

# THE DONUT HOLE

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The Donations & Designs Committee of the 2022 Medicare Class is thrilled to present the first issue of the 11th volume of our class newsletter, *The Donut Hole*.

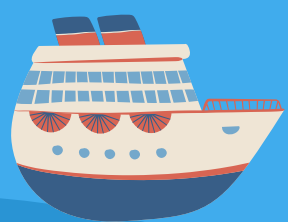
In this issue, we will introduce you to our 2022 Medicare Class and welcome our newest Part D faculty member, Dr. Andrew Haydon, back to the Medicare family. We will also reflect back at the hybrid outreach events from the 2021 season and highlight our favorite moments from the 10th annual Roast n' Toast. We will share our new mentorship program where Medicare class pharmacist alumni help Medicare students tighten up their CV, hone their interviewing skills, and provide career pathway guidance. This issue will also acknowledge all of the pharmacist preceptors who assisted us last fall and share plans for the upcoming year.

The 2022 Medicare Class appreciates your interest in *The Donut Hole* and continued support of our Medicare program. We are so excited to make our imprint on the wonderful program that previous Medicare students, staff and faculty have helped build. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter as much as we enjoyed putting it together. We hope to see many of you this fall!

Sincerely,

*Donations & Designs Subcommittee  
Medicare 2022*

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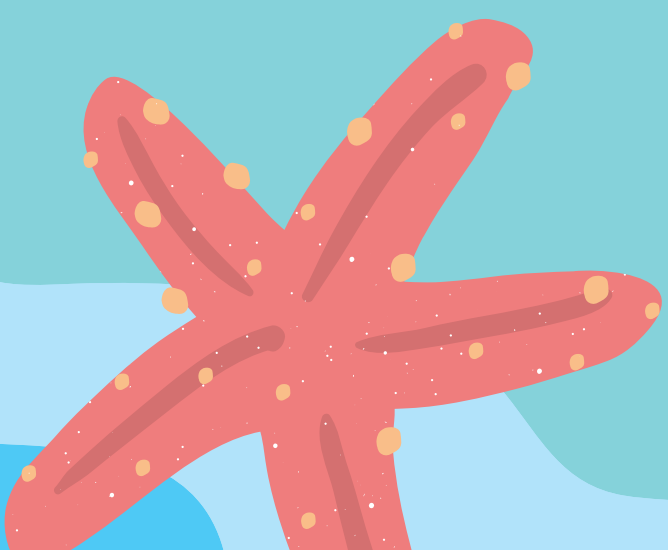
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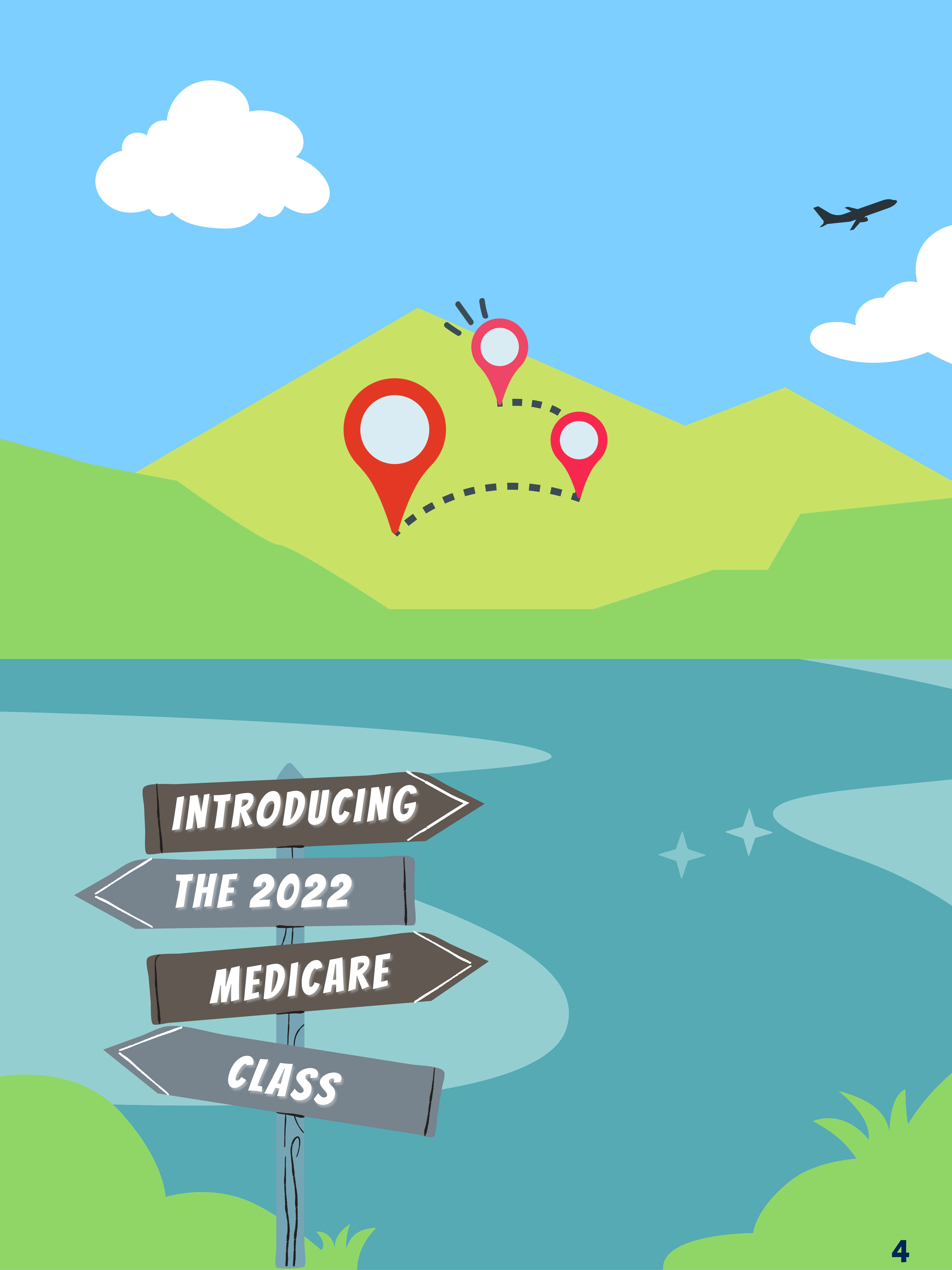


THANK YOU, PRECEPTORS!



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!









