



## CLASS PROFILE - MEDICAL CLASS OF 2022

The class profile is a Rochester tradition. It has a 2-fold purpose. Primarily it is an effort to help you “connect” with each other, especially during this first week of medical school when everything is new - exciting but daunting. Secondly, it is a pause where we can marvel at the potential and talent in the future of medicine. I can say without a doubt, this is THE best class I have ever recruited to the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Mind you, it is the first class I have ever recruited, but rest assured, you will be the gold standard for all future recruitment years.

This year we had approximately 5400 applications from AMCAS that were reviewed. Of the completed supplemental applications, 2408 were from female applicants and 2613 were from male applicants. About 1223 of the applications were from New York State residents. The 33-person admissions committee interviewed 634 applicants this year for 104 places in the class. Your class includes 54 women and 50 men and ranges in age from 21-33 years old. The average age of your class is 24.08 years (.08=29 days) and 47% of your class is 24 years old or older.

Forty-seven of you identify as non-Caucasian and 26 of you are considered historically underrepresented in medicine - our most diverse class ever. All of you are citizens or permanent residents of the United States, but 14 of you were born outside of the mainland United States



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including China, Taiwan, Nepal, Lebanon, Egypt, Guyana, Korea, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Puerto Rico, Albania, India, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Forty members of your class are New York state residents, although many of you attended colleges outside of New York state. 11 hail from CA, 10 from PA, 5 from MA, 4 each from CT and NJ, 3 each from CO, IL, MI, TN and 2 each from LA, TX, WA. Twenty-four different states are represented in your class, and other states of residence include: AZ, FL, MD, NC, NM, OR, PR, VA, VT, and NV.

About 24% of you majored in Biology or some variation of that major, 16 of you majored in Neuroscience, 8 in Public or Global Health, 8 in Psychology, 10 in Biochemistry, 6 in Chemistry, 4 in the Engineering fields. Three each majored in Anthropology, and Microbiology. Two each majored in Economics, English, Psychology, Business, Finance, Statistics, and Journalism, and 1 each majored in Music, Math, Physics, Computer Science, History, Sociology Chinese and Theater Arts. Nine of you have Master's degrees in either public health, masters in science or masters in biology.

**Stop and think about it.** Collectively, Class of 2022, consider what you possess together and what you can do for the health care of people,



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communities and populations if you harness your substantial knowledge and talents.

Among our special matriculation programs, 6 of you entered under our Bryn Mawr affiliation, 1 from our Johns Hopkins affiliation, and 1 Associated Medical Schools of New York Post-Baccalaureate Programs. Four are part of our 8-year Rochester Early Medical Scholars Baccalaureate/MD Program, 10 are part of our Early Assurance Program, and 7 students join as MD/PhD in our NIH-funded Medical Scientist Training Program.

You've attended 56 different colleges and universities as undergraduates. 16 attended the University of Rochester, 7 attended Cornell, 5 Xavier of Louisiana, 3 each from Columbia, Middlebury, U of Pittsburg, Wesleyan and Yale. 2 each from Hunter, Colgate, Dartmouth, Georgetown, NYU, Swarthmore, Tufts, Buffalo, UCLA, U of Chicago, U of Colorado at Boulder, U of Pennsylvania, City University in New York and UC San Diego. Also there is a representative from Amherst, AZ state, Alfred, Boston College, Brown, Chatham, Claremont McKenna, Duke, Emory, GW, Hamilton, Haverford, Lehigh, Northeastern, Oberlin, Penn State, Portland State, Smith, Binghamton, Geneseo, U of Arizona, Berkeley, UC Irvine, University of Denver, Florida, U of Michigan, UNC at Chapel Hill, Vassar, Washington and Jefferson, Washington and Lee , Washington University in St. Louis and last but not least...Williams.



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At least 10 of you have participated in post baccalaureate coursework which implies alternative careers and passions which will influence how you see the world. Most of you graduated with Latin Honors, including a large number who were *Summa* or *Magna Cum Laude*. Additionally, many in your class graduated *Phi Beta Kappa*, *Phi Kappa Phi*, *Tau Beta Pi* and/or with departmental or university honors. We stand in awe of your academic prowess.

In addition to personal or family travel experiences, many of you held volunteer or work positions nationally or overseas. Five of you served as AmeriCorps volunteers. We have one who spent two years in Teach for America, and 1 of you served in the Peace Corps working in rural villages in Uganda. Many of you have worked with the National Health Corps or other agencies in our inner cities and international settings. Countless others have volunteered in various outreach or medical mission trips abroad, alternative summer breaks and various groups such as Global Brigades. It is clear, the Class of 2022 has made a priority of reaching out to those in need, regardless of the inconvenience, distance or personal hardship encountered.

