

**FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM
RESIDENTS 2024-2025**

**3rd Years
Class of 2025**



Hira Ali, DO
Hometown: Los Angeles, California
Medical School: Midwestern University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

Academics, a kindhearted and generous community, the opportunity to explore my medical interests including advocacy, integrative medicine, medical Spanish, and underserved/global medicine. Most importantly, I was looking for a residency family, and I found it.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Poetry, Henna, languages, hiking, swimming, baking and cooking, finding new coffee places, video games, & working out.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I envision myself working part-time outpatient, maybe some shifts in urgent cares, volunteering at free health clinics and traveling for disaster relief. I've been considering a global medicine fellowship as well.



Andrew Farr, MD- Chief Resident
Hometown: Bakersfield, California
Medical School: Creighton University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I liked that the program's clinic is an FQHC. I also really enjoyed meeting the program's residents when I interviewed, and I like the curriculum.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Hiking, pickleball, learning languages, brewing beer, exercise/physical fitness, movies, and tech/computers.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I'll likely be heading back to California for private practice.

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Daniel Fu, DO- Chief Resident

Hometown: San Francisco, California

Medical School: Midwestern University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

When I was applying, I felt that Creighton Phoenix offered the perfect mix of a community and academic residency program. Seeing that the program was based out of a community hospital, I felt like I would be exposed to a wide breadth of medical conditions. Looking at the faculty, I could see a healthy mix of academic and corporate backgrounds that I knew I could seek for advice. And with the program operating under the Creighton umbrella, I could tell I would have wide variety of resources available to help me pursue my interests. Now that I'm a resident here, I would make the same choice again in a heartbeat.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Outside of medicine, I enjoy sports (Go, Warriors, 49ers, and SF Giants!), video games, and WWII history. I used to play the video games Team Fortress 2 and Counterstrike competitively in college.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I plan to pursue a sports medicine fellowship after graduation!



Sarah Goaslind, DO

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I love the people and the quality of the program; I haven't been disappointed in either one!

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Running, thrifting, spending time outside, DIY'ing, playing the piano, serving at church, hanging out with friends and family.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Currently, trying to decide this very question! Possibly a fellowship, but if not, mostly likely clinical work.

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Ritika Jain, MD- Wellness Chief
Hometown: Haridwar, India
Medical School: Temple University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I decided to join Creighton because, as cliché as this may sound, I truly felt that I had found my people when I interviewed. Everyone was super welcoming, supportive and interested in what I had to say when I interviewed. While being in the residency program, I have come to realize that first impression only touched the surface of how amazing this program is. The program is non-judgmental and fosters a sense of community and growth in its residents. We strive to provide our patients with the utmost best, considering their social determinants of health and how they affect their medical care. I am so genuinely grateful that I get to be part of such a wonderful, comprehensive, encouraging, and patient centered program.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

I absolutely love to travel and see new cultures, places, and gorgeous architecture. I have been to 48/50 states and 18 countries. I also have been on an interior decorating kick recently which has been super fun and I also love trying out different restaurants whenever I get the chance.

What are your plans for after graduation?

After graduation, I hope to stay in the southwest area and work in outpatient family medicine, providing comprehensive care from newborns to geriatrics. I can't wait to take all the important lessons I have learned from this fabulous program and apply it wherever I end up.



George Liow, DO – Wellness Chief
Hometown: Fremont, CA
Medical School: A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I felt like I got along great with the faculty and other residents here on interview day! Everyone was so kind and accommodating towards me. In addition to the welcoming atmosphere, I enjoyed that the faculty have a diverse set of interests that they can pass onto residents. There are so many wide ranges of skills that we can learn, ranging from outpatient procedures to addiction medicine to refugee care! I feel like the program lays a solid foundation to teach residents the skills they need to become confident clinicians after graduation.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

I enjoy playing electric and acoustic guitar and like to play pop, rock, and blues music. I also enjoy outdoor activities, particularly running, hiking, and also enjoy lifting weights at the gym. When I am not doing those two activities, you can often find me playing video games or collecting sneakers!

What are your plans for after graduation?

I plan to work in an outpatient primary care clinic after graduation seeing mainly adult patients. After a few years in clinic, I plan to also try to take on a leadership position, possibly in an administrative position.

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Mitchell Spencer, DO

Hometown: Mesa, AZ

Medical School: Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

Located in the idyllic oven of the United States, Creighton Phoenix provided an opportunity to pursue my passion of practicing family medicine while simultaneously baking cookies in my car.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Baking and sun-tanning

What are your plans for after graduation?