## Ethan Abes

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
Crushed takis and rice

What song best describes your life?  
The drowning music from Sonic the Hedgehog

Thousand Oaks, CA



## Alyssa Aspurias

What song best describes your life?  
Life is Good by Future ft. Drake

If you were not in pharmacy school right now, what would you be doing?  
I would be working as a clinical lab scientist

Stockton, CA



## Joanne Bamba

If you had to eat only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?  
Honey walnut prawns

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?  
Nate Archibald from Gossip Girl or Khaleesi from Game of Thrones

American Canyon, CA



## Anthony Bao

If you could be anywhere else in the world right now, where would you be?  
South Korea

What movie can you rewatch over and over?  
Tangled

Sacramento, CA



## Jade Bautista

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
Mac & cheese and ketchup

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?  
Zuko from Avatar: The Last Airbender

Tracy, CA

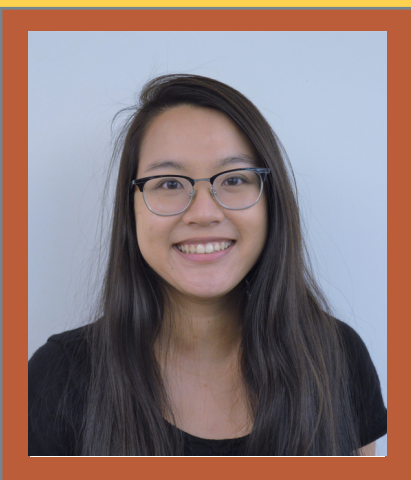


## Clara Chen

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
Spirited Away bathhouse

If you were not in pharmacy school right now, what would you be doing?  
Film/music production

Elk Grove, CA



## Michelle Chow

What movie can you rewatch over and over?  
Shrek 2

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?  
Genie from Aladdin so he could grant me 3 wishes

Walnut, CA



## Chelsea Del Rio

If you were not in pharmacy school right now, what would you be doing?  
Making lunchboxes for my parents :)

If you had to eat only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?  
Sopas (Filipino take on chicken noodle soup)

Chula Vista, CA



## Wendy Fang

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
Spaghetti and pickles

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
The Shrek universe

Fresno, CA



## Macy Gray

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
Bikini Bottom

If you were not in pharmacy school right now, what would you be doing?  
I 100% would be a detective

Cerritos, CA





## Michelle Ho

If you could meet any fictional character,  
who would you want to meet?  
**Clifford the Big Red Dog**

What movie can you rewatch over and  
over?  
**Pride and Prejudice**

Sacramento, CA



## Jisoo Hong

What fictional world or place would  
you like to visit?  
**Willy Wonka Factory**

What movie can you rewatch over and  
over?  
**Extreme Job**

San Jose, CA



## Jaquelyn Huynh

What movie can you rewatch over  
and over?  
**Corpse Bride**

If you were not in pharmacy school  
right now, what would you be doing?  
**I would be a professional tennis  
player**

San Jose, CA



## Sama Jasim

What song best describes your life?  
**Rollercoaster by Jonas Brothers**

If you had to eat only one food for the  
rest of your life, what would it be?  
**Grapes!**

San Jose, CA



## Anthony Jiang

What song best describes your life?  
**Stayin' Alive**

If you had to eat only one food for the  
rest of your life, what would it be?  
**Grilled chicken**

Santa Rosa, CA



## Jae Won Kim

What song best describes your life?  
**Self Care by Mac Miller**

What movie can you rewatch over  
and over?  
**Dead Poets Society**

Irvine, CA



## Cynthia Lai

If you could be anywhere else in the  
world right now, where would you be?  
**Japan**

If you were not in pharmacy school  
right now, what would you be doing?  
**News broadcaster or journalist**

Elk Grove, CA



## Victoria Lam

If you had to eat only one food for the  
rest of your life, what would it be?  
**Dumplings**

If you could meet any fictional character,  
who would you want to meet?  
**Jim from The Office**

Millbrae, CA



## Olivia Laprade

What is your favorite strange food  
combination?  
**Carrot sticks and lemonade**

What song best describes your life?  
**Awkward Silence - Stray Kids**

Vallejo, CA



## Teresa Le

What movie can you rewatch over and  
over?  
**Harry Potter (any of the 8)**

If you were not in pharmacy school  
right now, what would you be doing?  
**Probably start my own business  
(professional organizer or manage a  
bunch of Airbnb properties)**

San Jose, CA





## Kyle Lee

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
Ice cream on two slices of white bread

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
Hogsmeade

Pacifica, CA



## Bryant Li

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
Eating goldfish with milk (like cereal)

What song best describes your life?  
My Way by Frank Sinatra

San Ramon, CA



## Abby Lok

If you could be anywhere else in the world right now, where would you be?  
In Antarctica waddling around with penguins :->

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?  
The Penguins of Madagascar

Stockton, CA



## Vince Luong

What song best describes your life?  
Jesus Take the Wheel by Carrie Underwood

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?  
Tinky Winky from the Teletubbies

San Francisco, CA

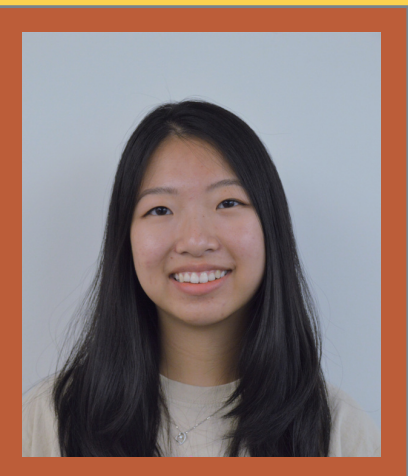


## Jessica Manalang

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?  
Kuzco from The Emperor's New Groove

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
Narnia

Elk Grove, CA



## Kathy Ng

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
Ketchup and rice

If you were not in pharmacy school right now, what would you be doing?  
I would have a cat

San Francisco, CA

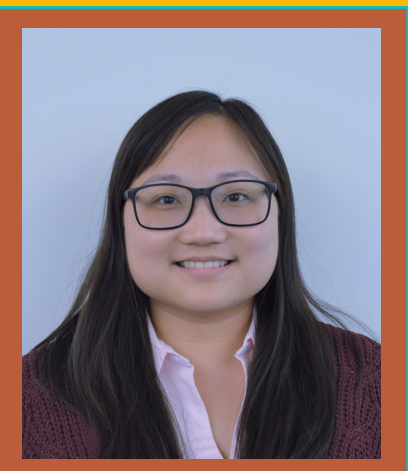


## Nancy Nghiem

If you could be anywhere else in the world right now, where would you be?  
With my dog

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
Willy Wonka Factory

San Jose, CA



## Alice Nguyen

If you could be anywhere else in the world right now, where would you be?  
On my bed sleeping

If you had to eat only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?  
Bun Bo Hue

Modesto, CA



## Amy Nguyen

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?  
Spencer Shay from iCarly

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
The World of My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic

San Jose, CA



## Jannet Nguyen

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
Strawberries and salt

What movie can you rewatch over and over?  
How To Train Your Dragon series

San Jose, CA





## Joey Nguyen

What song best describes your life?  
**Goodmood by Nabes**

If you were not in pharmacy school  
right now, what would you be doing?  
**Vlogging**

