



Health Professions Program

Meet Your Pre-Health Peer Mentors!



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Hi! My name is Giulia Barbella (pronounced like Julia) and I'm a '24 originally from Syosset NY. I am an anthropology major focusing on biological and medical anthropology, and I am double minoring in biology and art history. On campus, I am super active in Dartmouth EMS as an EMT and the Director of Training, and I also volunteer in the Physical Therapy Dept at DHMC. For 2 and a half years, I worked as an undergrad research assistant in Geisel's neurology department in the Yeh Lab researching the effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder on Alzheimer's Disease. During my off terms, I have worked as an EMT in my town's fire department, and this past summer I volunteered in the Emergency Department at Bellevue Hospital in NYC and did toxicology research with the NYC Poison Control Center! In my free time, I love hanging out with my friends, baking new recipes with my roommates, and looking for new creative projects!



Juliette Courtine '24

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Hi everyone! My name is Juliette Courtine and I'm a '24! I grew up in New London, NH (just 45 minutes away from Dartmouth campus), but have traveled quite a bit due to my mother's profession in global health. Academically, I am finishing a major in Biology and Native American Studies. I have always been passionate about English and the life sciences, with specific attention to their overlap in effective science communication. During the term, I have written and edited for the Dartmouth Undergraduate Journal of Science (DUJS), shadowed at DHMC, volunteered as a Dick's House student liaison, and acted as a Global Health Fellow. I have engaged in research on tuberculosis diagnostic testing through a Dartmouth/Baylor University partnership, and I also was a researcher on last-mile (vulnerable) population research with Dr. Adams in the Global Health Department at Dartmouth. Additionally, I have just completed a Dickey Center Internship in Iqaluit, Nunavut looking at Inuit health research. Outside school, I'm a casual (yet avid) reader, artist, and runner in my free time. I look forward to meeting you!



Alan Hatch '25

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Hi! My name is Alan Hatch, and I am a '25 from Miami, Florida. I am a neuroscience major and a chemistry minor. On campus, I am in an a cappella group (the Aires!), a band, have a show on Dartmouth radio, and am involved in my fraternity, AXA. I have been involved in the brain sciences department working with a professor to develop a class on the neuroscience of obesity (which is being offered in the fall!). I also will be working in a lab researching fetal alcohol syndrome and Alzheimer's in the fall. On my off term last winter, I previously worked at a diabetes research/informatics company in San Francisco and got to travel to Berlin for a work conference on continuous glucose monitoring tech (neat diabetes stuff!) I also did a study abroad program freshman summer, in which I took Italian 1 and 2 while living in Rome. Some of my favorite things to do are run/explore trails, sing, cook, eat ice cream, and hang out with friends.



Alannah McShine '25

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Hello! My name is Alannah McShine and I am a '25 from Lexington, Massachusetts. I am a Biology major and a Film & Media Studies minor. On campus, I am involved with the Dartmouth Figure Skating Team, Ujima Dance Troupe, and Dartmouth Undergraduate Biology Society, and I am an undergraduate researcher in the Cramer Lab in the Microbiology Department. During my off term, I have done pulmonology research at the Case Western Reserve University Medical School, and during Winterim, I have volunteered at South Cove Community Health Center, as well as Boston Health Care for the Homeless Foot Clinic. In my free time, I really enjoy going outside no matter the season, making greeting cards, going to the gym, and going on fun adventures with friends! I'm looking forward to meeting you!

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Hello! My name is Anika Uday Nayak and I am a '25. I have lived exactly half my life in the Bay Area, California, and the other half in Bangalore, India before coming to Dartmouth. At Dartmouth, I am majoring in Biological Chemistry on the pre-medicine track with a possible minor in Italian Language Studies. Outside of classes, I am involved in Clinical Research at the Bayley Lab at the Stanford School of Medicine. I am also a first-time Freshman Undergraduate Advisor this year. Additionally, I also work at the Student Wellness Center as a Yoga Intern and am part of RAAZ, a South Asian fusion dance group! This past spring, in my current clinical research lab in California, I worked on developing and testing the efficacy of novel mind-body approaches/interventions within healthcare. I am also involved in some public health advocacy work back home, which is extremely rewarding and fulfilling! In my free time, I enjoy reading romantic novels, engaging in some

artistic endeavors (aka drawing and painting), and indulging in new cuisines and food! I am truly excited and looking forward to this year and cannot wait to meet you all! Please feel free to reach out! Fun Fact: I can speak 5.5 languages! In fact, I am learning Italian right now (hence, the half!), for which I am headed on a Study Abroad this winter!