Staying and practicing in AZ as it's too cold everywhere else.



Eliran Zadikov, MD

Hometown: Israel

Medical School: AUC School of Medicine

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

The people and it's my hometown.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Cars, hiking, and cooking.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Urgent Care.

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Rosalind Chia, DO

Hometown: Vancouver, Canada

Medical School: Midwestern University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

There are many reasons! After doing a Sub-I, I've come to love the people, the culture, and learning environment. The program and faculty are all very supportive of residents in designing their own track and achieve the type of practice they wish to do after graduation.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Travelling, rom-com movies, Korean dramas, real-estate reality shows, soccer, volleyball, and any outdoor activities!

What are your plans for after graduation?

Hospital medicine and possible outpatient later down the road! Considering academic positions as well.



Christopher Kawata, DO

Hometown: Irvine, CA

Medical School: Midwestern University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I chose this program because of the supportive residents and faculty. There is a strong culture of residents willingly helping each other and creating a safe learning environment. The faculty are very invested in each resident's growth and guiding them to reach their career goals.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Basketball, baseball, music, sneakers.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I am interested in pursuing a fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Care. I hope to continue to work in an FQHC or similar setting.

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Vinson Liu, MD

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ

Medical School: Creighton University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

Phoenix is home. I was drawn to the camaraderie between the residents and the quality of attendings.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Basketball, staying active, and trying new things.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Fellowship in Sports Medicine



Kaloni Phillip, MD

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ

Medical School: University of Arizona COM Tucson

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

My parents were immigrants and when they came to Phoenix, they were directed to go to Maricopa County Hospital, now Valleywise Medical Center, where I was born. I am committed to service in underserved communities, and I couldn't think of a better place than the community I grew up in. Our program offers so many opportunities to work with a diverse population from various walks of life. I feel this program best fit my needs to become a well-rounded family medicine ready to work with any patient population in any setting.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

I love spending time with my husband, son, and family in Mesa. I also enjoy board games, reading, crocheting, musicals, and road trips!

What are your plans for after graduation?

I enjoy community medicine and women's health. I would like to work in a setting where I can continue to use both skills.

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Monty Salanoa, MD
Hometown: Hawaii
Medical School: Creighton University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I believe Creighton Phoenix takes its mission to serve the underserved seriously. During my interview, I got a real sense that the program cared about supporting its residents and ensuring that they had the tools to care for their patients.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Weightlifting, basketball, hiking, traveling.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Rural Medicine



Cameron Wagner, DO
Hometown: Fullerton, CA
Medical School: Kansas City University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I picked Creighton because of the population we serve. Our patients are underserved and struggle with a wide range of socioeconomic challenges. We are the only option for healthcare for most of these patients. They have complex needs, both medical and non-medical, that are a challenge for both provider and patient. I know this training will provide me the confidence to handle any medical condition my patients present with in the future, complex or not, and I'm so grateful I can help my patients now, as a resident, to get the care they need but would otherwise not get.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Doing absolutely anything with my wife, trying new restaurants, finding the best tacos in town, reading about US history and space.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I want to do primary care and focus on preventive medicine for all ages. I also want to work on the business administration side of the healthcare organization. I would like to work for a place with greater emphasis on primary care and look for opportunities to cut cost and improve quality.

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Tyler Wall, DO

Hometown: La Habra, CA

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

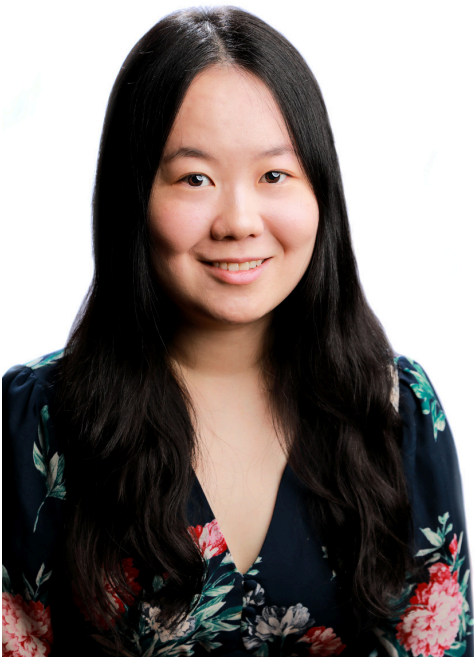
When looking at programs, we were hoping to stay in the West after living in Southern Utah for medical school. After interviewing with the program, I was impressed by the Program Director Dr. Jones and other faculty members as I felt they had my best interests as a resident physician. After being here a year, I think this program is well suited for physicians that want great experience in managing progressed chronic diseases in an underserved population.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

I'm a big family guy! I've been married for 7 years, and my wife and I have our hands full with our 2-year-old. Our biggest hobbies include having fun at the park, swimming, and watching a lot of Disney movies. Outside of that I like to golf, run, and watch as much college football as I can.

