



MEET YOUR PRE-HEALTH PEER MENTORS!



Alexandra “Alex” Conway

Co-Director of the Pre-Health Peer Mentors

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Alex is a double major in Biology and Chinese from Potomac, Maryland. When not in class Alex spends her time playing rugby, being a Pre-Health Mentor, working as a Student Wellness Center Facilitator, and doing research in a freshwater ecology lab. Alex has studied abroad in China, spent this past summer working in Hospice Care, and will be attending the Geisel School of Medicine through the

Early Assurance Program. Her favorite pastimes are baking and telling ghost stories. Fun fact: Alex also does beekeeping and can touch her nose with her tongue! If you’re interested in any of these subjects, feel free to hit her up! Alex is a self-proclaimed caffeine addict and is always down for a coffee/tea date.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Gender and Sexuality in Pre-modern Japanese Literature; Endocrinology



Jane Xu

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Jane is a double major in Neuroscience and Anthropology from Berkeley, California. Her current medical interests are Public Health, Pediatrics, Gender-Diverse Health, and Psychiatry. Outside of classes, Jane is involved in neuroscience research in Professor Alireza Soltani’s lab. Separate from this, she has conducted research into Gender-Diverse Health as well. She also participates in the

Patient Support Corps, ASPIRE (a volunteer group that works with children with Autism), Dartmouth Emergency Medical Services (DEMS) and OPAL (Dartmouth Office of Pluralism and Leadership). In addition, Jane is a Student Wellness Center Student Facilitator for the Sexual Violence Prevention Project and the Lead Student Manager at the Cube. Jane loves to relax by playing basketball, taking advantage of free food opportunities, hanging out with friends, eating breakfast sandwiches at Umpleby’s, going to the river, or getting McDonald’s Mcflurries in Lebanon.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: The Global Caribbean



John Beute

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John is a Biological Anthropology and Psychology double major from Kinnelon, New Jersey. This past winter, he had the incredible experience of studying abroad in New Zealand as a part of the Anthropology Program. Outside of the classroom, John serves as president of the Brovertones, an a cappella group, and as Academic Chair for the Beta Alpha Omega fraternity. He also works as an EMT for Dartmouth EMS, a campus tour guide, and a research assistant in Dr. Paula Sundstrom's lab at the Geisel School of Medicine. In fact, John is currently engaged

in research in Microbiology and Immunology, studying the regulation of protective IL-17 mediated immunity against oral candidiasis. He will begin a new clinical research position in Anesthesiology this year. John has also shadowed healthcare professionals in Sports Medicine and a Radiation Oncology and is potentially considering a career in these fields. In addition to his extracurricular commitments, John volunteers as a SIBS mentor and as a member of the Dartmouth EARS Program. In the past, he has volunteered as a safety lead for VOX Croo and as a way-finder at the Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. John is also a Learning Fellow for PSYC 10 (Statistics) this Fall. In his free time, he likes to spend time with friends, hike, watch football/scour NFL.com, go to the gym, read, play the ukulele, and watch movies. Fun Fact: John has Anisocoria, meaning one of his pupils is much bigger than the other one!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Anth 41 - Human Evolution w/ Professor DeSilva



Antonette Davids

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Antonette is a first-generation college student, who was born in Brooklyn, NY and is the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, a culture that has been formative in her identity. In high school, Antonette was Valedictorian, involved in her community at large as well. Antonette is passionate about creative writing and advancing the rights of the disadvantaged. She has continued these passions at Dartmouth through being a FYSEP mentor and Global Health Fellow. In the past at Dartmouth,

Antonette has also been involved with the Dartmouth chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dartmouth Caribbean Connection, Soul Scribes, CoFIREd (Coalition for Immigration Reform, Equality, and DREAMers), Afro-American Society, Rockefeller Global Leadership Program, Pathways to Medicine Program, and shadowing a Pediatric Radiologist and Orthopedic Surgeon through the Nathan Smith Society. She has participated in the Spelman Exchange Program and the Afro/Black Paris Foreign Study Program as well. She has a fascination with the ways in which people's behaviors and lived experiences are influenced by the world around them. In fact, Antonette has conducted stress and sleep research in the African American Community, and how the effects of maternal immune health on physical and mental health risks on their offspring. She is a Psychology major and hopes to pursue a career in medicine in order to help other people have one less thing to worry about. Antonette wants to be an Orthopedic Surgeon and eventually plans to open a private practice.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Drawing I