Anjali Pant '24

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Hi guys!! My name is Anjali Pant I'm a '24, and WGSS major. I'm also toying with the idea of a religion minor. I was born in Michigan but now I live in Indiana, right outside of South Bend. On campus, I'm a part of the women's rugby team. On my off terms and longer breaks, I work at my hospital back home as a nursing assistant, as well as a coach for my high-school girl's wrestling team. I enjoy playing sports with friends and trying new things, this past summer I went bull riding. During school terms, I like to play spikeball, go climbing, and I recently started hammocking.



Brooke Baptista '24

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Hey, I'm Brooke Baptista '24 from Boxford, MA. I am an Anthropology modified w/Global Health major and a Biology and WGSS double minor. On campus, I am on the marketing committee for Fort, a mental health nonprofit that funds healthcare for Dartmouth students. I am also the housewoman and gear chair for Chi Delta. During my off terms, I have worked at HealthQ, a reproductive and sexual health clinic in MA, and the Environmental Reproductive Justice Lab at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. In my free time, I enjoy spinning on the peloton bike at Alumni Gym, cooking, and going on walks with friends. I am excited to connect with you all. 😊



David Ward '25

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Hi! My Name is David Ward, and I am a '25 from Vernon, Connecticut, and I am majoring in neuroscience. On campus, I am a co-coordinator for the Nathan Smith Society, a member of the Student Veterans Association, and work as an undergraduate researcher in The Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Lab. During my off-terms, I work in the metabolomics platform at The Broad Institute in Cambridge, MA. I served in the U.S. Navy for four years as a Hospital Corpsman, having spent much of my time in the Navy at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Groton, located in Groton, CT. In my free time, I love to golf, hike, and play with my dogs. I cannot wait to meet you and am so excited to be a part of your journey here at Dartmouth!



Dylan Wang '24

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Hi everyone. My name is Dylan Wang, and I'm a '24 from Baltimore, Maryland. I am a Biology major (with a concentration in Molecular Evolution and Genetics) and an Environmental Science minor. On campus, I am an undergraduate researcher in the Cottingham lab studying cyanobacteria nearby in Lake Sunapee. I have also been a learning fellow and group tutor for introductory biology and chemistry courses. On my off terms, I have worked as a clinical research coordinator at Johns Hopkins Hospital and researched in the Henderson lab at DHMC that studies fluorescence-guided surgery. Some

fun things about me: I am a New England Patriots fan, a self-proclaimed plant person, and a barber on occasion. Things I like to do for fun include playing spikeball on the green, skiing, and exploring new food spots. I look forward to meeting you all.



Hannah Ren '24

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Hello! My name is Hannah Ren, and I am part of the Class of 2024. I am from Irvine, California, and have lived there all my life. I am majoring in Biomedical Engineering! Beyond the classroom, I find myself deeply engaged as a member of the Dartmouth Cancer Scholars and the Nathan Smith Society. I've dedicated my off-terms to volunteering my time at a local clinic, and this past summer I studied for and took the MCAT! While my pursuits are academically driven, my heart finds its rhythm in various hobbies such as cooking, table tennis, painting, and crocheting. I am a big foodie! I am

looking forward to meeting you 😊 Feel free to reach out!



Harsh Patel '25

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Hello! My name is Harsh Patel, and I am a '25 from Orangeburg, SC. I am still an undecided major, but thinking of anthropology, geography, or both! Outside of classes, I am a tour guide, a member of the Council on Student Organizations, and a volunteer with the Dartmouth Center for Social Impact. At DCSI, I serve as a big brother in the SIBS program. During one of my off-terms, I conducted full-time cardiovascular research at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Some of my favorite things to do for fun are hiking, working out, and playing basketball!