The Class of 2022 has had an amazing number of volunteer experiences, both in clinical settings and community outreach. Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, volunteer ambulance service, soup kitchens,



homeless shelters, Planned Parenthood, nursing homes, camps for the disabled, Big Brother and Big Sister mentors and, of course, numerous hospitals, shadowing, and ambulatory clinic experiences, some rural and many in underserved inner cities. Many of you are EMT, CPR or Wilderness Training certified. But also, some of you have been certified in real estate, finance and human resources. If there is a hospital unit or service, someone in this room has volunteered in it and more importantly, LOVED working within it.

You have not been just premedical students in your previous lives. You have been educators as school teachers, peer tutors for athletes, the disabled and disadvantaged. You have also had real jobs and know the value of clocking in and clocking out and living paycheck to paycheck as waiters, bartenders, actors, fast food employees, librarians, nannies and coaches both for athletics and life. Each job you have held has taught you about the grit and resilience it takes to become a physician. For those of you who worked part time, full time and sometimes, don't forget the lessons of these jobs, they are true for your "job in medicine": be on time, be prepared, be respectful and be respectable.

To relax you have a wide variety of interests and many that will be well utilized in our class talent show. You enjoy beer brewing, clowning, gardening, yoga, cooking, bhangra, stepping, slam poetry, music, crafting and meditation.



You have unique interests as well, some of you have been farm workers in Central and South America, trained as a circus performer and been a Patch Adam Clown for pediatric patients in Mexico. You have developed apps for HIV and business models for finance. A true diversity of interests.

You are fit and competitors, from D- 3 athletics in sports such as skiing, soccer, football, swimming and lacrosse to recreational runners, yogi's, equestrians, weightlifters and martial artists. Please **DON'T STOP** taking care of your body for the next 4 years.

Ohhhh and do we have leaders! Leaders that come in every stripe and shade. Leaders of LGBTQ Organizations, Latino health groups, Native American affiliated groups, pre-health care organizations, leaders of scouting troops, religious groups, interest groups and a plethora of fascinating clubs. Your leadership caught our collective eye... **Please continue to lead forward.**

I am particularly proud of the sheer number of people concerned about the disenfranchised in their communities either through work with refugees, socioeconomically disadvantaged, ethnically targeted communities and other populations that are too often ignored. Thankfully, a large number of you care about geriatric and palliative care. This is a



class full of advocates and advocacy – the number of people who have worked on hotlines and as community organizers is breathtaking. From intimate partner violence, to rape, suicide, deportation and the transgender population, you are there for your communities 24x7. **PLEASE DON'T STOP** caring for those who have no one to care for them.

We have a full orchestra of musical talent within this class. We have music directors of ensembles, church choirs and personal bands. You have used your musical skills to not only soothe yourself but others. **PLEASE DON'T STOP** playing your instruments, you will be grateful you kept practicing in about 9-15 years.

Of course, almost all of you have done research in some capacity or another, most in the natural sciences but also in social sciences, humanities, and engineering. You have not only engaged in lab and bench work but also qualitative work and you have done quality work. Equally impressive are the number of you with published peer-reviewed articles and meeting abstracts. You have published in a vast array of disciplines such as geriatrics, thoracic surgery, vascular surgery, pediatrics, neurology, burn care, plastics and oncology. This class has an unnatural love of zebra fish and nematodes... I propose this as a fantastic name for your class band. Among other qualities, this curiosity was the reason we wanted you. **PLEASE DON'T STOP** being curious, that quality will change the lives of your patients and the world around you.



Many of you come to medicine through family influences, fifteen of you have parents that are physicians. Many of your parents are teachers and researchers across the spectrum of our educational system, as you as a physician will be as well. However, many of you have absolutely no family or friends to model your patient care and advocacy passions on. For most of you, your parents or mentors are your inspiration, if for no other reason than they were always there supporting you.

It is remarkable and inspiring to see all that you have achieved in such a short period of time and, for many of you, against all odds. Regardless of how you have arrived here, you have excelled and surpassed every milestone set before you. Your presence here today confirms not only excellence, but grit and determination. Class of 2022, you are about to transform yourselves, over the next 4 years, you will all become physicians. When this is over, you will have everything you came here with and **so much more**. So, in the next 1460 days, get to really know each other, for you are each other's resilience and wellness. Your individual talents and skills and capabilities have gotten you to the seat you are currently sitting in, however, it is time to look around this room and realize that it is your collective success that will change the lives of your future patients and communities forever.





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Welcome to the University of Rochester, Welcome to the class of  
2022 We stand in awe of your talent and potential... *Meliora!*