Elijah "EJ" Abass

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EJ is an Anthropology major, modified with History, from Owings Mills, Maryland (just outside of Baltimore). Outside of the classroom, EJ is one of the co-captains of the Club Tennis team, a tutor for America Reads, and a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at the Aquinas House. During his off terms, EJ served as a research assistant in an Immunology lab at John Hopkins last fall. He spent part of this past summer as a counselor at a camp in Nashville for children with kidney disease. In addition, EJ had the opportunity to shadow physicians at a children's hospital in Austin, Texas. He's also studied abroad while at Dartmouth. Specifically, he spent this past winter term in New Zealand, taking part in the Anthropology FSP, and he couldn't recommend the experience enough! During his free time, EJ enjoys playing tennis and ping pong, running, drawing, and going for walks around Occom Pond. He is currently considering a career in Pediatrics.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: History 52: The Rise of Modern Germany



Meghna Ray

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Meghna is a Quantitative Social Science major, with a focus in Global Health and Sustainable Development. She was born in India, moved to England when she was two years old, and immigrated to the United States in sixth grade. Her many moves and seeing the inequality in health care inspired Meghna to pursue a career in medicine and sparked an interest in global health. Outside of the classroom, Meghna is a research assistant for the Political Violence Lab (where she studied the effect of violence on media reporting and bias), a member of Dartmouth EMS, a Rockefeller Leadership Fellow, and a volunteer at DHMC. When not at Dartmouth, you can find her working in India and Nepal for the Healthy Heart Initiative, a non-profit focused on cardiovascular health awareness and early detection of risk factors. In her free time, Meghna enjoys reading, hiking, and traveling! Her current medical interests are global health, pediatrics, and epidemiology. Fun fact: Dartmouth is the longest time Meghna has lived in one place! She's also taken the pulse of a rhino in South Africa.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Environmental Studies FSP



Bryan Quinonez

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Bryan is a Neuroscience major from Boston, Massachusetts. On campus, Bryan has acted as the Treasurer and President of La Alianza Latina and helped create the Dartmouth Mental Health Student Union as the founding Treasurer. His major focuses are on health equity and reform. Bryan has also spent an off-term conducting quality improvement analysis for a local health center in Boston. Additionally, he is looking into using Machine Learning as a means of studying health data and is working with a Computational Neuroscience group back home. When he isn't working or studying, Bryan likes to exercise, discover new music, and play video games.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Film Studies - Kreger's Virtual Girlfriend / Global Gothic



Julia Stevenson

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Julia is a double major in Biology and Psychology from Westchester, New York. She's the captain of the Women's Varsity Cross Country team and a member of the Varsity Track & Field team. She also participates in the shadowing program through Dartmouth's Nathan Smith Society, is a volunteer with Dartmouth EARS, and tutors through the Academic Skills Center. During her off-term, Julia has done full-time biomedical research in a Neuroscience Lab at the Geisel School of Medicine with Dr. Aihua Li.

She has also researched the implications of the orexin system in primary hypertension. In her free time, Julia enjoys running, exploring the various coffee shops of the Upper Valley, hiking, and reading (her favorite book is the Harry Potter series). She would love to get to know you in person and grab a cup of coffee or a meal together!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Endocrinology



Delia Friel

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Delia is a Biomedical Engineering major, with a minor in Spanish, from Chevy Chase, Maryland. Her current medical interests are in Oncology and Orthopedic Oncology, Critical Care, and Health Care delivery in urban areas. On campus, Delia does research in the Biomedical Engineering lab working to build a diagnostic device for Sepsis. Her favorite on campus job is her role as Learning Fellow for a Computer Science Engineering course. This year, she also intends to get involved at the Hood Museum.

Delia had the opportunity to study abroad in Santander, Spain with the Spanish department, and in Hong Kong with the Engineering department last fall. It's important to know that Delia is a big foodie and enjoyed trying live octopus while studying in Hong Kong! On campus, Delia can be found hanging out on the Collis patio or trying new cafes in the Upper Valley. In her downtime, Delia enjoys photography, visiting museums and art galleries, trying new foods, and biking.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Women and Gender in the Caribbean (AAAS07), Health Care in American Society (HIST 36), and Endocrinology (Bio 37)



Kniya De'De'

