

**PGY-2
CLASS
2026-2027**



DeeAnne Almeida

M.D.



Hometown: Newark, DE

Medical School: Sidney Kimmel Medical College (Jefferson)

For Fun I: love to bake, cook, do puzzles, scrapbook, try out new restaurants, and travel!!

Why did you choose Hopkins: I wanted to learn in an environment that was encouraging and collaborative! I appreciated the extra emphasis on resident education and autonomy! I also wanted to work somewhere with a diverse patient population and exposure to the whole breadth of pediatric subspecialties!

What excites you most about living in Baltimore: I am excited to explore more of the city and find new activities to do and restaurants to try! I also am a big fan of the National Aquarium!!!

She/Her

Nicholas Archer

M.D.



Hometown: Glen Mills, PA

Medical School: Drexel University College of Medicine

For Fun I: spend time with my family, have long catch-up calls with friends, watch documentaries, try new foods, and (when I get the chance) spend far too long perusing used bookstores!

Why did you choose Hopkins: For me, Hopkins offered the perfect combination of characteristics I was seeking in a residency program. Hopkins portrayed an environment where I knew I would be intellectually stimulated, challenged in all the right ways, and surrounded by faculty and co-residents who value a high-caliber education as much as I do.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Baltimore has all the charm and offerings of a big city, without being as overwhelming or inaccessible. I love how simple it is to get together with my co-residents and enjoy all that Baltimore has to offer. Living here also meant I would easily be able to visit my family on my time off.

He/Him

Crystal Barbus

M.D.



Hometown: Eden Prairie, MN

Medical School: University of Minnesota

For Fun: Bake and go for walks with my toddler son!

Why did you choose Hopkins: I choose Hopkins because I knew I would receive exceptional training here. Everyone I met during my interview day was incredibly friendly and passionate about education. There also seemed to be a great supportive environment for residents inside and outside the hospital.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore: It's super close to family so that is a big plus! I also love that there's a good mix of outdoor activities, great restaurants, and easy access to neighboring big cities like DC and Philly

She/Her

Alexa Blanchard

M.D., Ph.D.



Hometown: Bethesda, MD

Medical School: University of Maryland School of Medicine

For Fun: I enjoy coaching dance! In any spare time not spent with my actual kids, I spend with my "other" kids - my high school and college dancers! I take also dance classes at local studios when I am able. I also enjoy gardening on my front stoop and walking to neighborhood parks with my sons.

Why did you choose Hopkins: For this next step in my career, I wanted an institution that would sustain my research interests in neurology and offer exceptional clinical training. I also wanted a place that would serve the people of its city holistically - and I found that in Hopkins!

What excites you most about living in Baltimore: I LOVE this city. Although it is an underdog city that most people write off, it is rich in culture and history. Baltimoreans love this city and fight to make it a better place. There are over 250 neighborhoods here, each with its own personality - making a place for everyone in the city. I love how community-oriented my neighborhood is - from impromptu "stoop beers" to casual run-ins with neighbors at the local ice cream shops!

She/Her

J. Iván Cardona
M.D.



Hometown: Chihuahua, Mexico
Medical School: University of Rochester
For fun I: I love to explore new restaurants with my partner. I also love playing video games and playing soccer.

Why did you choose Hopkins?: I chose Hopkins because I wanted an ideal environment where I could challenge myself and explore the different pediatric subspecialties that it offers. I wanted to be trained by the leaders of their respective fields hoping to choose a subspecialty for the rest of my career.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? I am excited to live in a warmer climate than where I was living previously (Upstate, NY). I am excited to work with the communities in Baltimore as it is a city with a deep history with a vast diversity in its population.

He/Him

Tina Chai
M.D.



Hometown: Falls Church, VA
Medical School: Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

For Fun I: Write, grow plants, do hot yoga, sing in the shower

Why did you choose Hopkins?: From my resident social before interview day and my current experiences, I can confidently say that the residents are incredibly kind and supportive of one another. There is so much joy and laughter we share together on both lighter and tougher services. The opportunities at Hopkins are also incredibly unique, from being able to contribute to The Harriet Lane Handbook to taking interesting electives that align with your career goals. My family and close friends are also located in or near the area!

