

Residency in General Surgery Welcomes New Residents- PGY-1



Virginia Bush will graduate from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in May. Born in Florida, she is a 2009 *summa cum laude* graduate from the University of Louisville.

Before starting medical school, her mentor was so impressed by her work ethic and skill that she was asked to teach workshops for medical students to which she spent each Sunday morning teaching the basics of knot tying and suturing. Among several academic honors, including the Dean's List, honor societies, in 2013 Virginia was awarded the Alpha Omega Alpha Carolyn Kuckein Student Research Fellowship in order to continue her work on cutaneous nerve density.

Raised by a Navy pilot, her parents instilled in her the military values of hardwork, loyalty, and dedication. She is extremely interested in Fine Art, specifically oil painting and photography, and will be working on a year-long project in utilizing her background in art and design.

Madison Griffin will graduate from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. A native of Houston, she attended the University of Texas in Austin, Texas where she was awarded several honors and earned degrees in Kinesiology and Plan II Honors Program. She and a colleague started the Women in Surgery Lecture Series at UT Health with a mission to encourage all medical students regardless of gender to consider a surgical career.

She enjoys being active in athletics and was captain of the University of Texas Rowing team, and has done a considerable amount of volunteer work. One preceptor wrote, "She demonstrates the ability not only to be a leader but also part of a cohesive team, and is a balanced individual who has the skills necessary to be successful in surgery."



Christopher Jean-Louis will graduate from the University of North Texas Health Science Center-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine with a dual degree D.O./MPH. He graduated *cum laude* from Savannah State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Born in Massachusetts, his family is originally from Haiti and he is interested in working with clinics and hospital centers in Haiti during future mission trips.

Chris is a Rural Osteopathic Medical Education (ROME) Scholar and has shown outstanding leadership and community involvement. He also has several ongoing projects with the Medical Student Government Association in Fort Worth, Texas. One of his preceptors wrote, "He was a college athlete and knows how to be a team player." Chris and his wife are expecting their first child this year.

Justin Vaughan is a graduate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine in Little Rock. Born in Hot Springs, he has a bachelor of science degree in biology and a graduate degree in biomedical sciences. Among several academic honors, including the UAMS College of Medicine Class of 1937 Alumni Scholarship, and honor societies.

Preceptors with direct contact with him said, "He showed initiative to help residents with daily tasks and often stayed late to follow up on patients to make sure orders were completed." "When asked why he would want to give up his vacation time, he told me ...he could both help the team as well as get more teaching since he would be the only student there." In his free time enjoys trout fishing, hiking, camping, Civil War history and performing basic or clinical research.

