



Matthew Barnes, MD, PGY-4

Hometown: Birmingham, AL

Undergraduate school: Birmingham - Southern College

Major and degree: Biology, BS (major), Spanish (minor)

Medical School: University of South Alabama College of Medicine

Married/children (ages): No

Hobbies, interests: Running, Golf, Fishing, Gardening & Cooking

Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon ranked highest for the best tasting water in the country in 2009.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: Besides excellent surgical training, the program has a tightknit group of surgical residents who look out for each other.

Anticipated career in surgery: Trauma/Critical Care



Raviteja Devalla, M.D., PGY-4

Hometown: Lincoln, Rhode Island

Undergraduate school: University of Rhode Island

Major and degree: Biology and Chemistry

Medical School: Trinity School of Medicine

Married/children (ages): No

Hobbies, interests: Mountain biking, rock climbing, fishing, kayaking, weight lifting.

Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon originated at the site of Fort Hawkins in 1806. The fort was built to protect the frontier and to establish a trading post with the Native Americans.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The program is composed of very hardworking & close knit group of residents.

Anticipated career in surgery: Vascular Surgery



Hannah Neme, MD, PGY-4

Hometown: Catawba, VA

Undergraduate school: Roanoke College, Salem, VA

Major and degree: Chemistry, B.S.

Medical School: Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

Married/children (ages): Married, no children

Hobbies, interests: Football, hiking, singing, snowboarding, and just about anything outdoorsy.

Most interesting fact about Macon: There are several lakes nearby for fishing, camping, boating, or swimming.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: Great operative experience and wonderful people to work with.

Anticipated career in surgery: General or Trauma/Critical Care



Timothy Nowack, MD, PGY-4

Hometown: Kennesaw, GA

Undergraduate school: Georgia Tech

Major and degree: BS Biology

Medical School: Medical College of Georgia

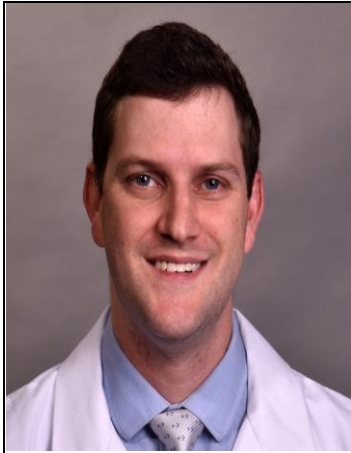
Married/children (ages): No

Hobbies, interests: Disc Golf, Trivia, Photography, Backpacking

Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon is the Cherry Blossom Capital of the Country, and has more Yoshino Cherry trees than Japan.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The hospital is the second largest in Georgia by number of beds, and is one of only five Level 1 trauma centers in Georgia.

Anticipated career in surgery: Minimally Invasive Surgery/ Bariatric



James Parker, MD, PGY-4

Hometown: Kinston, NC

Undergraduate school: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Major and degree: BA Chemistry

Medical School: Trinity School of Medicine, St. Vincent

Married/children (ages): Yes/No

Hobbies, interests: Golf, Soccer, Tennis, play guitar

Most interesting fact about Macon: If you look at a map from The Walking Dead, terminus is located about 15 miles from Macon.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: During the interview process, I realized Mercer was the only surgery program where every available resident was in attendance at the resident dinner. Even the family members of the on call residents would show up just to hang out.

Anticipated career in surgery: Minimally Invasive Surgery



Mallory "Blake" Bowden, MD, PGY-3

Hometown: Columbus, GA

Undergraduate school: UGA

Major and degree: B.S. in Biology and Psychology

Medical School: MCG

Married/children (ages): No

Hobbies, interests: Running, biking, kayaking, music, spending time with family.

Most interesting fact about Macon: Home of the Allman Brothers and Otis Redding

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The outstanding people and atmosphere were unlike any other that I encountered on the interview trail.

