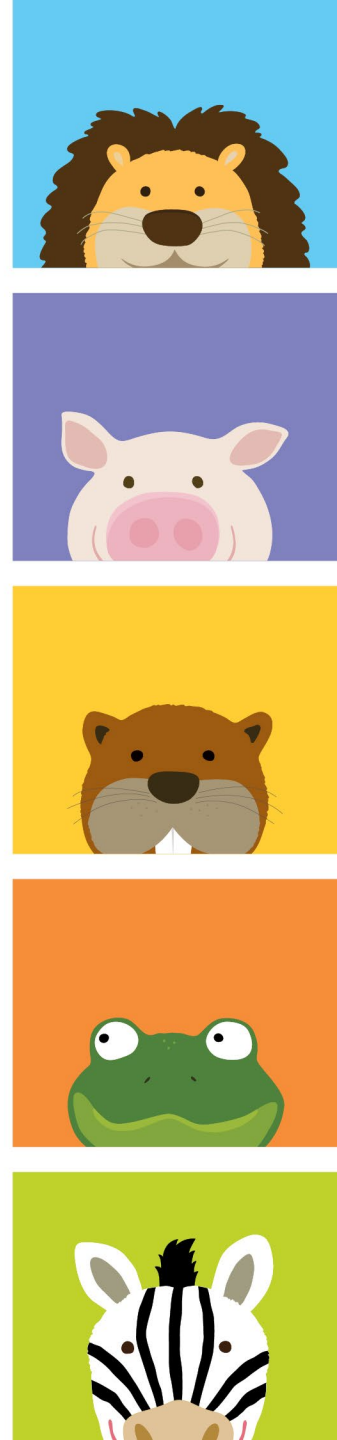
Seth Johnson, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Azusa Pacific University
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - Everything! There is brilliantly knowledgeable and wise staff who are consistently kind. Attendings are always ready to teach. The residency culture here at ACH-OL is so supportive; the residents really care for each other! Also, the size and location of the children's hospital finds a high level of diversity and large patient volumes while maintaining a close-knit relationship between residents, attendings, and staff.



Madiha Muqet, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Illinois Institute of Technology
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I had the opportunity to rotate a few times at ACH-OL as a student and what stuck out to me the most is how open to teaching and patient the entire medical staff was-- attending physicians, subspecialists, nurses, therapists. I knew I would be well supported during my training. In addition, Advocate Children's serves such a diverse population and has a busy service, which provides a wide breadth of patient presentations and plenty of interesting cases to learn from!



Daniella Owusuwaah, DO

- **Medical School:**

- Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

- **Undergraduate:**

- Miami University-Oxford, Ohio

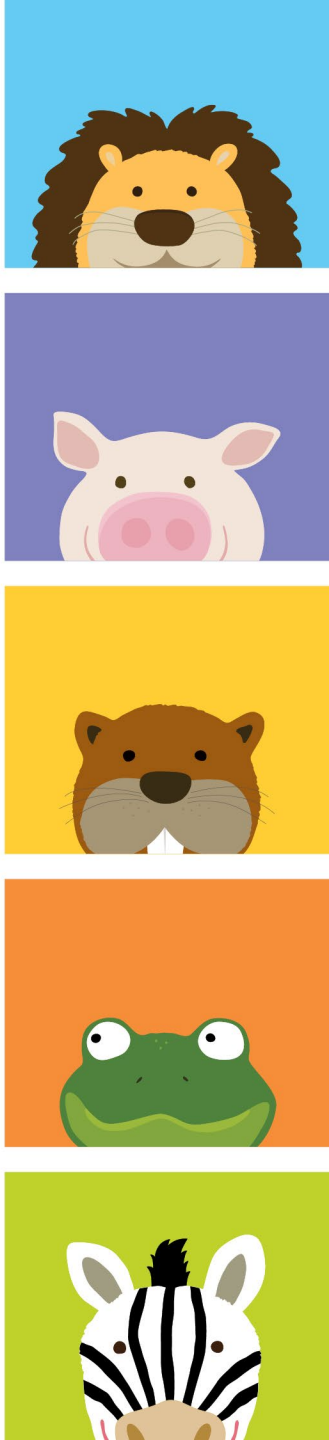
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**

- The people. The people. The people. Even through Zoom it was evident how much support they provide to their residents and how supportive residents were of each other. Moreover, the faculties dedication to teaching, the diverse patient population, the wide array of pathologies, and the opportunity to be at a program that will help mold me into a good doctor are some of the many reasons why I wanted to train at ACH-OL.



