

Chat with Alumni

APPLICATION TIPS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH
7:00-8:00PM

ALL ARE
WELCOME

Yes, this
includes you
fellow alumni!



Adrienne Nguyen (she/her) is a 1st year medical student at Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She graduated from UConn in 2020 with a double major in MCB and an interdisciplinary major "Health in the Environment" inspired by being a COP24 fellow with the Office of Sustainability in 2018.

Fun Facts about Adrienne:

- While at UConn, she was a TA for the undergraduate research assistant program at CCMC, worked with the Honors Program as an Honors GPS, and student worker at SHaW.
- During her 2 growth years, she worked at Connecticut Children's (CCMC) as a clinical research assistant in Hematology/Oncology.
- In her free time, she's been trying out new sports as a washed up athlete, exploring the food scene of Connecticut and Des Moines, and traveling on a budget.
- She also has two cats, Cupcake and Chai.
- She is excited to answer any questions you have about the app process!

Samantha Ballas is first year medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical University in the Rural Medicine Scholars Program. She graduated from UConn in 2022 with a dual degree in Psychological Sciences and Allied Health Sciences (Health Sciences Concentration).

Fun facts about Samantha:

- While at UConn, she was involved in Community Outreach, Phi Sigma Rho, UConn Rescue, and psychology research with Dr. Treadwell.
- She is currently:
 - Conducting research on gun violence prevention research
 - Serving on a migrant farm workers board
 - Volunteering when she can
 - Cooking, hiking, and doing yoga in her free time!



Fun Facts about Dr. Jiang:

- During her time at UConn, she was involved with Taekwondo, Art Club, and research.
- During her growth year, she was a research technician.
- Chose to pursue medicine because:
 - Lifelong intellectual engagement during work
 - Self-directed learning
 - The privilege of having someone entrust their health to you and providing solutions for them
 - The opportunity to teach or do research if desired

Dr. Kewa Jiang is a current pediatric resident at Stony Brook Medicine. She graduated from UConn with a degree in Molecular and Cell Biology, and a minor in Digital Art, in 2016. She graduated from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 2021.

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