Anticipated career in surgery: General Surgery/Undecided



Eric Forney, MD, PGY-3

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Undergraduate school: Creighton University, Omaha, NE

Major and degree: B.S. in Biology

Medical School: University of Nebraska College of Medicine

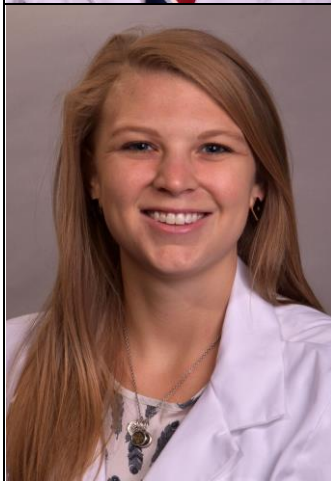
Married/children (ages): No

Hobbies, interests: Hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, traveling

Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon was not burned during Sherman's march to the sea, leaving lots of cool architecture.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: Residents act as a big family.

Anticipated career in surgery: General Surgery/maybe Vascular Surgery



Casey Hawes, MD, PGY-3

Hometown: Jackson, MS

Undergraduate school: University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)

Major and degree: B.A. in Biology

Medical School: University of Mississippi Medical Center

Married/children (ages): Yes/No

Hobbies, interests: Playing with Sophie our Australian Shepherd

Most interesting fact about Macon: Great historic district with pretty homes

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The people are what drew me to choose MCG. While I was on my interview the environment everyone between the residents, attendings, and office staff was exactly what I was looking for in a program. I left my interview with a different feeling than after others.

Anticipated career in surgery: General Surgery



Carmen Lee, MD, PGY-3
Hometown: Columbus, GA
Undergraduate school: Georgia Tech
Major and degree: B.S. in Biology
Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine
Married/children (ages): No
Hobbies, interests: Reading, hunting, fishing, SCUBA diving, cooking
Most interesting fact about Macon: The Macon area has been inhabited for over 10,000 years.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: MCCG is a busy hospital, providing many opportunities to learn. The residents, attendings, and staff are all great people to work with here.
Anticipated career in surgery: Breast Oncology



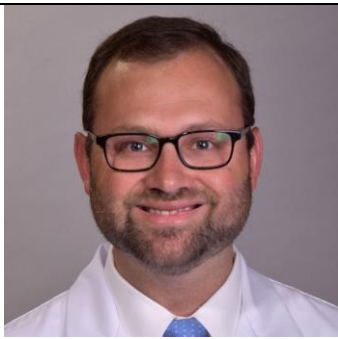
William "Bill" Wallace, MD, PGY-3
Hometown: Washington, OK
Undergraduate school: University of Central Oklahoma
Major and degree: Bachelor of Science with a Major of Nursing
Medical School: University of Oklahoma
Married/children (ages): No
Hobbies, interests: Watching football, soccer, triathlon, music, fishing
Most interesting fact about Macon: Home of Otis Redding, and the Allman Brothers.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The residents are a fun, welcoming, close knit group, and the faculty are great.
Anticipated career in surgery: General Surgery; Interests are in Thoracic and Critical Care.



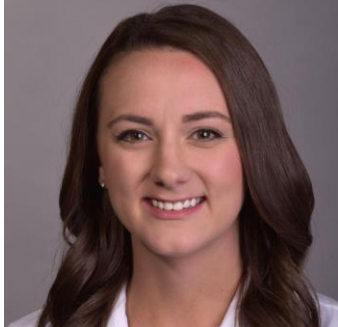
Lindsey C. Bridges, DO, PGY-2
Hometown: Newnan, GA
Undergraduate school: Georgia State University
Major and degree: B.S. Biology
Medical School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine- GA Campus
Married/children (ages): Yes/No
Hobbies, interests: snowboarding yoga, hiking, spending time with my husband and pets.
Most interesting fact about Macon: it is much busier and has more shops than I ever anticipated. Everyone here definitely shows southern hospitality which is always nice, even in the hospital, which can be very serious, everyone greets you in the halls with a smile.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: I was drawn to MCCG's surgery program because they had the most genuine caring and hardworking residents I had come across. I rotated through about 15 hospitals throughout my 3rd and 4th year of med school and nothing came close to the culture and team work I saw while here at MCCG among residents and attendings.
Anticipated career in surgery: Trauma & Surgical Critical Care



