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# CHAT WITH ALUMNI

## VIRTUAL SPRING SERIES 2022

# SELECTING SCHOOLS



Dr. Keat Sanford



Shivam Desai  
Central Michigan  
University



Miriam Katz  
NY Medical College



Sandhya Sanapala  
UConn School of  
Medicine

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SHIVAM DESAI  
CENTRAL MICHIGAN  
UNIVERSITY

**My name is Shivam Desai, and I am a first-year medical student at Central Michigan University College of Medicine. I attended UConn from 2014-2018, after which I got my master's degree from Chatham University, and subsequently began medical school. Getting into medical school was really a journey and I am excited to help aspiring pre-medical students get into medical school in any way that I can!**

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MIRIAM KATZ  
NEW YORK MEDICAL  
COLLEGE

**Miriam is a first-year student at New York Medical College. She graduated with a double-degree in PNB and MCB in 2019 and was heavily involved in HuskyTHON and neurophysiology research during her time at UConn. Miriam earned her Master's in Public Health through UConn's Fast Track program and took a research year at Yale before beginning medical school. At NYMC, Miriam serves as a Student Senator and the M1 Class Representative for the Cardiology Interest Group. In her free time, Miriam loves to run and explore new restaurants in NYC.**

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SANDHYA SANAPALA  
UCONN SCHOOL OF  
MEDICINE

**Sandhya is a first year medical student at UConn School of Medicine. She graduated with a degree in Allied Health Sciences in the spring of 2021. She was heavily involved in research through KSI in Sports Medicine and Physiology and was a resident assistant for two years. She did not take a gap year and directly enrolled in medical school. At UConn SOM, she is getting her feet wet in research with the UConn FARR program led by child psychologists and is trying to get the ball rolling for a new club to mentor first gen students like herself. She is very excited to help future pre-meds and share her story in hopes that others will be able to navigate the process!**

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