

FALL 2021 CHAT WITH ALUMNI

GROWTH YEARS

MATT KESSENICH



UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY
MD PROGRAM

Matthew Kessenich (UConn '16) is currently a commissioned Naval Officer and a second year medical student at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. He graduated from UConn in May of 2016 with a degree in Physiology and Neurobiology. When not studying for exams, he spent his time rowing for the men's crew team and pursuing a research project in the Theoretical Neuroscience lab. Following graduation, he coached rowing for 2 different programs and volunteered in a local ICU, all while studying to retake the MCAT and reapply to medical school. In 2018, he went back to Storrs where he completed a one-year Pre-Medical Post-Baccalaureate Program and volunteered for the Holy Family Shelter in Willimantic. After finishing the program, he scribed in the Emergency Department at Windham Hospital until commissioning into the Navy and beginning medical school. In his free time, he enjoys exploring the DC area, running with his 2 Australian Shepherds and his girlfriend and spending time with his family.

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ROHIN THOMAS



UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
MD PROGRAM

Rohin Thomas (UConn '17) is a second year medical student at UConn School of medicine. He graduated from UConn in May 2017 with a degree in Exercise Science. During his time at UConn, he was actively involved in sports safety research at the Korey Stringer Institute, was president of the Indian Students Association, and was a manager of the UConn Recreation facility. Taking three gap years prior to medical school, Rohin worked as a scribe, completed UConn's Post Baccalaureate program, and served with AmeriCorps in Providence, Rhode Island. Rohin keeps his love for service and science at the forefront of his journey in medicine. When he is not studying he is either working on his car, lifting weights, or cooking.

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KELLY BORGES



NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
DO-PHD PROGRAM

Kelly Borges (UConn '15) is a first-generation college graduate and second-year DO/PhD student at New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM). After graduating from UConn in 2015 with a BS in Physiology & Neurobiology, she earned a Master's degree in Bioethics from the University of Pennsylvania while working full-time as a clinical research coordinator. Her experiences working in the clinic and volunteering on the streets of Philadelphia ultimately motivated her to apply to medical school. Maintaining a strong interest in biomedical science, she continues to work part-time assisting with neurosurgery research conducted through Yale Center for Clinical Investigation. As an aspiring physician-scientist, she aims to focus her studies on aging and the applied science of longevity.

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