What are your plans for after graduation?

We plan on returning to our home community in Northern Utah to practice outpatient primary care.



Tina Xin, DO

Hometown: Shandong, China

Medical School: Midwestern University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I had a great experience here during my sub internship and loved working with the residents and faculties.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Karaoke, swimming, playing games with friends, traveling, searching for good food.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Outpatient Primary Care.

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Henry Chinyere, MD

Hometown: Kingman, AZ

Medical School: U of A Tucson

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

Top notch training, faculty, and co-residents!

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Staying active. Watching sports. Creative Arts.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Still undecided currently.



Jovanna Figueroa, MD

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ

Medical School: U of A Phoenix

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

Growing up in South Phoenix, I have a deep connection to the community served by the Valleywise South Phoenix Family Medicine Clinic. I even remember visiting this clinic as a teenager! Choosing Creighton was an easy decision for me, not only because it allows me to learn and practice medicine in my hometown but also because of the unparalleled camaraderie among residents and faculty. I feel incredibly fortunate to be in this position.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Talking about my cats, DIY projects, running, and true crime.

What are your plans for after graduation?

After graduation, I plan to continue working with underserved populations, either by jumping directly into practice or further specializing through a fellowship. My interests in addiction medicine, diabetes, and wound care will play a significant role in shaping my practice and future goals. One thing remains certain: having grown up in Phoenix, I am deeply committed to staying in this community and providing comprehensive and compassionate care to its residents.

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Connor Fordham, DO

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

Medical School: Northwestern University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

The incredibly kind people and the program's dedication to help the underserved.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Sports, sports, and more sports.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Sports medicine fellowship or work in primary care.



Carl Gustafson, DO

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

All the Residents and the attendings in this program are very nice and support one another. This program fosters a friendly and conducive learning environment that makes it easier and more fun to learn. As Always Roll Jays!

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Golfing, Snowboarding, Hiking, Food Enthusiast

What are your plans for after graduation?

Outpatient Medicine

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Kamaehu Matthias, DO

Hometown: New Jersey

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

When I did a Sub-I rotation here, I loved how the faculty interacted with the residents. I felt like the interactions between faculty and residents and between residents themselves always seemed to be collaborative and supportive. Residency is hard no matter what, but it's a lot more sustainable when you can go to work knowing that your coresidents and faculty have your back 100% of the time and that's the vibe I got from my time here as a student.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

I'm like a dog. I enjoy just about anything that involves a ball. Basketball, football, fútbol, baseball, cricket, you name it. I also am an avid Brandon Sanderson bookworm (go fantasy nerds). Other than that, my wife and I absolutely love doing anything with our daughter who rules our lives.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I'm passionate about sports medicine and am planning on applying to fellowships. When I grow up, I hope to be a university team doc.



Benjamin Mecham, DO

Hometown: Prescott, AZ

Medical School: NYITCOM

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I wanted to be close to home!

What hobbies/interests do you have?

I enjoy boardgames, fantasy fiction, anime, and educational YouTube channels.

What are your plans for after graduation?

At this stage, I only know that I want to practice in the Phoenix - Mesa area.

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Amy Soeun, MD

Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Medical School: Creighton Phoenix

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

I wanted to work with underserved populations and train at an FQHC. And of course, the people! I felt the friendly and welcoming culture at this program since I was a medical student, and I knew that I wanted to be a part of it.

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Thrifting, playing board games, bouldering, hiking, going to concerts, trying new restaurants, and cuddling my dog!

What are your plans for after graduation?

Outpatient medicine working with underserved populations focusing on women's health and preventative care.



Sagar Sudan, MD

Hometown: Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Medical School: St. George's University

Why did you pick Creighton-Phoenix?

The amazing staff and weather

What hobbies/interests do you have?

Sports, Sneakers, Biotechnology.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Work in an Urban Setting