



## Meet Your Second Look Day Ambassadors!

**Name and Hometown:** Bayo Bello (M2) Philadelphia, PA

**Undergraduate:** Bucknell University

**Major/Minor:** Biology

**Specialty Interests:** IM/Gastroenterology, IM/Hepatology, Rural medicine

**Involvement at Mizzou Med:** MedZou Pharmacy Team member, Student Ambassador Chair, STEP Program, Med Prep group leader, Mini Med Counselor, Undergrad Mentor, Inc Member, Interest group exec, SNMA exec, Global Scholars Education Chair, Caleb Science Club, EHSA

**Your life is a movie. What's the title and why?** "Pursuit of Happiness" – It has been a long journey to get here. I also think Ed Sheeran's *Castle on the Hill*, also accurately describes my experiences in life so far.

**Why did you pick Mizzou?** The PBL curriculum attracted me to Mizzou, however, the reception I received during my interview sealed the deal for me (shout out to Anita Berry and Robin Clay!). Additionally, the atmosphere is very collaborative and as you already know, is how it is in the outside world.

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Bayo

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**Undergraduate:** University of Missouri- St Louis

**Major(s)/Minor(s):** Psychology

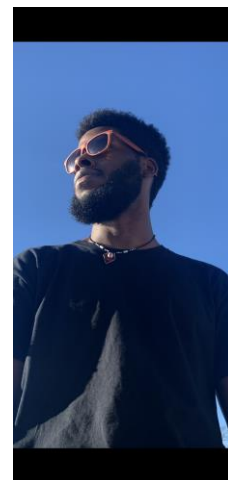
**Specialty Interests:** Emergency medicine, radiology, IM/some subspecialty, neurology

**Involvement at Mizzou Med:** Student ambassador, Interest groups, SNMA, Caleb science club

**Your life is a movie. What's the title and why?** The Matrix, I just like the idea of the red vs blue pill problem. Awakening to the possibility that not everyone in my environment is benevolent, charting my own life path and deliberately choosing to go against what society has pre-ordained for me.

**Why did you pick Mizzou?** The cost, location etc, but most importantly a sense of community. When I was here on my interview day, I really connected with the students I met. It was important to me that I did not feel alone at whatever school I ended up picking, that I could have a support system of people who looked like me and could guide me on how to move through these spaces where historically we have not been welcomed in .

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Muna

**Name and Hometown:** Bailey Weeks (M2) Sioux City, Iowa

**Undergraduate:** Mizzou

**Major/Minor:** Majored in biological sciences and psychology

**Specialty Interests:** Very open minded, but maybe internal medicine/cardiology or oncology... maybe surgery... so many options!

**Involvement at Mizzou Med:** MedZou Clinic Manager, MedZou Case Manager, Refugee Health Navigation Program, Student Ambassador, Interest groups

**Your life is a movie. What's the title and why?** "Just Keep Swimming" – every day is a new opportunity, even if you accomplish nothing one day (which will happen quite frequently in medical school), just move forward and use the next day as another opportunity to accomplish what you want to and don't put yourself down for needing to take a break.

**Why did you pick Mizzou?** I picked Mizzou for medical school because of how much I loved my time here during undergrad. Mizzou is an amazing place in general and the medical school is exceptional! The amount of free time that a PBL curriculum gives you is great and allows you to have a life outside of school.

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Bailey

**Name and Hometown:** Dustin Armstrong (M2) Galesburg , IL

**Undergraduate:** Carl Sandburg Community College 2005, SIU-Carbondale 2007, Goldfarb School of Nursing 2012, WashU 2018

**Major/Minor:** Associate of Arts & Science, Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast News; Minor in Coaching, BSc Nursing, WashU-Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program

**Specialty Interests:** Pediatrics Intensive Care, CT surgery, Pediatric cardiology

**Involvement at Mizzou Med:** Student Ambassador, MedZou (Clinic Manager) Playing 4 Hope

**Your life is a movie. What's the title and why?** Kansas City Chiefs: Super Bowl LIV Champions – Amazing feeling after 30 years of heartbreaking fandom. Definitely shows resiliency. Plus, like Patrick Mahomes, sometimes you just have to make it up as you go.

