

FALL 2021 CHAT WITH ALUMNI

FIRST GENERATION IN HEALTHCARE

KRISTINA DORTCHE



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
MD PROGRAM

Kristina Dortche (UConn '15) is a fourth year medical student at the Perelman School of Medicine and recent graduate of the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health ('20) where she earned her MPH with a concentration in Health Policy and Management. She graduated from UConn in May 2015 with a B.S. in Physiology and Neurobiology. During her time at UConn, she was involved in multiple service projects within Community Outreach and danced for PRLACC and AACC during UConn's annual LipSync competitions. She is currently applying into Urology where she plans to combine her interests in patient care, research, and public health to help mitigate health disparities impacting medically vulnerable populations.

NICK SEMENZA



DREXEL UNIVERSITY
MD PROGRAM

Nick Semenza (UConn '19) is a third-year medical student at the Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. He grew up in Trumbull, Connecticut before graduating with his Bachelor of Science in Physiology & Neurobiology from UConn in 2019. During his time at UConn, Nick was a hurdler for the club track and field team, was actively involved in basic science research, volunteered with the Collegiate Health Service Corps, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Windham Hospital, and was the Vice President of Finance of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon. He is the first member of his family to attend medical school or work in healthcare and is currently involved with orthopedic spine surgery research at the Rothman Institute while completing his third-year clinical rotations in pursuit of a residency and career in orthopedic surgery.

MOE UDDIN



UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
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Moe Uddin, MD (UConn Engineering '16, UConn Medical School '21) is currently an internal medicine resident physician at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine with a focus on education, health equity, advocacy, and leadership. He graduated from UConn in May 2016 with a honors degree in Biomedical Engineering and a minor in Electronic Systems. During his undergraduate time at UConn, he was involved in EcoHouse, Engineering World Health (EWH), Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBS), and the Nathan Hale Homework Club. He was also active in basic lab research, interned at Siemens Healthcare and was in the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP). During his time in medical school, he was heavily involved in the Urban Service Track (UST), obtained various leadership positions within UST, and obtained certificates in health disparities and global health practice. He is currently in the internal medicine residency and is planning on pursuing a fellowship in infectious diseases; combining his experience in medicine and engineering as well as international medicine. In his free time, he likes to exercise, cook, play with his new kitten, Arlo, and learn non-medical things (socioeconomics, politics, history, and the environment).

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