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? I'm excited to live close to the harbor, which will allow for plenty of strolls along the water. I'm also pumped to try new restaurants with my partner and be within walking distance to many cute cafes and shops.

She/Her

Kanita Chaudhry
M.D., Ph.D.



Hometown: Burlington, VT
Medical School: Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

For fun: I like to read, go on walks outside, and explore new restaurants.

Why did you choose Hopkins? I wanted to train at a major academic medical center where I could care for a diverse patient population and see complex cases. As an aspiring physician-scientist, I was drawn to the integrated research pathway at Hopkins and the opportunity to pursue a research year in a pediatric solid tumor or neuro-oncology lab.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore: I am excited to explore the different neighborhoods, parks, and restaurants that Baltimore has to offer.

She/Her

Bennetta Clarke
M.D., M.P.H.



Hometown: Greensboro, NC
Medical School: George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences

For Fun: I love to travel, going out to eat, concerts, dancing, game nights, and any opportunity to hang out with friends and loved ones!

Why did you choose Hopkins? I chose Hopkins because I wanted to train in pediatrics and anesthesiology in an institution that values well rounded care in a diverse city. Hopkins is rich in resources when it comes to public health and global health, which are special interests of mine. There are also approachable and inspirational faculty that expose me to the many career options my training will offer. Lastly, the residents have a warm and supportive culture which was important for me in a residency program.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? The food and festivals! Baltimore is such a diverse and fun place to me.

She/Her

Emily DeBoy
M.D., Ph.D.



Hometown: Columbia, MD

Medical School: Johns Hopkins University

For Fun: love to hike, read, bake, work on projects around the house, and find any excuse to hang out with friends and family over food

Why did you choose Hopkins? The opportunity to combine my love for clinical practice and research, as well as the amazing people who show up everyday to make Hopkins the place it is

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Staying close to family and friends, all the free events on the weekends, being close to the water, and the amazing places to eat

She/Her

Amal Hutchinson
M.D.



Hometown: Clarksburg, MD

Medical School: Howard University College of Medicine

For fun: like to visit (and rank) movie theaters, coffee/tea shops, and restaurants.

Why did you choose Hopkins? I could tell throughout my interview day and through my interactions with current residents that Hopkins was genuinely devoted to building a supportive, diverse community of physicians. Plus, I knew that I wanted to work with underserved communities while being trained by some of the most capable, sharp faculty in the country.

What excites me about Baltimore: As a Maryland native, I feel like I've become very well acquainted with the DMV area, but I never really ventured out to see what Baltimore had to offer. So, I'm excited to start exploring a new city that still somewhat feels like home. Also, I look forward to eating a lot of good food, going to a bunch of festivals/concerts, and learning more about the people that call this city home.

She/Her

Janelle Korf
M.D., Ph.D.



Hometown: Houston, TX

Medical School: McGovern Medical School

For Fun: I Love to hike and ski

Why did you choose Hopkins? The research here is unparalleled

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? The history and people

She/Her

Nacia Liapodimitri
M.D.



Hometown: Chalkida (Greece)

Medical School: University of Athens, Greece

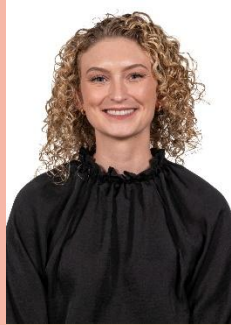
For fun I: enjoy playing tennis, watching movies, and listening to music! I also like doing yoga and walking by the waterfront!

Why did you choose Hopkins: I was doing research in pediatric oncology at Hopkins and was inspired by the strong clinical training, and by how cutting-edge research integrates into holistic patient care. I was impressed by the team-oriented culture, the numerous learning opportunities, and the support and mentorship residents receive here.

What excited you most about living in Baltimore: I love the vibrance and diversity of Baltimore and living near the water!

She/Her

Emerson Logan
M.D.



Hometown: Olathe, Kansas
Med school: University of Kansas School of Medicine
For fun: Spend time with friends and family, try new coffee shops, play board games (big Catan household), hot yoga, go for long walks, cheer on the KC Chiefs, try not to kill my plants!
Why did I choose Hopkins: The people! It was so clear to me that everyone at Hopkins genuinely cared for each other and the community. I knew I would be supported by the other residents and faculty here and would be able to find my home away from home.
What excites you the most about living in Baltimore: Getting to explore! Each neighborhood feels so unique- I can't wait to find all the best spots, hear all the live music, learn more about the history of the city, and eat all the crab!

