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Education

B.A., Public Health, Davidson College, 2020

Scientific Interests

This is a tough question because I'm truly interested in all things health and related to the human body. But, if I had to pick, I am passionate about health disparities like the Black maternal health crisis. I am also interested in immunology; specifically, autoimmune and chronic diseases like rheumatoid arthritis and cancer because of how much we don't know about them. I also find fetal development and pregnancy very fascinating. Finally, I'm drawn to orthopedics. I plan to use my passion for research, medicine, and service to make a difference in healthcare.

I applied to iCURE because...

I applied to the iCURE program because I want to become a physician who integrates research and medicine to improve patients' lives and the advancement of medicine. I'm particularly inspired to dedicate my career to working towards reducing health disparities in marginalized and underserved populations. I knew iCURE would aid me in achieving both my goals because of the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge cancer research, which is a disease that harbors significant health disparities. Also, this program provides opportunities to foster mentorships with elite scientists and physicians. Finally, I value how this program encourages diversity and the representation of underrepresented groups, which is important, especially in the STEM and medical fields.

My favorite traditions/holidays...

Christmas

My hometown is...

I have grown up in Prince George's County, Maryland my entire life.

In my spare time, I enjoy...

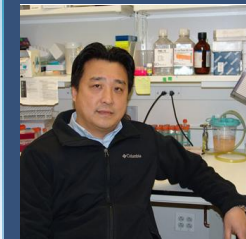
I like exercising. It's a big part of who I am, as I was a competitive swimmer for 15 years. I like swimming, lifting, spin classes, and running. I love baking. I enjoy making cinnamon rolls, muffins, coffee cake, and pound cake. I also like to paint my nails and, due to the pandemic, I rekindled my fondness for nail art and design. Finally, I love watching tv and movies with my family and boyfriend.

A few of my favorite things...

- Favorite dessert: Cinnamon rolls
- Favorite color: Pink
- Favorite place I've traveled: Greece



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Words to live by...

Take care of your research, and then your research will take care of you.

What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

Freedom of doing the high-risk/high-impact research

In my spare time, I enjoy...

I enjoy traveling with my family.

My favorite traditions/holidays...

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday.