

Pediatric Residency Corner

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Our new intern class has started and are hard at work. It is a fantastic group which includes 14 categorical pediatric residents, 4 combined Medicine-Pediatrics residents, and 2 Child-Neurology residents. They come from medical schools in 12 different states and proudly include 2 of our own UCSD medical school graduates. We have a very diverse class and some have travelled interesting paths on their way to UCSD. We have former teachers, several who have done significant amounts of research, 2 collegiate athletes, 2 newlyweds, a native San Diegan, residents who are fluent in Romanian and Japanese (it's not who you think it might be!), 3 with children, several marathon runners, one who spent several years of her childhood in a place without electricity (on purpose!), a classic rock fan, and 2 with pet rabbits. Most importantly almost half are males—a distinct departure from recent entering classes. Please join us in welcoming them.

As the new group entered we sent our graduates out into the world to pursue fellowships ($n=7$), work as hospitalists or in urgent care ($n=3$), and to start primary care jobs ($n=4$). We were fortunate to keep three as this year's Chief Residents (Mackenzie Coffin, Begem Lee, and Daniel Lichtmann). They have some great plans for improving our residency experience and I'm sure many of you will be hearing from them as they engage in these projects.

Among the changes planned for the residency program in the coming months is the development of a block education session of several hours, often referred to as school, to be held on selected Friday afternoons. Each session will focus on one medical area but will incorporate didactics, simulation, small group discussions, basic science presentations and educational games. We look forward to working with various divisions to create these sessions and ask you to be supportive when residents are occasionally pulled from rotations to participate.