

Trine Engebretsen, MD, PGY-5 Hometown: Miami, Florida

Undergraduate School: University of Miami

Major and Degree: BS in Biology, MS in Biomedical Science **Medical School:** F.I.U. Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Married/Children: Yes/Yes, two sons

Hobbies: Spending time with family & our 3 dogs, drawing, painting, and learning to

cook.

Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon is the Cherry Blossom capital of the

world!

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: Mercer has it all: High operative volume, attending physicians who care about your education and like to teach; Awesome residents who work with you not against you. You will work hard here and learn every day, but you get to have a life too. Family time is important and MCCG/Mercer recognizes that.

Anticipated Career: Transplant Fellowship



Crystal Fancher, MD, PGY-5 Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Undergraduate School: University of California - Davis

Major and Degree: B.S.

Medical School: Medical University of South Carolina COM

Married/Children: No

Hobbies: Swimming, soccer, softball, Dodger Baseball, & Alabama Football

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:

Residency is tough but being with a good group of people is important and this is a

great group of residents.

Anticipated Career: Breast Oncology



Madison Griffin, MD, PGY-5 Hometown: Houston, Texas

Undergraduate School: University of Texas at Austin
Major and Degree: Plan II Honors, BA and Kinesiology, BS
Medical School: University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Married/Children: Yes/No

Hobbies: Traveling, hiking, being in the water, reading. **Most interesting fact about Macon:** We just got a Chipotle!

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: MCNH is a place where if you work hard, you will thrive and learn. People here care about you

the individual and about you the doctor. You can't find that many places.

Anticipated Career: General Surgery



Alicia Register, MD, PGY-5 Hometown: Fayetteville, GA

Undergraduate School: University of Georgia **Major and Degree:** Biology & Psychology, B.S. **Medical School:** Medical College of Georgia at GRU

Married/Children: Yes/Yes one son

Hobbies: College football, Braves baseball, going to the lake

Most interesting fact about Macon: Newest "Fast and the Furious" movie filmed

here.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: We are all team players and genuinely enjoy working together. We value balancing our families

& careers. We help each other succeed.

Anticipated Career: General Surgery



Justin Vaughan, MD, PGY-5 Hometown: Fordyce, Arkansas

Undergraduate School: Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Major and Degree: Biology, BS

Medical School: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Married/Children: Yes/No

Hobbies: Fishing, hiking, camping, civil war history and microscopy Most interesting fact about Macon: 1994 tropical storm Alberto flooded

Macon so severely that it was effectively an island with no way in or out by road. **Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer:** The interview experience was a genuine and upfront look at what the program has to offer. We have a great team of residents willing to educate one another and share

the workload equally.

Anticipated Career: Surgical Critical Care

Andrew Drahos, MD, PGY-4

Hometown: Bloomington, Indiana

Undergraduate school: Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

Major and degree: Chemistry, BS

Medical School: Indiana University School of Medicine

Married/children (ages): Yes / No

Hobbies, interests: Avid bicyclist, enjoys baseball, watching movies & cooking. Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon boasts rich history and hosts the Cherry Blossom Festival. There are also lots of outdoor activity opportunities including Lake

Tobesofkee.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: Excellent faculty whom are involved in resident education on a daily basis. Program balances academic and private medicine, and gives you early hands-on experience. Busy services that will expose you to wide array of pathology and disease processes.

Anticipated career in surgery: Undecided



Hometown: Stone Mountain, GA **Undergraduate School:** Savannah State University

Major and Degree: Biology; Bachelor of Science

Medical School: University of North Texas Health Science Center

Married/Children: Yes/Yes, two – a boy & a girl

Hobbies: Reading, automotive repair, playing and watching sports, spending time

with family.

Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon is home to Wesleyan College the first chartered women's college in the world, and the Tubman African American Museum

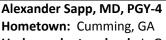
which is the largest in the state of Georgia.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer:

You will work hard, learn a ton, and work with individuals who are invested in your

future.

Anticipated Career: Plastics or Critical Care



Undergraduate school: LaGrange College, LaGrange, GA

Major and degree: Biology, BS

Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine

Married/children (ages): Yes/No

Hobbies, interests: Enjoys hunting, fishing and sports **Most interesting fact about Macon:** Home of Jason Aldean

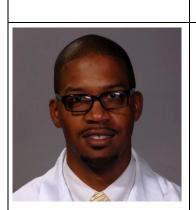
Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer:

The amazing operative experience along with the great group of residents and

attendings makes for an excellent place for surgical training.

Anticipated career in surgery: Vascular Surgery







Anthony Scott, MD, PGY-4 Hometown: Senoia, GA

Undergraduate school: Mercer University School of Medicine

Major and degree: Biology, BS

Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine

Married/children (ages): No

Hobbies, interests: Cooking, camping, white water rafting, travel, Scuba diving **Most interesting fact about Macon:** Home to multiple artists such as Otis Redding and the Allman brothers. New shops and restaurants opening downtown all the time as part of the revitalization.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: Close-knit

group of passionate, hardworking, dedicated people. **Anticipated career in surgery:** Breast Surgery



Matthew Barnes, MD, PGY-3 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-3 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 Nemec, MD, PGY-3 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-3 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

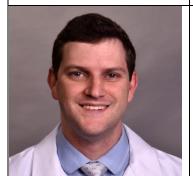
Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon is the Cherry Blossom Capital of the

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: General Surgery/Minimally Invasive Surgery



James Parker, MD, PGY-3 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-2

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-2

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

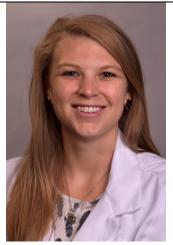
Most interesting fact about Macon: Macon was not burned during Sherman's

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-2 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 MCCG. 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-2 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-2 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-1 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



Obioma Ekeledo, MD, PGY-1 Hometown: Macon, GA

Undergraduate school: UGA-Athens

Major and degree: BS – Biology and Psychology

Medical School: MCG-Augusta Married/children (ages): Yes/Yes

Hobbies, interests: Reading, woodworking, soccer, basketball, piano and golf. **Most interesting fact about Macon:** Bragg Jam is a community music festival that has

been occurring for the last 20 years.

Most essential thing an applicant has to know about MCNH and Mercer: It is a great

learning environment with friendly, hardworking people.

Anticipated career in surgery: Undecided



Joshua Ferenczy, MD, PGY-1 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

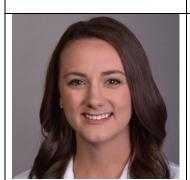
Hobbies, interests: Golf, LSU football, Atlanta Braves baseball, spending time with

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: Pediatric Surgery, CT Surgery



Allison Ford, MD, PGY-1 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 Surgery



William "Tyler" Solomon, MD, PGY-1

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: MCCG and Mercer provide a tight-knit community where the residents really become family.

Anticipated career in surgery: Trauma/Critical Care