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Kniya is a Neuroscience major from Alexandria, Louisiana, whose current medical interest lies in Pediatric Oncology. On campus Kniya is a member of the Ujima Dance Troupe, America Reads, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS). When not involved in these extracurriculars, you can find Kniya either working in the Library as a Student Assistant, at the Center for Social Impact, or at the Academic Skills Center as a tutor. Additionally, Kniya conducted research

into cancer and nanoparticle drug delivery systems. She also enjoys binge watching Grey's Anatomy, How to Get Away with Murder, Dance Moms, and House Hunters. Kniya would love to get to know you and share her own journey with you! Fun fact: she has seven cheerleading titles to her name!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Movement Fundamentals



Madilyn "Madi" Short

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Madi is an Alaska Native from Girdwood, Alaska. She's majoring in Neuroscience and plans to apply to medical school after she graduates. Eventually, Madi would like to return to Alaska and practice medicine there. At Dartmouth Madi has been grateful to be involved in a few volunteer programs, including SIBS and the Patient Support Corps. She's also been an active participant in the Shadowing Program through the Nathan Smith Society. In fact, through this program Madi has been able to shadow professionals in Emergency Medicine, Primary Care, Neurosurgery, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, and a Hepatitis specialist. Additionally, she has conducted clinical research focused on colon cancer, and assisted in a fiber intervention study, at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. During her free time Madi tries to get outside as much as possible and enjoys activities like running, hiking, and skiing. She also enjoys being a photographer and co-director for Humans of Dartmouth. Madi's on campus jobs have included working as an intern at the Dartmouth Organic Farm and as a gallery attendant in the Jaffe-Friede Gallery at the Hopkins Center.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Healthcare and Biotechnology of the 21st Century in the English Department



Jessica Kobsa

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Jessica is a Psychology major and Biology minor from Wilton Connecticut. In addition to being a Pre-Health Peer Mentor, Jessica is a New Hampshire EMT with Dartmouth EMS, a Resident Expert in Chemistry, a leader of Dementia Scholars, and an Eichler Fellow with the Dartmouth Institute. She also has community service commitment with Volunteers for Cancer Patients, a helping hand program through the Norris Cotton Cancer Center (email her to get involved!). Jessica has done research at the Dartmouth Institute and is currently conducting research as a Senior Fellow with Dr. Diane Gilbert-Diamond of the Geisel School of Medicine. Her research project investigates an intervention to reduce problematic eating behaviors in adolescents. Moreover, she has done research in Epidemiology, Cognitive Psychology, and Human Population. Jessica loves research so much that for both her off-terms she has done full-time research at Dartmouth. Even her favorite place on campus is her lab (if you have questions about research, feel free to contact her)! For fun, Jessica loves hiking, running, and reading. Currently, her medical interests are Oncology or Palliative Care. Ob/gyn is also on her list.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Brain Mapping with fMRI



Nike "Momi" Tolentino

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Aloha! Momi is a Sociology major, modified with Anthropology, from Ka`ū, Hawai`i. She is heavily involved in campus life, on top of academics, she is President of the Alpha Phi Sorority, Co-Director of the Ujima Dance Troupe (one of Dartmouth's first dance groups on campus), Co-President of Hōkūpa`a, Dartmouth's Hawai`i club, and Co-Captain of the Dartmouth Cheerleading team. Momi's involvements on campus have allowed her to lend a hand to different and diverse communities, as well as see how unique each niche can be on this beautiful campus. In her free time, Momi also supports a number of philanthropic efforts organized by Alpha Phi that help to promote heart health across the country. Additionally, she has conducted research in several topics, such as language, land and environment, and cross-cultural birthing practices. Currently, Momi is interested in maternal and childcare, and traditional indigenous practices within modern medicine. When not running around campus, Momi can be found in her room studying and listening to music, or working at the Novack Café, Collis Market, or at the Rockefeller Center! One of her guilty pleasures is watching the series "Worth It" on YouTube. Fun fact: Momi's real name is Nike, but she stopped using it in middle school because people started calling her different shoe brands.