Helah Snelling '25

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My name is Helah Snelling, and I'm a '25 from Hanover, NH. I am double majoring in biology (concentrating in cell biology) and studio art. On campus, I am a co-director for the Dartmouth Cancer Scholars and a member of the Nathan Smith Society Leadership Committee. For the past year, I worked part-time in a microbiology lab at Geisel, but I will soon be starting in a developmental/cancer biology lab at Geisel. The summer after my freshman year, I took an LNA class (licensed nursing assistant) at a local community college, and have since been working per diem during off terms and weekends in the hematology/oncology

inpatient unit at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. In my free time, I enjoy drawing and painting, and spending time outdoors — there's plenty to do outside in the Upper Valley!



Jivan Achar '25

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Hi! My name is Jivan Achar, and I'm a '25 from San Diego, which is where I lived all my life before coming to Dartmouth. I'm an economics major on the premed track and hoping to minor in psychology. On campus, I'm involved in Greek life, a lot of intramural sports, and do research at the medical school. From time to time, I shadow at DHMC and am most interested in sports medicine and orthopedics! A lot of my community service effort is focused on helping the special needs community locally. I was off 23W and will be back home this next winter (24W) to do research and prep for the MCAT! In my free time, I LOVE to play or watch sports — almost any sport but my favorite is soccer. I also spend a lot of time hiking, paddle boarding, and just soaking in the outdoors.



Joel Smith '24

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Hi! My name's Joel and I'm a '24 from Juneau, Alaska. I'm a Biomedical Engineering major and just recently declared a minor in Global Health. Outside of classes, I am a volunteer ski patroller with the Dartmouth Ski Patrol, I work with the Dartmouth Humanitarian Engineers, and I'm a member of the Dartmouth Healthcare Foundations Society for Medical Humanities. For the past three years, I have also worked as an undergraduate research assistant in the Halter Lab at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, focusing on bioimpedance imaging for early cancer detection. While continuing my research at DHMC during my off term this past summer, I was also able to work closely with the da Vinci surgical robots that are in use there as I helped to design and test parts for them. Some of my favorite things to do are skiing, hiking, setting up my hammock on campus, and just hanging out with friends on the Green or down at the river. I'm really looking forward to this year and am always happy to help out or answer any questions that come up! Don't hesitate to reach out at any time.



Krista Schemitsch '24

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Hi, ya'll! My name is Krista Schemitsch, and I'm a '24. I was born and raised in Queens, NY, and am a Psychology and Studio Art double major. On campus, I am the president of the Women's Club Soccer Team and Sigma Delta Sorority. I am also a member of Dartmouth EMS, the Sexual Assault Peer Alliance, the Dartmouth Undergraduate Journal of Science, and First Year Trips Crooling. Last summer I did research that intersected classical art and medicine, and the summer following my freshman year, I worked on an ambulance as an EMT in New York where my passion for the healthcare field grew exponentially. I also partake in the clinical shadowing program through the Nathan Smith Society. I can't wait to share my stories and provide help as you start this journey!



Olivia Chin '25

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Hi! My name is Olivia Chin, and I'm from northern New Jersey. I am majoring in biomedical engineering as well as minoring in Global Health. At Dartmouth, I am a member of the women's rowing team as well as the VP of Public Relations for the Dartmouth Asian Student Athlete Association, the Marketing/Media Manager for Letters of Love, an Event Coordinator for the Network for Women in Sports, and a peer mentor with the Women in Science Project. As well, I am an avid runner (ask me about my favorite run routes in Hanover!) and love to cook and bake. I also am an undergraduate researcher in the IDEA Lab at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, which is an anesthesiology and biomedical engineering lab. I am really looking forward to this year and cannot wait to meet everyone!



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Hello! I'm Onyinyechi from Ontario, Canada, and am a junior at Dartmouth College, pursuing majors in History and Neuroscience, with a minor in Global Health. I revitalized the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students on campus and have actively contributed as its president and a source of support for fellow students. In my free time, I enjoy immersing myself in nature, discovering hidden study spaces on campus, and getting to know people. Inspired by Grey's Anatomy, I advocate for dance party breaks during group study sessions with my friends. I'm eagerly looking forward to connecting with each and every one of you!



