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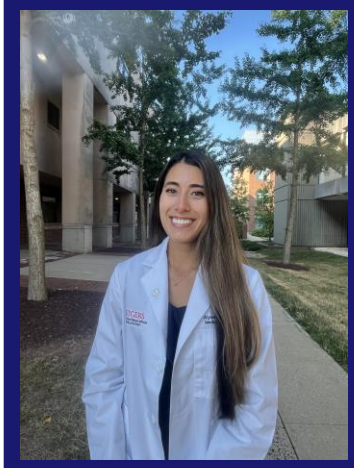
The HIPHOP Promise Clinic is excited to introduce our first-and second-year medical students who have been serving in their committee and student doctor roles to provide free primary care to our New Brunswick community, including health screenings, basic laboratory testing, and access to psychiatric services. As an integral part of the clinic's operations, our students would like to share their goals for the upcoming year and their reasons for joining the clinic.

Student Highlights



"I joined Promise Clinic to connect with the people of New Brunswick and provide quality care to people who are often underserved and underrepresented in our current health care system. I am looking forward to connecting our patients with the resources that they need, supporting other committee members, and providing care for my patient as a student doctor."

Radhika Kadakia
Operations, Class of 2026



Alyssa Miguelino
Social Needs, Class of 2026

"I am so grateful to be part of RWJMS, and as a first-generation college/medical student, I felt the Promise Clinic would be an even greater platform to reflect on my own experiences and extend my role to the New Brunswick community. With Social Needs, among the rest of the team, I look forward to providing high-quality care for those with limited access both inside and outside of clinic."

"I joined Promise Clinic because I was drawn to understanding the needs of the New Brunswick community, clinic, and students which serve the surrounding population through improving quality of care. Moreover, I also wanted to expand my own skill set in conducting chart reviews, understand inconsistencies in appropriate documentation, which can contribute to providing the best possible care. In the future, I hope to leverage this experience in my career advancing health systems science and policy initiatives within emergency medicine. "

Rohit Mukherjee
Quality Improvement, Class of 2026



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"I am most excited about making a difference in our local Latinx, and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) communities, and to finally be able to use my skills, and my experiences that I have acquired throughout my journey. I look forward to making a connection with my patients, establishing meaningful relationships, and to act as their advocate. I can't wait to be the doctor that I wish I saw during my experiences and the one that my family needed. Growing up in a first-generation, low-income, mixed race, mostly Spanish speaking household, I have experienced health disparities both personally and professionally. Witnessing these inequalities, overcrowded hospitals, and a lack of culturally competent and Spanish speaking doctors has inspired me to fill that need. Serving in Promise Clinic would allow me to contribute to improving the health outcomes of the New Brunswick population by addressing socio-medical issues while learning about health policy and furthering my interest in primary care."

Tayra Luisana Keshinover
Lab, Class of 2025

Graduation Celebration

Congratulations to our Promise Clinic committee members that graduated this year!

Alejandra Bolanos • Bethany Mancuso • Cameron Schmidt • Catherine Morris • Eileen McAuley • Eshan Kaul • Ila Nimgaonkar • John Hayes • Kaitlyn Dickson • Kathy Zhang • Keshav Patel • Neha Wadhavkar • Rebecca Berger • Scheherazade Elkeshk • Stephanie Chisom Amaefuna • Vaishnavi Warrier • Vanessa Cedarbaum



"I joined Promise Clinic to continue to learn and improve my interactions with patients and colleagues in the medical field. My role in Community Outreach is patient-facing and this allows the opportunity to practice skills I am learning as well as reconnecting with why I chose medicine as my career. I am looking forward into developing more outreach programs and community partners that will benefit our patients and the clinic in the future."

Radhika-Alicia Patel
Community Outreach, Class of 2026

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"I am excited to have a direct role in engaging patients with health care as a medical student. On the Communications Committee, we serve as the liaison between patients and the clinic, so I look forward to helping bridge a critical language gap that many of our patients face to obtain primary medical care. Coming into medical school, I wanted to become involved with something that would create lasting impact on patients and their communities. Even though it will take multiple years for us to become physicians, Promise Clinic and Steering Committee allow us to start helping patients here and now. I think this clinic will help me fulfill this desire to help our community, and also, to start developing my own identity as a physician early in medical school."

Aaron Tucker
Communications, Class of 2025

"Medical students often get asked, "What career would you pursue if you did not choose medicine?". My response has always been "a social worker". As part of the Social Needs Steering Committee, I integrate medicine and social work. My peers and I work with Rutgers University Social Work students to provide local community resources, addressing the social needs that affect our patient population disproportionally. Ultimately, I joined the Promise Clinic Steering committee because I want my community to know that RWJMS students dedicate themselves to their patients' well-being. In this role, I look forward to collaborating on new practical implementations and research ideas to provide more community support for our Promise Clinic patients."



Ema Azuonwu
Social Needs, Class of 2026

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Phil Glaessner
Operations, Class of 2026

"I joined Promise Clinic's Steering Committee to give back to the New Brunswick community, to help coordinate care for community members, and to develop my leadership skills in the context of a community health initiative. I'm looking forward to working with other committees to improve care for our patients and continue to improve in-clinic operations and protocols. Additionally, as a student doctor, I am excited to provide holistic care to my team's patient, treating both physical and psychological ailments and learning how to integrate social determinants of health into a succinct treatment plan."

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HIPHOP 23rd Annual 5K Run/Walk



2022 Promise Clinic Team

The annual HIPHOP 5K Run/Walk raises funds for HIPHOP community health initiatives, including Promise Clinic. Thank you to all participants and donors!

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