Sade Akinfe

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Sade is from Chicago, Illinois and is majoring in Neuroscience, with a minor in Chemistry. Outside of the classroom, Sade conducts research at the Hill lab and is currently working on improving the diagnoses of concussions using various biomarkers. Moreover, she has also done cardiac cell research at the University of Michigan. In addition to lab, Sade is a member of the varsity track and field team here. She is a long jumper and triple jumper and looks forward to hanging with her teammates and de-stressing at practices. Currently, Sade volunteers at the nursery of Wellspring Church and is a regular tutor for the Academic Skills Center. She is also the South House Chemistry resident expert for this year, if you need any help in chemistry please email her for my office hours! If she's not studying or in the lab, you will probably find Sade watching Netflix or grabbing a meal off campus with friends. She looks forward to meeting all of you and helping you get on the right track for the pre-health journey!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: History of Jazz, Buddhist Meditation Theory



Jacob "Jake" Gonzalez

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Jake is a double major in Biology, with a concentration in Molecular Human Biology, and Hispanic Studies from Manassas, Virginia. If you think you recognize him, it might be because Jake was your TA! Depending on the term, you can usually find Jake working as a Teaching Assistant for either BIOL 12, 13, or 14. Aside from this, he works as a research assistant in Professor Xiaofeng Wang's lab at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center. Assuming the lab is not watching the newest season of Bachelor in Paradise, the majority of his research centers around elucidating the molecular intricacies of the SWI/SNF tumor-suppressor complex. When not working on campus, he usually spends his time playing FIFA with friends, blasting Latin trap, or nostalgically reminiscing about his study abroad to Cuba. His current medical interests are in Hematology and Oncology. Fun fact: Jake can put both legs behind his head!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Anarchism



Meghana Yellanki

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Meghana is a double major in Anthropology and Neuroscience from the suburbs of Boston. She recently study abroad through the Anthropology program and is happy to talk about the program or study abroad in general! On campus, Meghana does research with Professor Ida Gobbi in the Neuroscience department on facial perception. She is also an avid tutor for multiple courses through the Academic Skills Center. Sports have played a large role in her life and at Dartmouth she has started to get involved with Club Lacrosse. You will most likely find Meghana hanging out with friends on campus, standing in the KAF line, or studying in the Periodicals. She is passionate about healthcare, traveling, hiking, and the NE Patriots. Meghana loves to meet new people so please feel free to reach out to her to get a meal, coffee, or just with a question!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Anth 31, Anth 43, and Psyc 23



Breiana Campbell

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Breiana is a Neuroscience major, with a minor in Chemistry, from Connecticut. Some of the activities she does here at Dartmouth include volunteering at a local soup kitchen, tutoring through the Academic Skills Center, and engaging in research through the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Breiana's research is conducted through the Neurology Department and aims to analyze conflicts of interest between Pharmacology and Neurology. Throughout her time at Dartmouth, she has interned for the Boston Scientific Corporation, Yale New Haven Hospital, and Health Advances (a strategy consulting firm that specializes in health care). Some of Breiana's non-academic interests include running, bike riding, and spending time with friends. Also, her favorite show is The Office!



Rachael Chacko

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Rachael is a Computer Science and Neuroscience double major, with an interest in Neurology and Radiology, from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. She has served as a Teaching Assistant for CS 1 and Learning Fellow for Organic Chemistry II. Outside of the classroom, Rachael leads Dartmouth Forte, a music service club that organizes free performances held by Dartmouth student musicians at local retirement homes around the Upper Valley. She is also involved in Dartmouth Ears, the Nathan Smith Society Executive Committee, and research at Dr. Saeed Hassanpour's lab at the Geisel School of Medicine. Additionally, Rachael has had the opportunity to shadow several physicians and healthcare professionals in Neurology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Radiology, Pathology, and Pathology. In her free time, Rachael enjoys watching mystery TV shows, her favorites being Veronica Mars and Leverage; exploring different genres of music, trying new desserts, and spending time with friends and family. Fun fact: She has a pet rabbit named Bunbun!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: MUS 45.04: Music and Social Justice



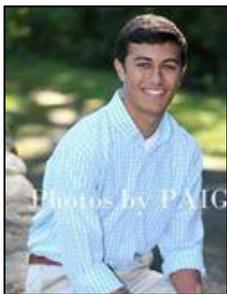
Yvonne "Bonnie" Shea

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Bonnie is a Neuroscience Major from Atlanta, Georgia. She has served as a Research Assistant in Professor Katherine Nautiyal's Neuroscience Lab and is a current volunteer in the Patient Support Corps at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Additionally, she has shadowed a Neurosurgeon and Pediatric General Surgeon at DHMC through the Nathan Smith Society Shadowing Program. When not in class or the above activities, Bonnie plays soccer on the Dartmouth Women's Soccer Team. In fact, her favorite place on campus is the soccer field! In her free time, Bonnie enjoys reading (her favorite book is Pride and Prejudice), hiking, and exploring new places to eat or swim in the Upper Valley. After graduating from Dartmouth, she plans to attend medical school.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Women and Gender Studies 10