She/Her

Stavriani C. Makri
M.D.



Hometown: Kalamata, Greece
Medical School: Athens Medical School
For Fun I: Like organizing movie nights (usually theme-based!) and inviting friends over to watch the most-voted movie. I also love dancing, both contemporary and classic ballet, and have been taking classes at the Peabody Institute of Hopkins (a really cool place if you're into music, dance, arts). I love traveling, planning trips, and exploring new places across the world. I also enjoy walking by the water, discovering new restaurants, and spending quality time with friends and family.
Why did you choose Hopkins? Hopkins truly felt like home to me. As someone that have been at Hopkins previously for research, I experienced first-hand the incredible support from colleagues and mentors, the unparalleled academic and career opportunities, and the sense of collegiality among the people. As a top-tier academic institution, Hopkins offers the chance to learn from the best while being exposed to different subspecialties, which was important to me. The patient population in Baltimore is also uniquely diverse, and I was inspired by how everyone works collaboratively to advocate for their patients and improve the health of the community.
What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Being close to my friends, enjoying the benefits of living near the water, and experiencing all four seasons. I also appreciate how affordable Baltimore is and how accessible everything feels which makes a big difference in quality of life.

She/Her

Bhavya Malladi
M.D.



Hometown: Fremont, CA
Medical School: Eastern Virginia Medical School
For Fun I: I'm an Indian classical dancer! I also love trying new restaurants and coffee shops, playing tennis and pickleball with my friends, checking out new TV shows (or rewatching The Office), trying out new baking recipes, and listening to Telugu/Hindi music.
Why did you choose Hopkins? I love how community-oriented the Hopkins residency program is, especially coming from a medical school that was heavily community-oriented. I felt so confident that I would get great training at this program and see both the bread and butter of pediatrics as well as the rare and complex. I also LOVED all the people I interviewed with, and it felt so natural striking up a conversation with them. Lastly, I am passionate about medical education and was drawn to the medical education pathway opportunities that Hopkins offered!
What excites you most about living in Baltimore? I'm so excited about the food scene in Baltimore! I love living in a bigger city that has so many fun activities, restaurants, coffee shops, etc to try.

She/Her

Kelly Montgomery
M.D.



Hometown: Fayetteville, GA
Medical School: Morehouse School of Medicine
For Fun I: Enjoy being outdoors and exploring nature, whether it is a walking trail or a hike. I also love yoga and watching cooking reality competition shows.
Why did you choose Hopkins: I was blessed to have a mentor at Hopkins, so I had invaluable insights into the exceptional training, nurturing learning environment, supportive culture, and commitment to health equity that the institution embodies; each of these qualities was incredibly important to me.
What excites you most about living in Baltimore? I didn't realize it until I moved here, but every neighborhood has its own personality and style, which excites me to explore. I also love living by the water, especially since there's a walking path that runs along the harbor!

She/Her

Abigail Nishikawa
M.D.



Hometown: Huntsville, AL
Medical School: University of Alabama Birmingham
For Fun I: go for a run with my husband, walk along the harbor, read my book in the park.
Why did you choose Hopkins? As someone who is undifferentiated as far as specialty, I wanted to go to an institution where I had opportunities to explore every specialty and see patients with a wide variety of pathologies.
What excites you most about living in Baltimore? There's always something to do! There are markets every weekend, countless restaurants, and you can walk to almost everywhere in the city.