Ramsey Ash '24

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Hello! My name is Ramsey Ash, and I am a '24 from Huntington, WV. I am majoring in Quantitative Social Science (QSS), with a focus on the Anthropology of Health and Music, with a focus on clarinet performance! On campus, I have participated in the Global Health Fellowship, and the Eichler '57 Fellowship for Healthcare Leaders, and have maintained an active role in performing arts groups including the Wind Ensemble & Clarinet Choir. Since being awarded a Presidential Scholarship in my sophomore year, I have conducted research in the Moen Lab at Geisel's QBS department, working on a personal project that seeks to understand time to treatment initiation for a cohort of breast cancer patients using network analyses. In my time at Dartmouth, I have been fortunate to study and work abroad twice, in London (Music FSP) and Hanoi (Dickey Center Global Health Internship)! Outside of academics, I am extremely passionate about vegetarian cooking, finding new hikes in the Upper Valley, and making/listening to new music! I am very excited to be a pre-health mentor this year, and am open to discussing any of my experiences, and more!



Sarah Berman '25

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Hello! My name is Sarah Berman and I'm a '25 from San Francisco, California. I am a biology and studio art double major. I aim to pursue an MD-PhD and hope to become a radiation oncologist while running my own lab. On campus, I do immuno-oncology research at the Dartmouth Cancer Center at the Rosato lab, am a UGA for West House, make art for Spare Rib, am on the NSS executive committee where I help plan programming for Pre-Health events, and am a Learning Fellow for the Biology Department. I am also a volunteer with Dartmouth Health where I am helping to develop an online platform/community where care partners and patients facing end-of-life can connect with other care partners/patients. I have also volunteered at the Aging Resource Center as an Eichler fellow, and I also help improve the patient experience at DHMC by interviewing patients who are being discharged. During my off-term, I did translational oncology research at a prostate/bladder cancer lab at UCSF. I also spent a summer doing immunology research at a biotech startup in South San Francisco. For fun, I love to paint, read, and bake! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about being an MD/PhD, double majoring, getting involved with social impact work on campus, or anything else!



Seth Amofa '25

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Hello everyone. My name is Seth Amofa '25 from Chicago, Illinois. I've lived in New Hampshire for 7 good years now. I don't doubt that I've all the granite and more that I need in my blood. I'm a Classics major considering a minor in Global Health and of course in zealous pursuit of my pre-med studies. I've been an Undergraduate UGA, active in MAPS, and a host of pre-health clubs on campus. I've been fortunate to volunteer back home in Chicago at Weiss Memorial Hospital in the Oncology department since my freshmen year. I also do research at DHMC with the POWERED program, which has been eye-opening and a great pleasure. When I'm not worried about academics or studying, I love to have fun. My hobbies include soccer, running, going to the gym to not spend more than 10 minutes, reading Latin and Greek, and just enjoying an iced tea on the Collis porch while people-watching.



Shoaib Jamil '25

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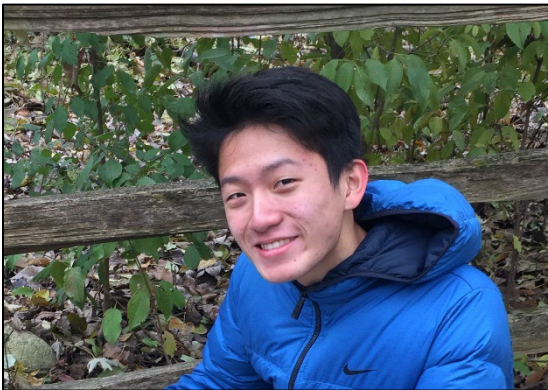
Hi! My name is Shoaib Jamil, and I am a '25 originating from Oklahoma! I am currently double-majoring in Chemistry and Quantitative Social Science. On campus, I am a Pathways to Medicine scholar and a research assistant at the Kasper Lab in Geisel's Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology. I also volunteer at the Maynard House, which is a hostel open to families or patients awaiting care at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. I am also a Blood Drive Coordinator for Dartmouth's American Red Cross Chapter, and, very often, I am a group tutor for Organic Chemistry or any of the Biology courses. I am also sometimes a Drill Instructor for Arabic. During one of my breaks, I shadowed Dr. Mudassir Nawaz at his family medicine clinic in Norman, Oklahoma, and even had the chance to help round patients, take their vitals, and conduct drug/mental health screenings. For fun, I like to do some fun calligraphy, learn the lyrics to any SZA song, and practice my one-handed typing skills.