Irvine, CA



## Priya-Anjali Patel

If you had to eat only one food for the  
rest of your life, what would it be?  
**My mum's special pasta**

What fictional world or place would  
you like to visit?  
**Wakanda**

London, UK



## Allyson Pham

If you could be anywhere else in the  
world right now, where would you be?  
**Thailand**

What movie can you rewatch over  
and over?  
**Thor: Ragnarok**

Elk Grove, CA



## Carolyn Pham

If you could be anywhere else in the world  
right now, where would you be?  
**In sunny SoCal at the beach!!**

What movie can you rewatch over and  
over?  
**Forrest Gump but I would cry every time.**

Irvine, CA



## Felicia Pham

What movie can you rewatch over  
and over?  
**13 Going on 30**

What fictional world or place would  
you like to visit?  
**Pixie Hollow**

Milpitas, CA



## Vanessa Phan

What is your favorite strange food  
combination?  
**Banana and cheese**

What song best describes your life?  
**Dancing Queen - ABBA**

San Jose, CA



## Neel Prasad

If you had to eat only one food for the  
rest of your life, what would it be?  
**Burritos**

If you could meet any fictional character,  
who would you want to meet?  
**Spiderman**

Modesto, CA



## Ria Sheth

If you could meet any fictional character,  
who would you want to meet?  
**Willy Wonka**

If you were not in pharmacy school right  
now, what would you be doing?  
**Flying planes**

San Ramon, CA



## Heusny Sou

What song best describes your life?  
**"Take on the World" by You Me At Six**

If you were not in pharmacy school  
right now, what would you be  
doing?

**I'd want to learn how to become a  
professional chef!**

Long Beach, CA



## Amy Sun

If you could be anywhere else in the  
world right now, where would you be?  
**Iceland**

If you could meet any fictional character,  
who would you want to meet?  
**Mushu or the cricket from Mulan**

Castro Valley, CA





## Scott Thompson

If you could be anywhere else in the world right now, where would you be?  
**Super Nintendo World at Universal Studios Japan**

What movie can you rewatch over and over?  
**Scott Pilgrim vs. the World**

Fresno, CA



## Phi-Nhat Tran

What song best describes your life?  
**A-O-K - Tai Verdes**

What movie can you rewatch over and over?  
**Finding Nemo**

Carmichael, CA



## Chiron Tran

If you could be anywhere else in the world right now, where would you be?  
**The North Pole, so that I can find Santa Claus and ask him why he got me the wrong LEGO set for Christmas last year.**

If you had to eat only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?  
**I like fish, so I'd choose sushi... but I'll probably end up dying from mercury poisoning.**

Fremont, CA



## Michele Truong

What is your favorite strange food combination?

**Avocado but remove the pit and fill it with Asian toasted sesame dressing. Eat with spoon.**

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?

**Will Treaty from Ranger's Apprentice series (John Flanagan)**

Elk Grove, CA



## Frances Urani

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
**Cheese pancakes**

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
**Atlantis**

Hawthorne, CA



## Uyen Vu

If you could be anywhere else in the world right now, where would you be?  
**Bora Bora**

If you were not in pharmacy school right now, what would you be doing?  
**Opening a dog club where puppies can hang out and make friends**

San Jose, CA



## Ariel Wang

What is your favorite strange food combination?  
**Orange and plain yogurt**

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
**Neverland**

Pleasanton, CA

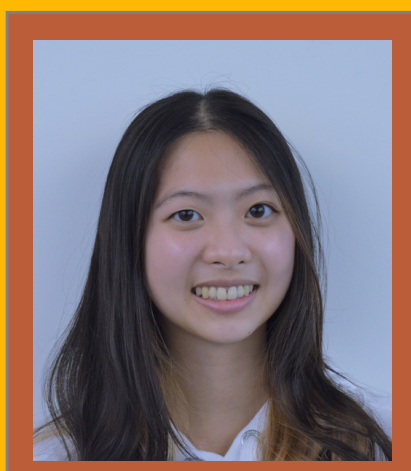


## Brittney Wong

If you had to eat only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?  
**Udon**

What fictional world or place would you like to visit?  
**Jurassic World**

San Gabriel, CA



## Sophia Wong

If you had to eat only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?  
**Carrots and goldfish**

If you could meet any fictional character, who would you want to meet?  
**Yoda**