She/Her

Kevin O'Connor
M.D., Ph.D



Hometown: Westwood, MA
Medical School: UMass Chan Medical School
For Fun I: Binge Love Island or reruns of The Office with my wife, Jaci, pray for a post-Brady era Patriots dynasty, hang out on our roof deck, run along Patterson Park or the harbor promenade, break course records (high score) at local golf courses, hike, fly fish, play tennis/pickle ball, and adventure around Maryland with my almost one-year-old son, Callum.
Why did you choose Hopkins? First, I loved my visiting sub-I's at Hopkins! It was clear the moment that I walked into Bloomberg on my first day and asked for directions that Hopkins was a collegial place and everyone was deeply committed to the mission of taking care of the children in the greater Baltimore community. I was thrilled to join a program with such a rich history of training pediatrician leaders and be a part of an institution with a long track record of transformative scientific advances that continue to improve the care of patients and their families. Plus, Baltimore was a perfect fit for my own growing family.
What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Continuing to find cool and unique places in Baltimore city and beyond. Some favorites so far: Patterson Park, Canton waterfront, Fells Point Farmer's market and flea market, Fort McHenry, Camden Yards, Annapolis, and Kent Island. There are so many amazing neighborhoods, with their own restaurants, coffee and books shops! I also love the views running along the Harbor!

He/Him

Yara Salameh
M.D.



Hometown: Lebanon
Medical school: Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK)
For fun I: like to try new restaurants, read books, cook and travel
Why did you choose Hopkins? I was attracted to the opportunity to learn from outstanding faculty and to be part of an institution where I can grow both personally and professionally.
What excites you most about living in Baltimore? One of the things I appreciate most about Baltimore is the variety of places to explore, from the beautiful Inner Harbor and historic neighborhoods to museums, parks, restaurants, and local cultural attractions.

She/Her

Jacqueline Sinnott O'Neil
M.D., M.P.H.



Hometown: Wilmington, Delaware
Medical School: Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
For Fun I: I enjoy staying active, spending time outdoors, and trying new local restaurants with family and friends.
Why did you choose Hopkins? I chose Hopkins because during my interview day, I felt a genuine sense of warmth, support, and community among the residents and faculty. The faculty are leaders in their fields and truly invested in teaching and mentorship. There is a strong focus on your clinical learning and professional growth. There are also incredible opportunities beyond medicine, including research, advocacy, public health, and community engagement.
What excites you most about living in Baltimore? I love Baltimore because of its vibrant energy and friendly atmosphere. There's always something exciting to do—whether it's exploring new restaurants, enjoying the outdoors at the park or along the waterfront, or attending the many local festivals.

She/Her

Sonya Rao
M.D.



Hometown: Plainsboro, NJ
Medical school: Rutgers RWJMS
For Fun: I like to bake bread, do Pilates, build Legos and play pickleball!

Why did you choose Hopkins? I was drawn to Hopkins because of how kind the residents were to each other. It seemed like they truly were one big family. The program also took good care of the residents, which told me my wellness would be valued here.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Being so close to my favorite aquarium! It's really a nice place to live, a perfect sized city. There's so much to do and explore, and I can't wait to do it all!

She/Her

McLaine Rich
M.D., M.S.



Hometown: Garden City, NY
Medical School: University of Vermont
For Fun I: love going to see live performances – Broadway shows, stand up comedy, and drag queen performances are my faves! I love to cook and bake and am always looking for new ways to veganize traditional recipes. Otherwise, I'm home spending my time with my 2 adorable cats Leo and Aries.

Why did you choose Hopkins? The hospital affiliated with my medical school was a bit smaller, and I was looking for a hospital setting with higher acuity patients and a more diverse patient population. My interview at Hopkins surprised me in that it was such an established academic institution doing amazing things in the field of medicine, but the faculty and residents still had the warmth and approachability as some of the smaller programs I interviewed at. I left my interview day with a feeling of excitement for my future that has carried on through the start of my intern year!

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Each neighborhood has its own character, and I love exploring new parts of the city I haven't yet seen. Some of my all-time favorite restaurants are here, and I love that Baltimore combines the city feel with beautiful waterfront views along the harbor. So excited to be back in this community!

She/Her

Patrick Rollo
M.D.



Hometown: Falls Church, Virginia
Medical School: McGovern Medical School
For Fun I: love to cook! My wife and I love trying new food from any cuisine and I enjoy trying to recreate it at home. I grew up playing basketball and soccer and love playing when I get the chance.

Why did you choose Hopkins?: I wanted a program that would push me, where I knew my training would be excellent and where I would be best prepared to be whatever kind of pediatrician I want to be. To the extent it was possible via online interviews, the residents seemed to really like and enjoy one another, and the program seemed to be genuinely committed to the residents. So far that has all felt very true!