Tanya Wongsri '25

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Hi! My name is Tanya Wongsri, and I'm a '25 from Bangkok, Thailand and Singapore. I'm pursuing a major in Biomedical Engineering with double minors in Economics and Sociology. On campus, I conduct structural chemistry and protein engineering research at the Mierke-Pellegrini lab; I hope to utilize my findings to develop targeted drugs for cancer and autoimmune diseases. I'm also an EMT with Dartmouth EMS, a consultant for the Social Impact Non-Profit Consulting Group, and part of various international student groups. This past summer, I worked as a healthcare consulting intern at the Keck Hospital of USC, where I received insight into the business and administrative side of healthcare. I've also completed a biomedical engineering internship at a research institution in Singapore, where I assisted in the development of hydrogel cartilage and scaffolds. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, watching Formula 1, traveling to new destinations, and taking advantage of free food events on campus. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. I'm so excited to meet you all!!



Tyler Chen '24

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Hey everyone! I'm Tyler, very very nice to meet you :) I'm originally from the Chicagoland area, and I study math (among a whole slew of other things) at Dartmouth. On campus, I'm really involved in Model UN as well as the Dartmouth Undergraduate Sudoku Society (newly established as of Winter 2023!). When I'm back home, I volunteer as a medical assistant at a cardiology clinic, and I'm been longitudinally involved with research at Boston Children's Hospital over the past 2 years. I've spent most of my off-terms in Boston doing research, which includes the last 2 summers off. In my free time, I do a concerning amount of sudoku, as well as spend way too much time on Duolingo learning whatever language I feel driven to learn at the moment. Cannot wait to meet all of you lovely individuals, and feel free to reach out and ask any questions that come to mind. 😊



Tyler Green '24

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Hello!! My name is Tyler Green, a 24' from Lenexa, Kansas. I am majoring in Biology modified with African/African-American Studies. On campus, I am a member of the Dartmouth Football team. Aside from shadowing experience, I have worked in medical research and spent my off terms within healthcare administration in Kansas City, MO, and Philadelphia, PA. For fun, I love artistic interests, and physical activities around campus, and I'm currently learning guitar. Please don't hesitate to reach out, I'd love to help in any way I can!



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Hi! My name is Ujvala Jupalli and I'm a '25 from Parsippany, New Jersey. At Dartmouth, I am pursuing a major in Math modified with Biology. On campus, I am on the women's tennis team, a facilitator for DLAB, a part of the Hill Winds Society, and a chair of the Undergraduate Biology Society. I have conducted research in the Dartmouth Physics Department and am currently an undergraduate researcher in the Stanger lab in Geisel's Psychiatry and Biomedical Data Science Departments. During my off terms, I worked in an immunology lab with a pediatric rheumatologist at the University of Iowa and volunteered with Take Back the Night Foundation as well as the American Cancer Society. I've also volunteered with my tennis team for Habitat for Humanity and Buddy Up Tennis where we taught tennis to children with Down Syndrome. In my free time, I love going on wocomms, reading/watching murder mysteries, spending time with friends, and playing Bananagrams! I look forward to meeting you all and please reach out if you have any questions!



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Hi, my name is Zara Kiger and I am a '25. I am from Mill Valley, CA. I am majoring in biology with a concentration in cellular biology and a minor in music. On campus, I am on the Dartmouth Triathlon Team, play piano in a student band, and teach guitar lessons for Musical Empowerment. I also do research at DHMC about cancer immunotherapy and CAR T cells. I am also an EMT and in the Dartmouth EMS club. I am going to be studying abroad for Spanish in Barcelona. I love playing music, reading, adventuring, swimming, biking, and running!