Folsom, CA



## Laura Young

What song best describes your life?  
**Chaotic - Tate McRae**

What movie can you rewatch over and over?  
**50 First Dates**

Castro Valley, CA



# INTRODUCING



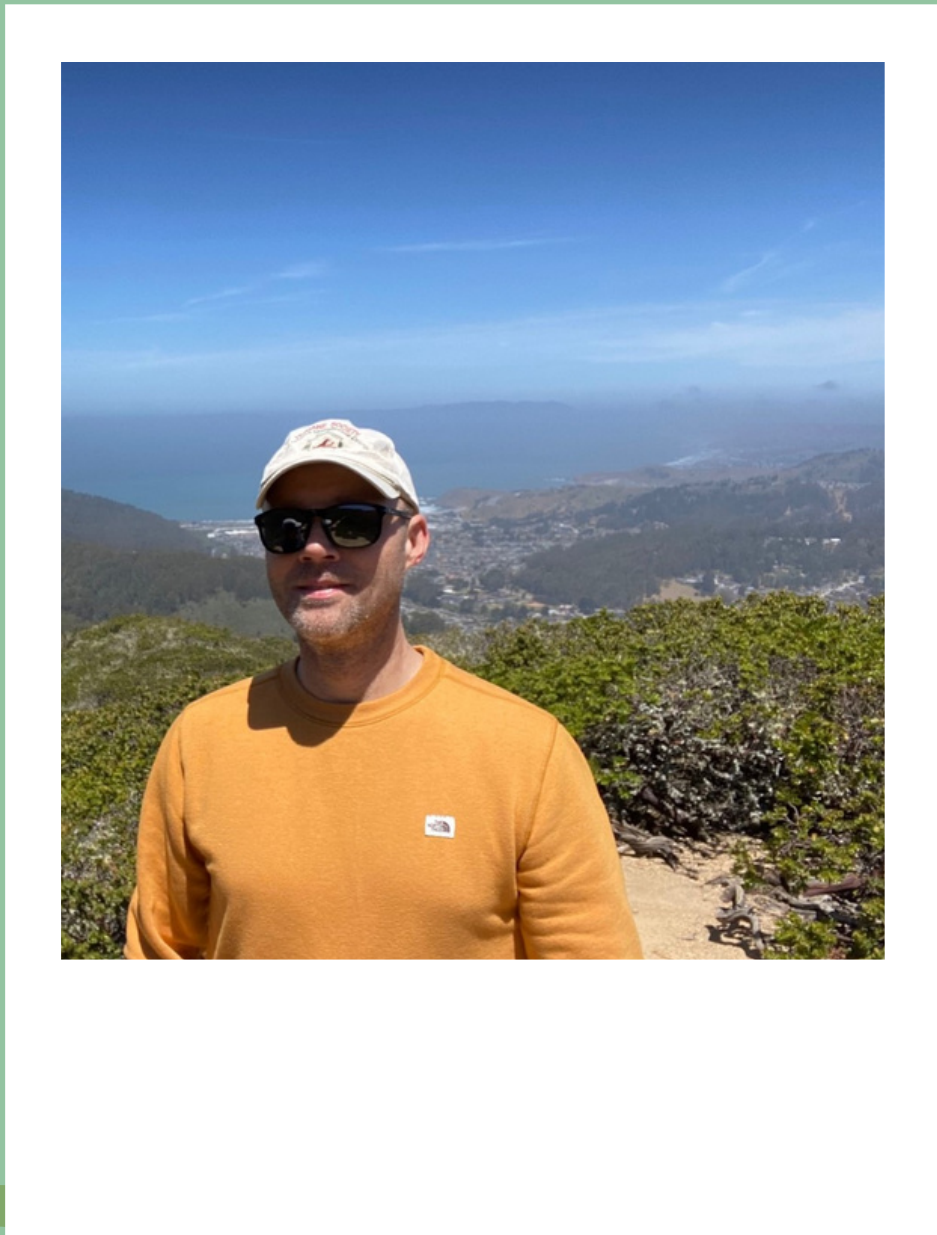
## DR. ANDREW HAYDON



The 2022 Medicare Class is delighted to welcome Dr. Andrew Haydon as the newest faculty member of the Medicare team. As a former Medicare student himself (2010 Medicare Class), Dr. Haydon has experienced firsthand the genuine impact that Medicare brings to patients, whether it is by helping seniors save money on their medications, reviewing their medications, or by providing proper care through health screenings and other services. Dr. Haydon expressed the profound influence that the Medicare program has had on his career and looks forward to joining the Medicare faculty to help underserved populations again.

Serving in the military as a flight medic for 13 years, Dr. Haydon brings forth a unique experience to the pharmacy table. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from California State University, Chico in 2002 and went on to earn his PharmD from the University of the Pacific in 2012. Dr. Haydon joined the UOP faculty in 2020 and is currently the Director of Professional Programs, where he focuses on enhancing student success through experiential education.





## LET'S GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DR. HAYDON:

**How was your experience as a past Medicare student? How did it impact your professional career before joining the faculty?**

"I think I was in the 4th Medicare class so I took the elective in 2010, so it was quite a while ago and the funny thing is at the time I didn't even realize that managed care pharmacy was even a thing. I just knew that when I left pharmacy school, Medicare was one of my favorite parts of pharmacy school: helping people save money, helping people understand their medications, doing health checks. Everything was built into one really cool clinic. So for the first few years after pharmacy school, I worked in compounding, in an independent pharmacy,

and moonlighted as a clinical pharmacist until I realized that you can do managed care for a living. I ultimately found myself working for a county health system in managed care as a managed care pharmacist and worked my way up to being the Director of Pharmacy and ended being there for 6 years. I think Medicare profoundly affected my career, whether I realized it or not. I never connected the dots until after a few years in the workforce. "

**What do you most look forward to about joining the Medicare faculty?**

"First and foremost, the mission of the group; there isn't a more honorable mission than making an effort to serve underserved populations. Whether that's in underserved communities or just seniors in general I think that's the thing I look forward to the most—being able to provide that genuine help to somebody that may not have another place to go. My parents have aged into Medicare since I was in pharmacy school. I have been able to help them through the system, knowing the intricacies and the technical side of it, even with the interface (Plan Finder Tool) is difficult. There's not a chance my parents could do it, let alone my grandparents. So, to be able to offer that help, that assistance that people need in order to not just select the right plan, but to be able to offer health benefits along with it, and services that make the person leave the health fair feeling better, and with a positive outlook for the year ahead when they select the right plan. We're able to get them the medications they need without breaking the bank."

**What has been the most fulfilling aspect of being a pharmacist?**

"The most fulfilling part of being a pharmacist is being able to help people and I've always throughout my career been complimented by patients because I can break things down into easy-to-understand tidbits. I always tell students in community IPPE or when I'm presenting that you've got to be able to speak in a way that people understand. If I start using medical jargon and I start speaking medical language that not everybody speaks, their eyes glaze over. Being able to speak in a way that patients understand and being able to genuinely help them so that when they walk away from the pharmacy counter or from a phone call or a meeting in managed care or a clinical setting, the patient leaves knowing something more about their health. That's really what being a pharmacist is about."



**What differences do you see in the way pharmacy school was structured when you were a student compared to how it is now?**

“I think the fundamental changes are in the structure of the curriculum. When I was in school, we didn’t have these ICS courses, everything wasn’t integrated all together. You just sort of had a therapeutics class and you had a physiology class, and they were disconnected throughout the curriculum. I think that taking and tying these courses together and making students understand the basics of a disease state and then going on further to talk about the applied therapeutics is a pretty neat change to the structure of the curriculum itself. When it comes to my time, believe it or not, when I was in pharmacy school, we had actual books too. I know a lot of stuff has gone digital. We did have the ability to take notes on the computer, but I chose a lot of times to take notes on paper as much of a dinosaur as that makes me sound like. I think that the digital impact on the way that education is delivered at our school has changed dramatically. When I think of the Medicare Part D program, I think it’s grown exponentially. I want to say when I was in the classroom, it was ~20 students, so just the class itself has grown pretty substantially with regard to the number of students, number of faculty, and as a result, the number of patients being served has grown proportionally as well.

**You mentioned that you served in the military for a period of time. What has that experience taught you and how has it affected your pharmacy career?**

“I actually served as a flight medic in the Air Force, which first and foremost exposed me to a lot of different parts of medicine that pharmacists don’t necessarily always get exposed to. I think, for me, it helped me grow as a person, which helped me be a better clinician and actually serving in the military prior to going into pharmacy has helped with maturity too. I entered pharmacy school a number of years older than most of my classmates, which in my opinion made pharmacy school a little easier because I wasn’t dealing with some of the other growing pains that other students were going through. From a career perspective, it did make me appreciate sort of a non-traditional career path within pharmacy. I could have never seen myself just standing at the counter at Walgreens filling prescriptions eight to ten hours a day, five days a week. There’s nothing wrong with a career at Walgreens. There’s a lot of people who love working in Walgreens. It just wasn’t for me.”