**Why did you pick Mizzou Med?** I was an ICU nurse for 7 years, and this is the style of professional communication we utilized on a daily basis. There certainly are differences, but I wanted to be somewhere where everyone's voice is heard as we work together to find the answers. Mizzou's board scores are ridiculously good. The OME truly cares about the students. The facilities are wonderful and tailored towards the medical student's day-to-day functions and necessities. It is close to home so that my wife and I can meet up with friends and family without having to extensively travel.

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Dustin

**Name and Hometown:** Madeline Simon (M2) Columbia, MO

**Undergraduate:** University of Missouri

**Major/Minor:** Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Music (piano performance)

**Specialty Interests:** Really open-minded for now, but possibly Emergency Medicine or Internal Medicine

**Involvement at Mizzou Med:** MedZou Pharmacy Chair, Student Ambassador, STEP Program

**Your life is a movie. What's the title and why?** "Organized Chaos" - med school feels pretty chaotic most of the time, but I am (usually, not always) pretty good at organizing the chaos and dealing with the ups & downs as they come

**Why did you pick Mizzou Med?** PBL (played a huge role!) + the overall atmosphere of the school. Students are not competitive with one another in the sense that we don't try to out-compete one another & throw each other under the bus. We are all working together to make each other into the best future physicians we can be. Mix that in with PBL, in which you teach each other and really have no limits on the amount of information you can learn. It's a combination that helps me learn best.

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Madeline

**Name and Hometown:** Thalia Anderson Woodbury, MN

**Undergraduate:** University of Wisconsin - River Falls

**Major(s)/Minor(s):** Biochemistry

**Specialty Interests:** I came in thinking ObGyn (still am), but I'm very open to exploring others.

**Involvement at Mizzou Med:** MedZou Case Manager, Student Ambassador

**Your life is a movie. What's the title and why?** "Enormous Changes at the Last Minute." I was raised in a fluctuating environment with my mom owning a bakery and my dad in the military. My parents often went with the flow and things would change frequently. I have continued with that legacy and often experience changes suddenly, but I have learned to adapt and appreciate it.

**Why did you pick Mizzou?** Before even applying to medical school, I received an email from Robin Clay of Diversity & Inclusion. At that point, I was very sure I wanted to stay in my home state of MN. However, I continued to look into Mizzou Med and applied. At my interview, I felt a drastic difference in the environment and the people than at my other interviews. I was so comfortable, calm and positive that this is where I wanted to go. Thank you, Robin!

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### Questions?

Feel free to email us or any of the Student Ambassadors at <http://medicine.missouri.edu/admissions/ambassadors>

**Name and Hometown:** Paola Orozco (M1) San Diego, CA and Guadalajara, Mexico

**Undergraduate:** UC San Diego

**Major(s)/Minor(s):** Molecular Biology with minor in Global Health

**Specialty Interests:** Oncology, Internal Medicine, Cardiology or maybe Endocrinology? So many cool specialties out there!

**Involvement at Mizzou Med:** Class of 2024 Vice President, Student Ambassador, Eat Healthy Stay Active (EHSA) volunteer

**Your life is a movie. What's the title and why?** "Hustle and Flow" because I feel that's how life up to med school and during med school feels like. It's all about overcoming obstacles, learning from them and enjoying the ride!

**Why did you pick Mizzou?** I went to undergrad and grad school in California and I was nervous about interviewing at a school that was so far away. However, I was sold the second I saw the support that the OME showed and seeing how happy students were about being at Mizzou. Also, I think there's no better way to learn medicine than PBL!