Nikhil Lele

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Nikhil is a Biology Major (concentration in Human Biology) with a minor in Mathematics and Global Health, from Sudbury, Massachusetts. He plans to take the Spring 2020 term off and during that time, hopes to work in a hospital or biotech company. Outside of the classroom, Nikhil is involved in several Dartmouth clubs and organizations, such as, club soccer, intramural basketball, the Dartmouth Undergraduate Journal of Science, the Beta Alpha Omega fraternity, and the SIBS mentoring program. Additionally, Nikhil has served as a Mathematics study group leader, a peer advisor for the Academic Skills Center, and a research assistant in the Hill Lab in the Biology Department. In his down time, Nikhil enjoys watching Netflix and any Boston sports teams' games and hanging out with friends. Outside of Dartmouth, he likes to shadow physicians at his local area Boston Children's Hospital or Newton-Wellesley Hospital. In fact, Nikhil has conducted research into Cystic Fibrosis at the Boston Children's Hospital and has researched Microglia in the brain while at Dartmouth. Fun fact: his birthday is on Halloween!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Global Health and Society



Antonio "Vitor" Souza

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Vitor is an international student from Brazil, who is majoring in Biology and Economics. He's interested in medicine, healthcare systems, and development economics, and is inspired by all the challenging problems these areas attempt to solve. Ultimately, Vitor's goal is to build his experience and knowledge to one day return to Brazil and have an impact on his country's development and approach to healthcare. Additionally, he wishes to engage in these fields from multiple perspectives, both in the classroom and in the initial steps of his career. Multiple classes have encouraged him to stay on that track, such as Environmental Health, International Development, and Endocrinology. Vitor has experience working in a hospital research setting, and in fact, has conducted research into Genetics. He has also shadowed a Thoracic Surgeon and Pathologist and has volunteered at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. As a result of these experiences, Vitor aspires to work with management in the health care industry. Vitor is also part of the Ledyard Canoe Club and International Business Council. His favorite activity at Dartmouth is skiing.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Joan of Arc



Erin Kawakami

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Erin is a fourth-generation Japanese American, whose dream destination on her bucket list is Japan. She's also a Neuroscience major, with a minor in Human Centered Design, from Palos Verdes Estates, California. Outside of the classroom, Erin is a research assistant in Professor Peter Tse's lab in the Psychological and Brain Sciences Department. In addition to lab, she is also a part of Dartmouth EMS and works part-time at Kresge Physical Sciences Library. She has studied abroad in Argentina for three months as well. When not studying, you're guaranteed to find Erin training with the Dartmouth Women's Soccer team or eating lots of food, watching movies, reading and hanging out with friends. Additionally, Erin enjoys watching dance videos, skiing, hiking, playing beach volleyball, cooking, listening to music, and hanging out on Southern California Beaches. She is excited and looking forward to personally getting to know you over coffee or meal!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Women's Gender and Sexualities Studies 10, Theater 36: Speaking Voice for the Stage



Oliver Campbell

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Oliver is from San Marino, California and spent five and half years in the Army's 2nd Ranger Battalion, then attended community college prior the Dartmouth. The transition from the military to academic was a challenge, but it led him to realize that determination is the true key to academic success, as opposed to any inherent abilities. Now Oliver is a Biology major with a concentration in Neurobiology and a minor in Russian, and eventually, he would like to rejoin the military as a physician. During his off-term Winter, he will be involved in research on hemodynamics at the military's medical school, USUHS, in Bethesda, MD. Outside of academics, Oliver spends his time reading, watching Netflix, hanging out with friends, and exercising. He also has a passion for traveling and loves to explore during interims. He's been to 24 countries and only has 170 left to go!

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Writing 5, "Gender and the Holocaust."



Brenda Garcia

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Brenda is first generation Hispanic from Mount Vernon, Washington and is majoring in Neuroscience, although she hopes to learn more about Immunology. Outside of class, she is a research assistant in Dr. Caroline Robertson's lab in the Cognitive Neuroscience Department. In the lab, Brenda uses neuroimaging, virtual reality, and sensory tests to understand how people with Autism experience real world environments and social interactions. She also enjoys shadowing physicians through Dartmouth's Nathan Smith Society (in fact she has so far shadowed a Neurosurgeon and Pediatric Surgeon) and volunteering at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. In her free time, Brenda enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to music (she loves everything by Adele), singing, and drinking coffee.

Favorite, Non-Prerequisite Class: Health Policy and Clinical Practice