**With many years of experience in various different pharmacy fields, what advice would you give to pharmacy students who are still trying to figure out what route they want to pursue?**

“I like to tell students to explore and learn what’s out there. If there are educational things or events that you can go to that teach you about a certain aspect of pharmacy, go and explore them. If I had done that in pharmacy school, if I had known about AMCP, maybe I could have saved myself a couple years of my career and entered managed care a little earlier. Go and learn. Then once you’ve learned and now have an idea of what you might like, go and experience it. I tell my Comm 2 IPPE classes, don’t waste this experience, you might not think you can learn anything at a Walgreens but asking your preceptor about different aspects of it, maybe you like scheduling and doing the administrative side of it, maybe you like order input, maybe you really like insurance and you like to reconcile claims. That can happen in every single setting right, there’s learning opportunities everywhere, so seeking those out and trying to get experiences in those areas of pharmacy that you think you might be interested in, is good in every way.”



## What do you do for fun?

"I'm very much an outdoorsy person, so we do a lot of hiking, biking, or camping. For our vacation this summer, we're going to hike Half Dome. We do a lot of camping because I restore old Volkswagen buses. I'm actually restoring an old '68 Volkswagen bus right now in the garage. I love old classic cars. I've got an old '68 Camaro convertible that I've restored over the years. Up until earlier this year, one of my favorite pastimes was hanging out with my dog Charlie who actually went to pharmacy school with me. He was my study partner, but he actually got cancer and unfortunately passed away a couple of months ago after almost 17 years, which was tough. But I'm definitely a dog person."



## If you had to be part of a bike, what part would you be and why?

"If I had to be part of a bike, I would be the tires because that's sort of where all the action that is behind the scenes meets the surface of the road. It's the interface. I could have chosen the pedals, or the sprockets, or the chain, or anything. If you don't have tires, your bike is not going to run. So I've always liked being the sort of interface...the person in the program whether that's in managed care or whether it's teaching. Making the interface to students to help them learn, trying to forge forward and understand things. So as odd as that may sound, I choose a chunk of rubber on that bike."

## What do you think makes the Medicare class a unique experience for students?

"There are a lot of things but I think it opens the door to potential interactions that students might not have in pharmacy school otherwise. How often would you have gone into the Medicare Plan Finder tool or met with a senior one on one? Or provided a screening service or MTM service to a patient that is not affiliated with the school? It really provides a unique opportunity for learning in that you're doing things that you wouldn't be doing otherwise. You provide a service that genuinely makes a difference. This gives you the opportunity to make a difference in the day to day life of an individual. So it's not just working as a team or as an individual student, but you're providing a service to somebody that genuinely makes their life better, so I think that's probably the most unique thing about it. It also opens your eyes to different career paths like managed care, ambulatory care, or some other route that you might not have considered or been exposed to."



# MEDICARE 2021 STATISTICS

For the first time in our program's history, the 2021 Medicare class implemented a hybrid approach where both in-person and virtual events were provided to the community. The resumption of in-person events was cheered by many and patients were happy to receive the breadth of health screenings and services that were available while also interacting with the pharmacy students. However, to best accommodate the needs of our community, we did retain several virtual events which were necessary or desired by those who were assisted that lived outside our normal service area, had transportation or mobility difficulty, or did not feel comfortable venturing out. This page contains some aggregate statistics for last fall's Medicare events.

TOTAL OUT OF POCKET  
COST SAVINGS:

**\$768,726**

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
PATIENTS ASSISTED:

**952**

TOTAL NUMBER OF IN-  
PERSON EVENTS:

**7**

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
VIRTUAL EVENTS:

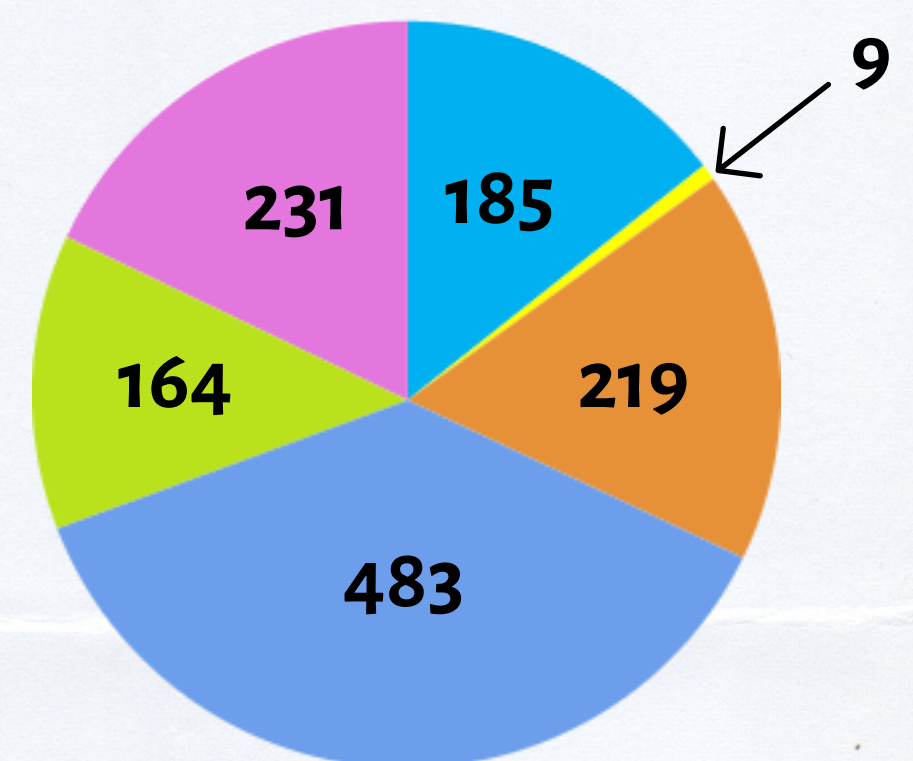
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DIFFERENT NUMBER OF  
CITIES SERVED:

**4**

HEALTH SCREENINGS/  
SERVICES UPTAKE:

**1072**



- BMD
- Narcan
- Diabetes
- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Vaccines

Last fall, for the first time since the pandemic, we were able to host in-person Medicare events! The Medicare class took an abundance of safety precautions during these in-person events to ensure the well-being of all participants, students, pharmacists and other volunteers.





# MENTORSHIP TO STUDENTS

Earlier this year, Irene Chia (then a 3rd year student) reached out with a suggestion to start a new initiative aimed at supporting current Medicare students. With an increasingly competitive marketplace for jobs, residencies and fellowships, the goal was to better position our students for future success. So, we thought of two opportunities that might benefit them:

1) CV review and Mock Interview with a Medicare pharmacist alumni who has experience in an area of interest to the student

2) Mentorship opportunity whereby the Medicare pharmacist alumni would routinely engage with the student to help guide and support them longitudinally.