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Paola

**Name and Hometown:** Kevin Hooshmand Jefferson City, MO

**Undergraduate:** University of Missouri-Columbia

**Major(s)/Minor(s):** Biology/Black Studies

**Specialty Interests:** I like critical care medicine, but I really don't know yet!

**Involvement at Mizzou Med:** Medzou Psych Chair, Student Ambassador

**Your life is a movie. What's the title and why?**

"Lunch with family, Dinner with friends," My favorite thing to do is cook, it doesn't matter how busy I am or how much food I have already made. Eating and cooking has always made me feel relaxed; the only thing that compares is spending time with people I care about. So if my life was a movie, I would want it to be centered around food and loved ones.

**Why did you pick Mizzou?**

There are so many reasons! I am from a town 30 miles away, and many of my friends and some of my family still live in this area. Growing up, I always loved coming to Columbia, but I didn't realize how great it is until I moved here for college. Columbia has so many amazing restaurants and things to do outside. As far as the school goes, I don't think there would be a better place for me. I was never comfortable sitting quietly through lectures all day. PBL lets me take a more active role in learning and lets me work through real patient cases with my classmates.

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Kevin



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## MIZZOU MEDPREP 3

MedPrep 3 is a workshop composed of five primers designed to assist newly admitted University of Missouri School of Medicine students. The academic primers review the subjects of biochemistry, cell physiology, pharmacology and anatomy as a preparation tool prior to the start of medical school. The professional development primer includes an online component as well as a one-day, onsite workshop that focuses on promoting a diverse and inclusive medical school environment.

### MEDPREP ACADEMIC PRIMERS

#### BIOCHEMISTRY PRIMER

Provides the opportunity to learn or review material related to biological chemistry and biochemistry. The topics covered include basic organic and biological chemistry concepts essential in understanding the biochemistry of basic cellular building blocks (carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids, etc.) and metabolic processes related to these compounds.

#### CELL PHYSIOLOGY PRIMER

Provides the opportunity to learn or review material related to cellular structure and function. The topics will cover membrane structure and function including lipids, proteins and transport. In addition, cellular organelle structure and function will be covered.

#### PHARMACOLOGY PRIMER

Provides the opportunity to learn or review material related to pharmacological principles. Basic terminology and concepts in pharmacology, including processes of drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, elimination, mechanism of action and rational choice of drugs will be included.

#### ANATOMY PRIMER

Provides an overview of regional gross anatomy that parallels first-year anatomy curriculum. Each lecture includes an introduction to the anatomy of a given region, a component of the challenging autonomic nervous system and examples of radiology.

**WHERE:** Online via Canvas

**WHEN:** June 7 – July 18, 2021

**WHO:** Incoming students

**COST:** \$50 per academic primer

*Financial assistance available based on need.*

**DEVELOPERS:** Medical school faculty who are experts in each discipline's subject matter.

**FACILITATORS:** Current medical school students who have been carefully selected for their competence and expertise in the discipline's subject matter, supported by the faculty member who developed the primer.



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# MEDPREP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIMER



## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PRIMER:

The Diversity and Inclusion primer is designed to promote an inclusive academic health care community and foster relationships between the entering class, deans, faculty, staff and current medical students. It also provides resources and tools to train participants as diversity educators knowledgeable in topics that encourage and embrace diversity and inclusion. The four-week online component is a weekly self-paced course that promotes engagement, learning and discussion, leading to the one-day interactive session with students, deans, faculty and staff. The enrichment primer is no cost to the student and is open to the entire entering class.

**ONLINE:** June 28 - July 23, 2021 | **ON-SITE:** July 23, 2021 in PCCLC | **WHO:** Incoming Students | **COST:** \$0

*"The Diversity and Inclusion MedPrep Primer was my first experience as an official Mizzou med student. It is no secret that subject matters regarding diversity and inclusion can be a bit challenging to discuss. However, Mizzou MedPrep confidently presented their dedication and willingness to make this topic a priority for the students as well as the faculty. Diversity and inclusion is for everyone, as we all have unique and different aspects about ourselves, therefore I would definitely recommend this primer to any incoming Mizzou med student!"*