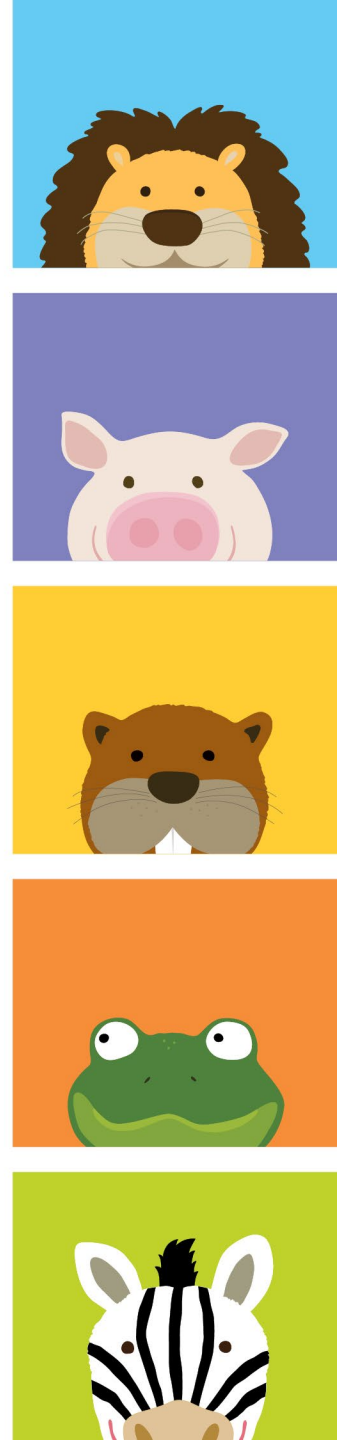
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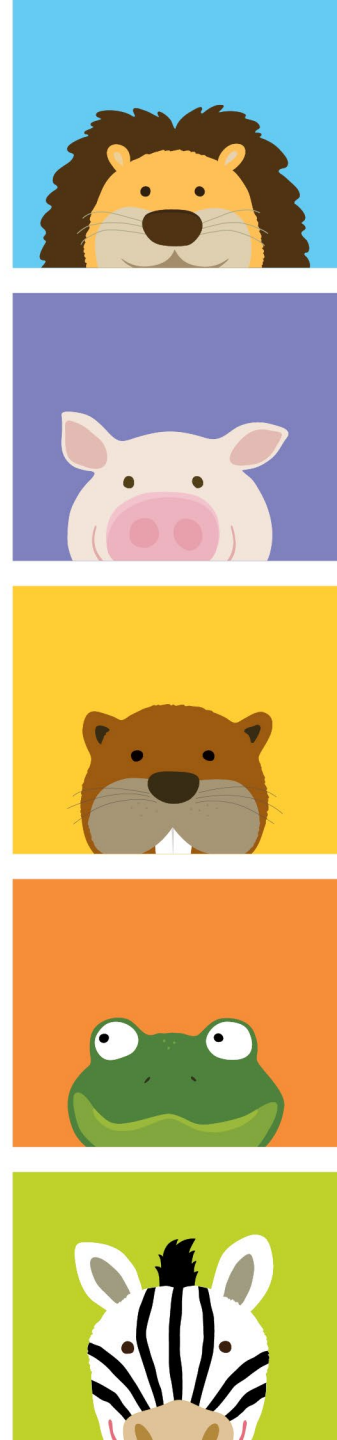
Lexi Tsang, MD

- **Medical School:**
 - Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin
- **Undergraduate:**
 - University of Illinois at Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - As a medical student, I had some rotations here at ACHOL and I absolutely loved how supportive everyone was. You can tell that everyone really loves what they do and it makes residency feel a lot more doable when you're surrounded by such wonderful people. Not to mention how they like to keep things fun, I'm a sucker for sweets and a good theme day!



Najla Zayed, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Loyola University Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I was really impressed by the diversity of patients at ACH-OL, and how the residents/attendings were sensitive to and valued people's backgrounds in their decision making. I knew that seeing patients from all different backgrounds would help me become more well-rounded, and ultimately the best pediatrician I can be.



Sylwia Zubek, DO

- **Medical School:**
 - New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine at A-State
- **Undergraduate:**
 - Loyola University Chicago
- **What I like about Advocate Children's Hospital - Oak Lawn:**
 - I was drawn to the program ever since I rotated in the NICU and GI during my fourth year because all the attendings were extremely passionate and approachable, embraced teaching, and all residents handled themselves with grace and supported each other like family. Intern year everyone was so welcoming, supportive, and passionate about teaching. I couldn't have made a better decision! Not only is ACH-OL one of the best children's hospitals due to its complex cases and large number of pathologies, but it is the perfect sized program to allow me to grow.