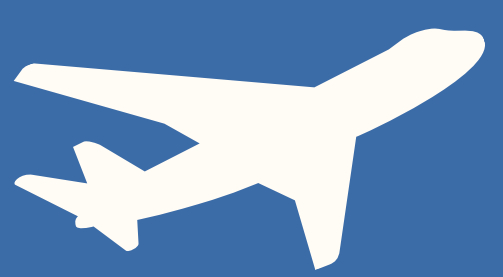
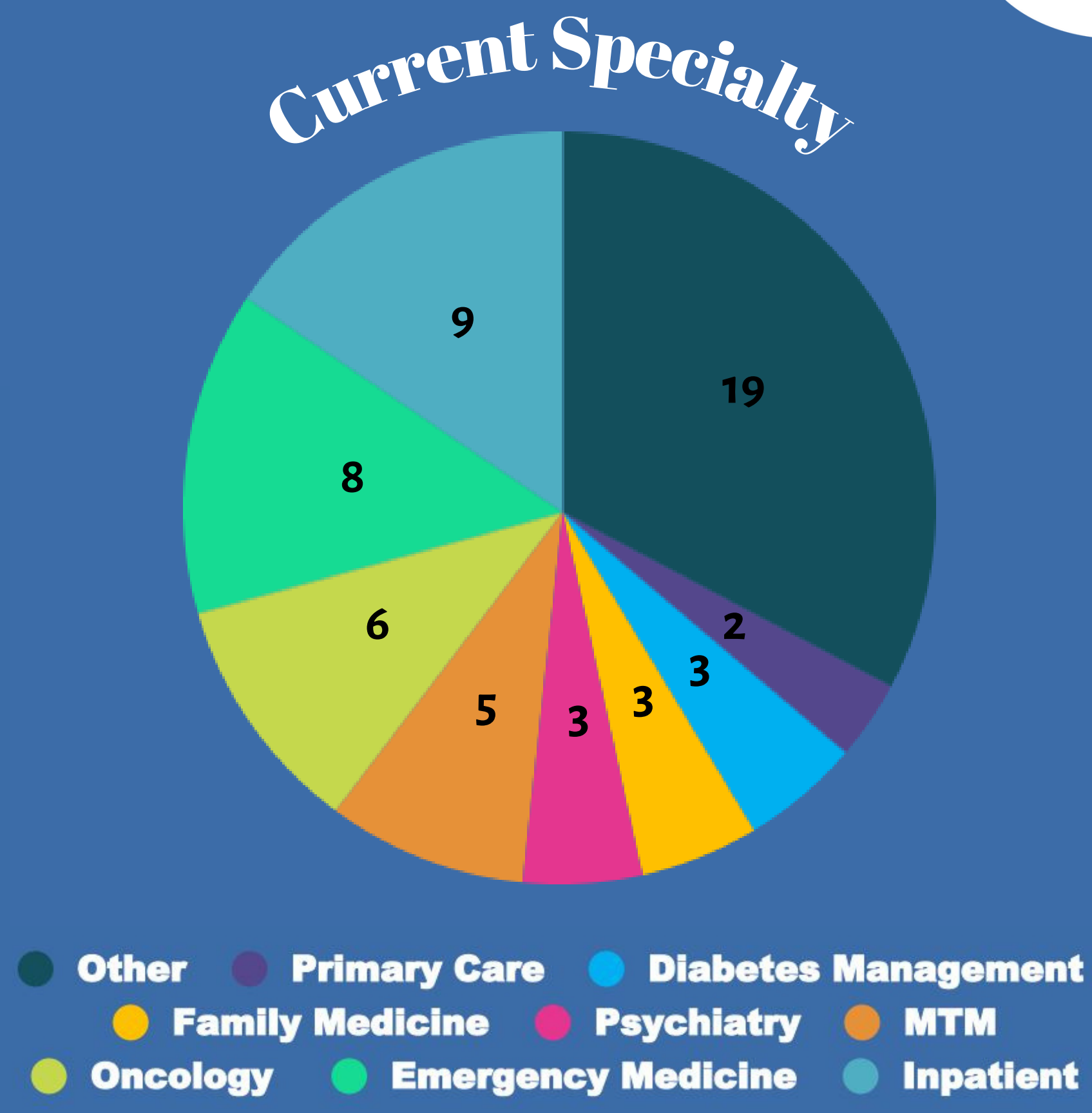
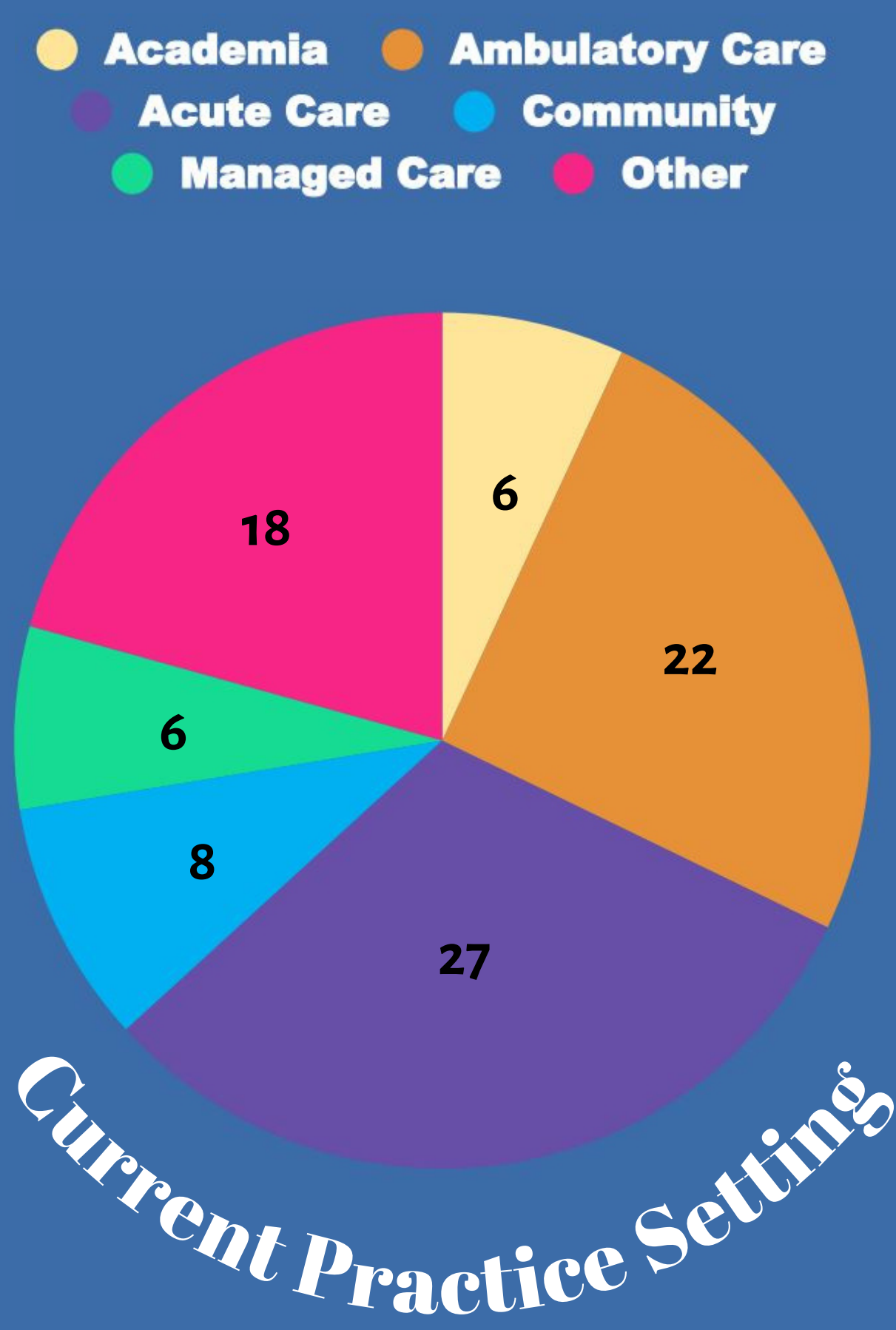
We next reached out to Medicare pharmacist alumni to gauge their interest in participating in either of the aforementioned initiatives. In total, 67 pharmacists expressed their willingness to help out. A little about those pharmacists can be found on the following page.