**Alanna Sam**  
MD Candidate, 2021

*"The Diversity and Inclusion primer helped me get to know some of my fellow med students much more personally, as well as the faculty I knew I could go to if I needed advice or help with anything. Some of my longest lasting and most meaningful med school relationships have come from participating in this primer!"*

**Katie Bernal**  
MD Candidate, 2021

*"For me, MedPrep 3's Diversity and Inclusion Primer was an excellent way to be exposed to highly relevant social issues and how I, as a future physician, can be an advocate for change in my future practice and within the profession as a whole. This primer helped lay a foundation for these topics that are discussed regularly and even tested once one enters med school. Check out this primer if you are ready to evaluate and challenge biases and become a better equipped ally and advocate to our diverse student body, medical profession and patient population!"*

**Magdaleno Gutierrez**  
MD Candidate, 2022

**Registration required for all primers.**

For more information visit [medicine.missouri.edu/education/medprep3](https://medicine.missouri.edu/education/medprep3).

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**PUBLIC**		
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Ryan Akin	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Otolaryngology
Tori Applegren	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Family Medicine
Jacob Bailey	U New Mexico School of Med-ALBUQUERQUE, NM	Urology
Charles Baumann	U North Carolina Hospitals, CHAPEL HILL, NC	Orthopaedic Surgery
Anthony Bitar	U Minnesota Med School, MINNEAPOLIS, MN	Orthopaedic Surgery
Brian Blankenship	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Neurology
Michael Bohnert	Mountain AHEC-NC, ASHEVILLE, NC	Transitional Year
Michael Bohnert	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Dermatology
Kiara Branham	Meharry/Metro General Hosp-TN, NASHVILLE, TN	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Andrew Clark	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Surgery-Preliminary
Jordan Cruz	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Anesthesiology
Michelle D'Alessandro	Barnes-Jewish Hosp-MO, ST LOUIS, MO	Internal Medicine
Sanket Desai	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Internal Medicine-Preliminary
Sanket Desai	Univ of Chicago Med Ctr-IL, CHICAGO, IL	Anesthesiology
Rahul Dey	Amita St Joseph Hosp-IL, CHICAGO, IL	Internal Medicine-Preliminary
Brittney Dioneda	Yale-New Haven Hosp-CT, NEW HAVEN, CT	Pediatrics
Jessica Doran	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Pediatrics
Samantha Dyroff	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Internal Medicine-Preliminary
Samantha Dyroff	University of Utah Health, SALT LAKE CITY, UT	Radiology-Diagnostic
Erin Ehlers	Ohio State University Med Ctr, COLUMBUS, OH	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Bradley Emmerich	Spectrum Health/Michigan State Univ, GRAND RAPIDS, MI	Emergency Medicine
Maria (Gentry) Enders	U Kansas SOM-Kansas City, KANSAS CITY, KS	Emergency Medicine
Miranda Eubank	U Florida College of Med-GAINESVILLE, FL	Urology
Michael Flom	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Psychiatry
Candace Fogliatti	U South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa, TAMPA, FL	Family Medicine
Leslie Fogwe	U Louisville SOM-KY, LOUISVILLE, KY	Surgery-General
Nicole Formhals	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Family Medicine
Lauren Friedman	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Psychiatry
Joshua Griner	Hennepin Co Med Ctr-MN, MINNEAPOLIS, MN	Emergency Medicine
Lauren Gunderson	Univ of Missouri-KC Programs, KANSAS CITY, MO	Emergency Medicine
Michael Hagerty	St Louis Univ SOM-MO, ST LOUIS, MO	Orthopaedic Surgery
Zahra Haider	Ascension St John Hosp-MI, DETROIT, MI	Family Medicine
Allison Hall	Western Pennsylvania Hosp, PITTSBURGH, PA	Obstetrics and Gynecology
David Hannibal	St Louis Univ SOM-MO, ST LOUIS, MO	Internal Medicine
Jacob Hartwig	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Orthopaedic Surgery
Maren Heller	Northwestern McGaw/Lurie Childrens-IL, CHICAGO, IL	Child Neurology
Kirstie Holtermann	St Louis Univ SOM-MO, ST LOUIS, MO	Anesthesiology
Sara Hooshmand	Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN, ROCHESTER, MN	Neurology
Tingting Hua	Medical University of SC, CHARLESTON, SC	Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical