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Being closer to family and friends. Most of my social circle from college in addition to my family like in the Northern Virginia/DC area and being closer to them is such a relief. I'm excited to be so much closer to home and still get to explore a new city and find out all the great things that Baltimore has to offer.

He/Hm

Sarah Sabti

M.D.



Hometown: Springfield, VA

Medical School: Eastern Virginia Medical School

For Fun I: do arts and crafts, watch shows and movies, hang out with my cats, spend time in nature

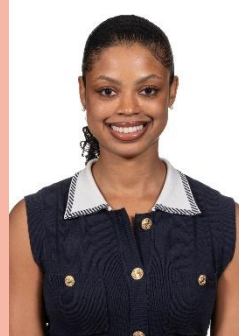
Why did you choose Hopkins? I had a lot of options on where to go as a dual applicant for child neurology and adult neurology, but I fell in absolute love with Hopkins because A) we have one connected hospital which makes it so nice to have everything and everyone in one place when you switch to adult neuro on your 3rd year, B) the neuro department makes zero differentiation between adult and children. C) The child neurology attendings are some of the kindest and best in the world. That goes for most of the attendings I have worked with so far! I expected it to be intimidating because of the name and prestige of the program, but everyone here is so kind. They answer with so much patience your every question, and care about your mental health a lot. Don't get me wrong, it is a lot of work, but it is work I love to do. I am grateful every day I get to be a doctor at Johns Hopkins. "

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? honestly, it's a middle of the road kinda city for me. It has some pretty areas with nature and water, has some nightlife, but also feels very homey

She/Her

Ashlyn Sanders

M.D.



Hometown: Wake Forest, NC

Medical School: Wake Forest University School of Medicine

For Fun I: like to travel, exercise (strength training), try new restaurants, hang out with friends and family

Why did you choose Hopkins: I chose Johns Hopkins because of its excellent reputation in clinical care, research, and innovation. I was also drawn to the diverse patient population and opportunity to explore the intersection of clinical care and health policy as it relates to improving health outcomes for the city of Baltimore and the state of Maryland.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Trying all the great seafood restaurants!

She/Her

Nikita Sardana

M.D.



Hometown: Rockville, Maryland

Medical School: University of Central Florida College of Medicine

For Fun I: Love to read, bake, host friends for dinner, try new restaurants, hike, and play pickleball!

Why did you choose Hopkins? Humble people, constant intellectual curiosity, and a commitment to the health of kids in Baltimore.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Incredible diversity and very kind, down to earth people. Plus, delicious food and so many local community events to explore!

She/Her

Anna Schoonover

M.D.



Hometown: Columbia, MD

Medical School: University of Maryland School of Medicine

For Fun I: Walk, run, cook, and watch soccer (especially the USWNT and NWSL!)

Why did you choose Hopkins?: When choosing a residency program, the most important thing to me was finding a place that felt supportive and collaborative. As I spoke to current residents, I got the sense that they truly enjoyed working with each other and found ways to make work fun, even on the long hard days. I also wanted a program that would help me explore different interests (professional, advocacy, personal) and support me in whatever I chose to do. There is something for everyone at Hopkins! Practically, Hopkins is also the perfect size and close to my family. Now that I'm here, I can say without a doubt that the supportive culture, focus on teaching, combo of classic & rare cases, and dedication to serving our Baltimore neighbors is everything I had hoped for.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Living next to Patterson Park is a dream. I also love being near the water and close to my family in Maryland. I'm excited to work and play in a city with so much personality and pride. I've lived here for a few years, but there is so much left to explore - good food, great ice cream, and community events every weekend...there is always something new to do!

She/Her

Roshan Uruthirakumar

M.D.



Hometown: Toronto, ON

Medical School: Trinity School of Medicine

For Fun I: Cooking, Hockey, Golfing, Fitness, Graphic Design, Baseball, Basketball, and Dancing!

Why did you choose Hopkins? What I truly appreciated about Hopkins during my away elective was that for such a prestigious and world-renowned hospital, I was very much so exposed to conversations regarding improving themselves. That is the culture at Hopkins, one of continuous improvement, growth and learning. Being able to recognize how to position yourself for growth is something I appreciate, and I know that being at Hopkins means mutualistic growth for both myself, and for Hopkins.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Baltimore has a perfect balance of everything: culture, nature, sports, food scene, and so much more. Being so accessible to other major cities around us is also something I am excited for.