And with that began six weeks of intensive planning for the CV review and mock interview in which, Irene was joined by fellow then 3rd years Emilia Abdollahian and Mai Her Thao, along with Drs. Patel and Ranson to:

- Send pharmacists suggested interview questions
- Schedule mock interview sessions that were conducted virtually between student/pharmacist pair
- Pertain logistical planning
- Pair interested students (based on expressed career pathway interest) with pharmacist alumni
- Collect students' CVs and send them to their assigned pharmacist ahead of the mock interview



# MEDICARE ALUMNI MENTORS - WHO THEY ARE



## MENTORSHIP - CV REVIEW AND MOCK INTERVIEW

The first step was the CV review and mock interview portion. In total, 28 pairs of students/pharmacists participated in one of the four virtual sessions (see pairing list on next page). We were thrilled that we had at least one pharmacist from every eligible Medicare class (going all the way back to 2007), except 2014 (just saying), to assist us with the mentorship activities.

On the day of the event, participants were provided an overview of the event's schedule, assigned to breakout rooms, mock interviews were conducted and students were then provided feedback on their interview session, their CV, and an open discussion was held. The event was well received by students and pharmacists alike!

We hope to continue to build on this new initiative and will next roll out a formal mentorship program early this summer. Stay tuned!

# Mentorship Pairs

## Student

## Pharmacist (Medicare Class Year)

Klara Kim	Dr. Chris Dold (2007)
Celine Shen	Dr. Nisha Zala (2007)
Allyson Chan	Dr. Mina Lee (2007)
Janice Vang	Dr. Janjri Desai (2008)
Michelle Chau	Dr. Poonam Gandhi (2009)
Sam Chan	Dr. Tammie Chau (2010)
Samantha Seto	Dr. Emily Tong (2010)
Renee Stutz	Dr. Alyssa Wu (2011)
Rachel Torres	Dr. Peter Lai (2012)
Tanner Weaver	Dr. Liz van Zyl (2012)
Kathleen Gani	Dr. Benicia Ortiz (2012)
Mimie Truong	Dr. Thuan Tran (2013)
Athena Hagan	Dr. Christopher Joe (2013)
Jessica Wei	Dr. Tobi Knepler-Foss (2015)
Michelle Tang	Dr. Gabby Reyes (2015)
Bill Zhang	Dr. Victor Loi (2015)
Regina Tran	Dr. Jamie Legaspi (2016)
Chou Hang	Dr. David Chayka (2016)
Allison Park	Dr. Sheel Patel (2017)
Purav Mehta	Dr. Sharon Bae (2018)
Maddie Son	Dr. Sarah Trinh (2018)
Djamila Belarbia	Dr. Irene Li (2018)
Ashly Nham	Dr. Ida Lam (2018)
Carly Brent	Dr. Shirley Wong (2019)
Emilia Abdollahian	Dr. Lucas Harjono (2019)
Justine Do Huynh	Dr. Alison Truong (2019)
Starr Vang	Dr. Ashley Guanzon (2019)
Sean McNary	Dr. Yesenia Gutierrez (2019)



# ROAST N' TOAST

**Lights, camera, action!** This year's 10th annual Roast n' Toast gave Medicare students past and present the opportunity to stroll into the night on the red carpet for an evening full of elegance, reconnecting with friends, celebratory toasts, and perhaps most importantly, roasts.

With this annual tradition returning to being in person for the first time in three years, 3rd year Medicare students just hours away from graduation returned to campus and were joined by 1st and 2nd year Medicare students, alumni, staff, and faculty to celebrate their achievements and use their long sought after opportunity to roast Dr. Patel. The theme of the evening was "Elegance" and boy did everyone arrive dressed to impress. The paparazzi were busy capturing the stars who were dressed to the nines. The event began with a mingling period where hugs and exciting reunions were cherished and words of congratulations and encouragement were heard. Everyone enjoyed the Greek food from Go Falafel, cake pops from M&W Dutch bakery, and let's not forget the sparkling apple cider at every table!

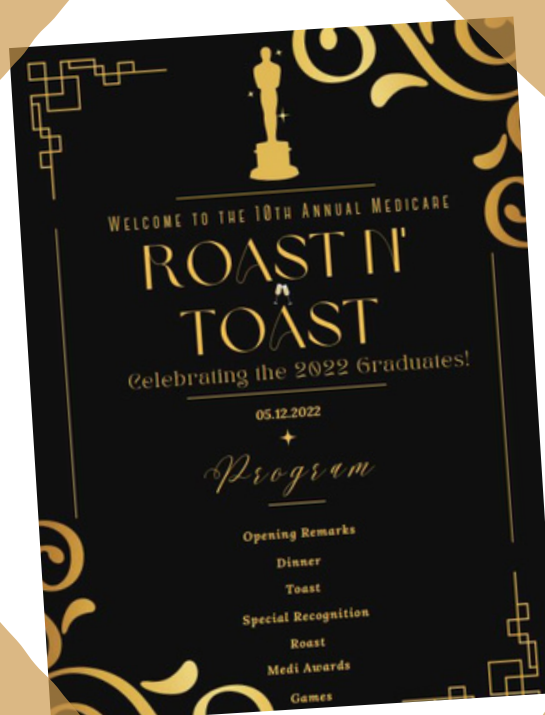


2020 Medicare Class Photo



Once everyone had their fill of the spectacular celebratory dinner the night moved to acknowledge Dr. Petrus Nguyen-Tu for not 1, not 2, but 3 special awards and recognitions: Healthcare Outreach Preceptor of the Year, Adjunct Faculty, and Medicare Mafia. As if he was not decked out enough with all these recognitions, he went on to receive one more after the Roast n' Toast for Preceptor of the Year for the San Jose Region. He truly is an amazing role model and Medicare alumnus whom all of us should strive to be like.