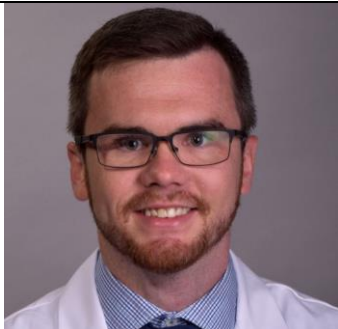
Albert Kazi, MD, PGY-2
Hometown: Irvine, CA
Undergraduate school: University of California - Irvine
Major and degree: Biological Sciences
Medical School: Ross University
Married/children (ages): Yes/Yes, 1 girl
Hobbies, interests: Spending time with my family, watching Rick & Morty, singing Katy Perry songs in the shower.
Most interesting fact about Macon: Mysterious. Humid. Charming. Baroque. Quaint. Provocative. Macon is a land of wonder and adventure, home to many historical monuments, cordial southerners, and a Level 1 Trauma center.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: A rigorous training program that will prepare you for any fellowship or an immediate career in General Surgery.
Anticipated career in surgery: Trauma



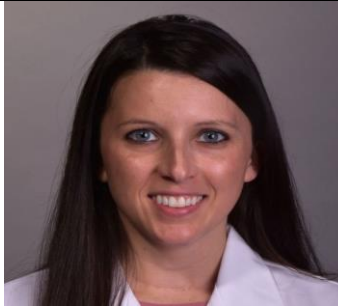
Joshua Ferenczy, MD, PGY-2
Hometown: Woodstock, GA
Undergraduate school: Georgia State University
Major and degree: BS - Biology
Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine
Married/children (ages): Yes/No
Hobbies, interests: Golf, LSU football, Atlanta Braves baseball, spending time with my wife and pets.
Most interesting fact about Macon: it has the best Pho in the world.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: Mercer is an excellent training program. It has an essential mix of superb attendings, diverse pathology, and great autonomy and experiences. As a student here, I have seen the current residents and graduated chiefs and know I will be a competent, caring surgeon when I finish.
Anticipated career in surgery: Cardiothoracic Surgery



Allison Ford, MD, PGY-2
Hometown: Marietta, GA
Undergraduate school: Georgia Institute of Technology
Major and degree: Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry
Medical School: Mercer University of School of Medicine
Married/children (ages): Yes/No
Hobbies, interests: Cooking, running, spending time with my husband, Chihuahua, three-legged beagle lab mix, and cat
Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon has some of the best restaurants such as Pho at Pho Saigon, queso at La Parilla, and the burgers at the Rookery.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The chiefs graduate with skills that allow them to stand confident in their technique, decision-making skills, and critical thinking in both patient care and the operating room. Additionally, our program has incredible faculty who are invested in helping you to succeed. We have the unique opportunity to work with them multiple times each year and earn their trust in order to develop our skills as surgeons. Finally, the incredible exposure we experience in a variety of cases allows for the strong, well-rounded general surgeon who has the skills to practice immediately after graduation or further develop our skills in a fellowship.
Anticipated career in surgery: Trauma / Surgical Critical Care



William "Tyler" Solomon, MD, PGY-2
Hometown: Douglas, GA
Undergraduate school: Mercer University
Major and degree: Bachelor of Science in Biology, minor in Chemistry and Spanish
Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine
Married/children (ages): No/No
Hobbies, interests: traveling, reading, hiking
Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon is where many rock and roll artists got their start. Gregg Allman proposed to Cher at the Downtown Grill before the two married and lived here together.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: MCGG and Mercer provide a tight-knit community where the residents really become family.
Anticipated career in surgery: Trauma/Surgical Critical Care