He/Him

Ariel Vilidnitsky

M.D.



Hometown: Natick, MA

Medical School: Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

For Fun I: enjoy reading, practicing yoga, watching movies, trying out new restaurants, and obsessing over all things Taylor Swift!

Why did you choose Hopkins? Having attended medical school here, I knew that I would find a great balance of both bread-and-butter pediatrics and rare, complex cases during residency. I loved the program's emphasis on medical education, from dedicated teaching senior rotations to opportunities to help update the Harriet Lane Handbook. The residents and attendings I worked with were knowledgeable, kind, and supportive; many of them are still among my biggest role models and mentors today. The medium size of the program made me feel like I would know my classmates well while still having flexibility for call coverage. I was also excited to join the Health Equity track-- one of the few in the country that is not exclusive to primary care, but rather allows residents interested in a variety of sub-specialties to participate.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? I love being by the harbor and the amazing seafood that's here as a result. There's so many community events in the city, from the Fell's Point Farmer's Market to yearly events like ArtFest and Pride. Baltimore is also very close to both other major cities (DC, Philly, NYC) that have their own museums, restaurants, and events to explore AND an easy drive to great hiking destinations in Virginia and West Virginia.

He/Him

Rebecca Weintrob

M.D., M.P.H.



Hometown: Chicago, IL

Medical School: University of Illinois College of Medicine

For Fun I: love to bake, seeing live music, and forcing too many people into my living room to watch the Bachelorette!

Why did you choose Hopkins?: I loved my interview day! Everyone I met, from the residents to faculty and staff, were incredibly warm and genuine. I loved how much this program doesn't just talk about promoting health equity and advocacy but puts actual resources behind it! I also loved the diversity of the program, not only with the residents who train here but at every level of leadership. Lastly, I was really excited about the thought that is put into resident education here and was confident that I would learn how to become a competent pediatrician as well as a strong clinician educator!

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? The variety of great food and proximity to the water! I'm hoping to make it through my saved Google map of restaurants all over the city as soon as my wallet permits!

She/Her

2nd Year
Med-Peds
Residents!

Janhavi Dubhashi

M.D., M.P.H.



Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

Medical School: Emory University School of Medicine

For Fun I: love to sit outside under the sun, eat Vietnamese food, & practice my Spanish

Why did you choose Hopkins? The patient population and all of people that I have the privilege of getting to meet both in and out of the clinical setting

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? learning about the history of this city, seeing all the different community organizations that show up every day for their people, and getting to meet all the different enclaves of folks that have created beautiful lives here

She/Her

Jack Loftus

M.D.



Hometown: Apple Valley, MN

Medical School: Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

For Fun I: Like to garden and take care of houseplants, run, play guitar, and cook.

Why did you choose Hopkins?

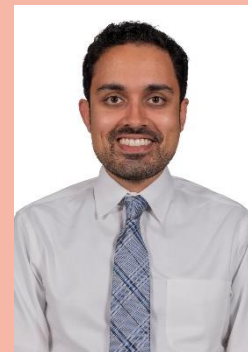
I was here for medical school and came to love Baltimore and Johns Hopkins. I like the rigorous and serious training in a supportive, positive environment and work culture.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? The local charm! All the little hidden gems and cool, eccentric people

He/Him

Vineet Raman

M.D.



Hometown: Marietta, GA

Medical School: University of Minnesota Medical School

For Fun I: read, serendipitously find ice cream shops on long walks, try new restaurants, go to concerts, bike

Why did you choose Hopkins? I chose Hopkins for the emphasis on community partnership and advocacy.

The clinical training is excellent with program leadership focused on your formation as a physician. Residents are dedicated and passionate about serving the community. There are so many resources available for patients in helping them access care.

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? Living by the water, exploring Baltimore's neighborhoods, getting to know the communities we serve

He/Him

Claude Taccheri

M.D.



Hometown: South Bend, IN

Medical School: The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

For Fun I: Love to bike, read for my book club, and beat my friends at Mario Kart

Why did you choose Hopkins?: I loved Baltimore and the Med-Peds program here :)

What excites you most about living in Baltimore? How warm, welcoming, and community minded people are!

He/They