The student recognitions of the night began with heartfelt toasts to celebrate the resilience of our 3rd year colleagues through the adversity of navigating through the majority of their pharmacy education virtually during the pandemic. These individuals truly set the bar high by using their innovation and caring nature to ensure the continuation (through virtual Medicare health fairs) of the amazing work done by UOP's Medicare Outreach Program in the midst of a pandemic. After warming our hearts with these congratulations, it was time to tickle our funny bones with some hilarious roasts of Dr. Patel. Dr. Ranson kicked off the roasts with a memory of when she was out to dinner with Dr. Patel and his wife. The discussion of favorite books came up and long story short Dr. Patel, a man with two Bachelor degrees, a PharmD, and a PhD, could not contain his laughter at the word "doody". (Editorial Notes: My favorite book is Superfudge by Judy Blume....Carly heard 'Superfudge by Doody Blume'....and she thought that it made perfect sense for someone named Doody to write a book titled Superfudge...of course I lost it!)





# ROAST N' TOAST



Dr. Ranson's roast gave the graduating class the dose of courage they needed to come forward with their own roasts. Kyle Vo recounted his time in the technology subcommittee during the switch from in-person to virtual learning and how happy he was Dr. Patel wasn't leading the subcommittee because of his lack of technological 'savviness'. Although Kyle did make a good point that Dr. Patel's technological abilities are so low that if he could understand the new online processes the class was implementing, there would be no problem when it came time for Medicare beneficiaries to use it. He went on to comment on Dr. Patel's very *artistic* and *thoughtful* drawing skills. Irene Chia shared a heartfelt roast wishing Dr. Patel would spend more time with his family and less time emailing the class at 1 o'clock in the morning. Parth Butani roasted Dr. Patel on several things, most notably how insulted he was when he was mistaken by a student for the latter, as Parth has a full head of hair.

Before the night ended, Drs. Patel and Ranson brought back the Medis, fun awards given to Medicare students. As a surprise to Dr. Patel, his daughter Raya received the "Showstopper" award for being the best all around performer during Zoom class/meetings...she would often sing songs, educate about dinosaurs or unwittingly reveal family secrets. Award categories and recipients can be found on the next page.

**Snap! Flash!** To end the night, photo booths with props were set up for fun photos with old pals and graduating students received their special celebratory gifts with a mystery pill (which was a small capsule that contained a scroll with well wishes) they were told not to consume (although, that might have made some of them want to ingest it more). As warm laughter went on through the evening, with current Medicare students starting to think of their own roasts, and graduating Medicare students looking back on the fun memories they made in pharmacy school, everyone enjoyed the company of friends and looked forward to what the future has in store. Let's all congratulate once more the AMAZING 2020 Medicare class who just graduated as they travel to their new adventures!





# MEDI-AWARD + RECIPIENTS



## **The Talent Agent**

Most likely to have a hidden talent/skill

**Kenneth Dela Cruz**

## **The People Pleaser**

Most likely to volunteer for things even when there is no free time to give

**Jessica Wei**

## **The Slim Shady Award**

“Hi! My name is...” Most likely to introduce himself immediately when entering a zoom room

**Jonathan Tran**

## **The Icebox Award**

Most likely to be wearing a warm jacket on a hot day

**Willie Yip**

## **The Picture Perfect Award**

Most likely to be on time and photo ready at any even

**Carly Brent**

## **The Blue Jay Award**

Most likely to make you miss your meeting

**Tiffany Vu**

## **The Navigator**

Most likely to need a map to find where they parked their car

**Rachel Torres**

## **Destiny’s Child Award**

“Say my name, Say my name” Student who confused everyone on whether to use the first or last name

**Irene Chia**

## **Mr. Faker Award**

Student most likely to be a part of the wrong organization

**Tuan (John) Pham**

## **The Casper Award**

Student most likely to need to remind Dr. Prasad that he’s in his subcommittee

**Joel Katsumata**

## **The Mr. Roboto Award**

Most likely to design bots to handle daily chores

**Kyle Vo**



# MEDI-AWARD + RECIPIENTS



**The Rose Nylund Award**  
Most likely to believe the most unbelievable

Erika Wang

## The MVP

Most likely to be the driver behind the scenes, but not want to be the spokesperson

Soo Yeon (Stacey) Kim

## Most Composed

Most likely to keep their cool even when everything is a mess

Jocelyn Cheung

## Most EXCEL-lent

The Excel guru who should be hired by Microsoft for their next big project

Nick Borja

## The Showstopper

Best all around performer (and the most likely reason students had to wait for a preceptor)

Raya Patel

## Ms. Medicare

Best Female Representative of the Medicare Class

Emilia Abdollahian

## Mr. Medicare

Best Male Representative of the Medicare Class

Justin Arnesto



Ms. Medicare  
Best Female Representative  
of the Medicare Class

Emilia Abdollahian

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Mr. Medicare  
Best Male Representative  
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Justin Arnesto

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Don Pham

Donna Cruz

Ed Rogan

Emilia Wolf

Emily Fok

Emily Tong

Emmellin Tung

Florence Tan

Genaro Solorio-Cisneros

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Michael Johnson- Young

Muzhda Rezai

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Pamela Wightien

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Shannon Wong

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Yesenia Gutierrez

Yi Yao

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Dr. Erika Wang  
Dr. Harriet Do  
Dr. Helen Kim  
Dr. Irene Chia  
Dr. Jaeyul (Jay) Song  
Dr. Jasmeen Sandhu  
Dr. Jennifer Jung  
Dr. Jessica Choi  
Dr. Jessica Wei

Dr. Jocelyn Cheung  
Dr. Joel Katsumata  
Dr. Jonathan Tran  
Dr. Justin Arnesto  
Dr. Justin Lee  
Dr. Justine Do Huynh  
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Dr. Michelle Chau  
Dr. Michelle Tang

Dr. Nick Borja  
Dr. Parth Butani  
Dr. Pauline Nguyen  
Dr. Pavani Ravikrishnan  
Dr. Pawan Kaur  
Dr. Purav Mehta  
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Dr. Regina Tran  
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Dr. Sandeep Shoker  
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Dr. Soyeon (Stella) Shim  
Dr. Stephanie Zeng  
Dr. Tiffany Vu  
Dr. Tuan (John) Pham  
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