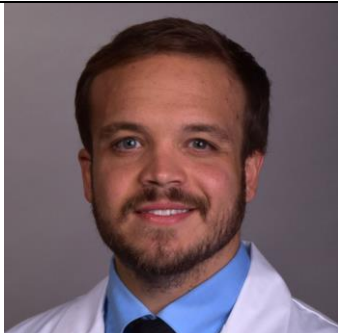
Allison Brown, MD, PGY-1
Hometown: Sycamore, GA
Undergraduate school: Valdosta State University
Major and degree: Bachelor of Science in Biology
Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine
Married/children (ages): No/No
Hobbies, interests: Running, hiking, spending time with my family
Most interesting fact about Macon: There are more Yoshino Cherry Trees in Macon than Japan.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: This residency program is a unique blend of both a university and community based program that places a large emphasis on academic excellence and teamwork.
Anticipated career in surgery: General Surgery



Paul Cartwright, MD, PGY-1
Hometown: Lincolnshire, IL
Undergraduate school: DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana
Major and degree: Bachelor of Arts in Biology
Medical School: Trinity School of Medicine
Married/children (ages): No/No
Hobbies, interests: Hiking, camping, traveling, visiting with family
Most interesting fact about Macon: Fort Hawkins is the birthplace of Macon and a historical landmark. It was established in 1806 by the request of President Thomas Jefferson. The fort was built to safeguard a new western frontier and played a role in the War of 1812.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The residents are among the most welcoming and dedicated as any program in the country. The faculty and staff have proven to provide an incredible environment to learn and operate.
Anticipated career in surgery: Undecided



Cory Nonnemacher, MD, PGY-1
Hometown: Ocala, Florida
Undergraduate school: Florida State University
Major and degree: Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences and Economics
Medical School: Mercer Florida State University College of Medicine
Married/children (ages): Yes/No
Hobbies, interests: Playing basketball, golfing, and walking my dogs Ramsey and Sapphire.
Most interesting fact about Macon: It is the home to many famous artists including Jason Aldean and the Allman Brothers.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: You will meet the residents, faculty and staff and immediately feel at home. There is not a more down to earth program in the country, making it a great place to spend the most exciting 5 years of your surgery career.
Anticipated career in surgery: General Surgery



John "Philip" Shillinglaw, MD, PGY-1
Hometown: Bonneau, SC
Undergraduate school: College of Charleston
Major and degree: Bachelor of Science in Biology
Medical School: University of South Carolina School of Medicine
Married/children (ages): No/No
Hobbies, interests: I enjoy cooking, health and fitness, fishing, hunting, anything outdoors and spending time with family.
Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon has a wide range of activities of anyone who loves the outdoors from hiking nearby trails to fishing in the nearby rivers and lakes, and it is also home to the Ocmulgee National Park for those who are interested in Native American history.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The collegiality between the residents and faculty creates the perfect learning environment for training future surgeons.
Anticipated career in surgery: Trauma / Acute Critical Care



Alexandra "Alex" Thomson, MD, PGY-1
Hometown: Savannah, GA
Undergraduate & Graduate school: University of Georgia
Major and degree: Bachelor of Business Administration; Public Health-Health Policy and Management
Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine - Savannah
Married/children (ages): No/No
Hobbies, interests: Cooking, bird hunting, soccer, fly-fishing, college football & travel.
Most interesting fact about Macon: Amerson River Park is a great place to spend time on the river and trails, and it's 5 mins from downtown Macon.
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: The most important factors I looked for in a residency were a hardworking and collegial environment at a Level 1 Trauma center. MCCG offers both and more.
Anticipated career in surgery: Plastics/Hands and Upper Extremity