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Nicole Kagan	Baylor Univ Med Ctr-Dallas-TX, DALLAS, TX	Obstetrics and Gynecology
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Victoria Lindegaard	Pine Rest Christian Mental Hlth Svcs-MI, GRAND RAPIDS, MI	Psychiatry
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Shanon Luke	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Pediatrics
Joseph Mancuso	U Kansas SOM-Kansas City, KANSAS CITY, KS	Internal Medicine
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Alexander Oserowsky	U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor, ANN ARBOR, MI	Surgery-Preliminary
Alexander Oserowsky	U Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics	Radiology-Diagnostic
Nicolin Oserowsky	U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor, ANN ARBOR, MI	Psychiatry
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Ebony Page-Phillips	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Emergency Medicine
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Savannah Pounds	Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton-CA	Family Medicine
Priyanka Prabhu	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Psychiatry
Bilal Quadri	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Family Medicine
John Rains	Christiana Care-DE, NEWARK, DE	Emergency Medicine
Ramya Ramadas	Childrens Hospital-Boston-MA, BOSTON, MA	Pediatrics
Catherine Rodriguez	U Colorado SOM-Denver, AURORA, CO	Pediatrics
Natalie Rodriguez	UC San Diego Med Ctr-CA, SAN DIEGO, CA	Pediatrics
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Blake Sarrazin	U Kansas SOM-Kansas City, KANSAS CITY, KS	Radiology-Diagnostic
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Matthew Schuver	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Emergency Medicine
Morgan Seibert	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Internal Medicine-Preliminary
Morgan Seibert	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Radiology-Diagnostic
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Cord Sheehy	U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, LITTLE ROCK, AR	Pediatrics
Daniel Shyu	U Minnesota Med School, MINNEAPOLIS, MN	Internal Medicine
Shivangi Singh	NYP Hosp-Columbia Univ Med Ctr-NY, NEW YORK, NY	Neurology
Thomas Smith	Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN, ROCHESTER, MN	Internal Medicine
James Stannard	University Hosps-Columbia-MO, COLUMBIA, MO	Orthopaedic Surgery
John Taaffe	Cleveland Clinic Fdn-OH, CLEVELAND, OH	Vascular Surgery
Jason Tegethoff	Northwestern McGaw/NMH/VA-IL, CHICAGO, IL	Orthopaedic Surgery
Daniel Thompson	University of Virginia, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA	Psychiatry
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Alana Tucker	San Antonio Military Medical Center-TX	Pediatrics
Audrey Wagner	Florida State University COM, FORT MYERS, FL	Family Medicine
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# TRAINING and INNOVATION GROUND for EDUCATIONAL and RESEARCH SUPPORT (TIGERS) for Medical Students



## Program Overview

The Training and Innovation Ground for Educational and Research Support (TIGERS) for Medical Students program is a pilot program designed to introduce medical students to a four-year mentorship program, using medical research as a vehicle to create mentor-mentee relationships. The principal objective of this program is to help medical students succeed during medical school and achieve desired post-graduate training. Students are expected to participate and help design a meaningful research project which will be conducted in the summer following M1 year as part of the Summer Research Fellowship program.

- Students will receive training on conducting research and participating in laboratory activities
- Training will include research proposal development and grant application writings

## Selection Process

Interested students are encouraged to submit an application. All students except Bryant Scholars are eligible to apply. Twenty-five students from the incoming class will be selected to participate.

## Program Highlights

- Students will be paired with an MU SOM faculty mentor who will mentor them throughout their medical school career.
- Students will be expected to participate and help design a meaningful research project
- The program includes interactive sessions that focus on leadership and research

## For More Information

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