## 2021-2022 Academic Year Bon Secours Mercy Health- St. Francis Family Medicine Blackstone Rural Track



Katherine Griffin, DO PGY 3

**Medical School:** Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Personal interests:** Trying new restaurants (this is easy to do in Richmond), reading, working out, anything outdoors, and anything have to do with the water (beach, pool, lake, river).

Why SFFM?- "I was drawn to SFFM after learning it was an unopposed program, with an emphasis on inpatient medicine, global health opportunities, diver patient population, and a large women's health/OBGYN following. Highlight of intern year was having the opportunity to lobby or several House Bills with the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians in front of the general assembly. I also love Richmond and all it has to offer, so everything seems to fit perfectly for me!"



Jeffrey Irwin, MD PGY 3

**Medical School:** Virginia Commonwealth University

**Personal interests:** Rural medicine, clinical procedures and academic medicine. Walks with my wife, son, and dog. Woodworking and DIY home/car repair.

Why SFFM- Blackstone? "An amazing rural tract with an intensive inpatient training at a community unopposed hospital."

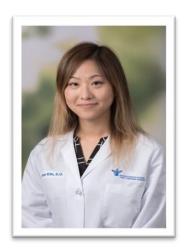


Patricia Jean-Charles, DO PGY 3

**Medical School:** Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine- New York

**Personal interests:** Spending time with family and friends, outdoor activities, traveling, trying new food

**Why SFFM? -** "A great blend of residents from different cultures leading to diversity."



Sharon Kim, DO PGY 3

**Medical School:** Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine- New York

**Personal interests:** Cooking, baking, traveling & eating, spending time with friends and family

Why SFFM? "This program provides strong and diverse experiences in both inpatient and outpatient settings with supportive coresidents/staff."



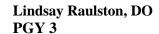
Cora Owen, DO PGY 3

**Medical School:** Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine

**Personal interests:** Traveling, reading, a good cup of coffee.

Why SFFM? "Hands down the people. I love the people I get to work with. I also like that we get a good exposure to OB patients. There are a lot of research opportunities available."





Medical School: Edward Via College of

Osteopathic Medicine

**Personal interests:** Hanging out with my golden retriever puppy, playing tennis, going to the OBX (or really any beach), watching reality TV shows, and trying new restaurants around Richmond.

Why SFFM?- "I chose St. Francis Family Medicine for many reasons! I love the city of Richmond and this is ultimately where I want to be long term. I am also very interested in Sports Medicine and wanted a program with a fellowship. I also had a great experience during this interview and really enjoyed all of the residents and faculty that I was able to meet."



Bernd Stab, MD PGY 3

**Medical School:** St. George's University

School of Medicine

Personal interests: Weight lifting, running,

white water kayaking, hiking

Why SFFM? "The faculty and the surrounding area!"



Victoria Witt, DO PGY 3

Medical School: Edward Via College of

Osteopathic Medicine

**Personal interests:** Cooking, weightlifting, boxing, snowboarding, hiking with my dog,

traveling, live music

Why SFFM- Blackstone? "I chose this program because of the amazing people I get to work with and because I wanted to come back to my hometown of Richmond, VA."



Valeriya Yabluchanska, MD PGY 3

**Medical School:** V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University School of Medicine

**Personal interests:** Spending time with my family, traveling, cooking

Why SFFM? "No doubt that residents here are the best! Young, kind, accomplished and very open."