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USF DIVISIONS OF ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY
DEPARTMENTS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE & PEDIATRICS

This newsletter introduces you to the 2021 incoming fellows, Divisions of Allergy and Immunology, Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. We wish them a warm welcome!



*Silpa Taunk, MD
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My name is Silpa (pronounced Shilpa) Taunk. I was born in Washington D.C. and grew up in Maryland. I went to Georgetown University for college, then obtained an MPH at the University of Michigan and worked for a year in the Maryland Department of Health before pursuing a medical degree from Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. I completed my pediatrics residency at the University of Virginia and am excited to finally join my husband, Pushpak, in Tampa. I enjoy traveling, spending time with family and friends, beach-hopping (my goal is to visit every one of Florida's beaches!) and any water activity in general.

My name is Leah Ishmael. I am originally from Hazlet, NJ. I attended medical school at VCOM in Spartanburg, SC. I then completed internal medicine residency at Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL. I have always had an interest in allergy due to my own personal peanut and tree nut allergy. I am very excited to be training at USF and look forward to a wonderful two years.



*Leah Ishmael, MD
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*Walaa Hamadi, MD
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My name is Walaa Hamadi, and my nickname is 'Walls'. I grew up in Washington, DC, completed medical school in Saudi Arabia, and internal medicine residency in Salt Lake City, Utah. My hobbies include lifting weights, skiing, traveling, and cooking. I am very excited to be training in allergy and immunology at USF and even more excited to be living in a city of champions!

My name is Sonia Mathew. I grew up in the suburbs of Atlanta in Snellville, GA. I went to medical school at Mercer University in Macon, GA, and then completed Internal Medicine training at St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO. I am married to my husband Thomas. We enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants, running, and spending time with our family and friends.



*Sonia Mathew, MD
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*Shannon Sullivan, MD
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My name is Shannon Sullivan. I grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I completed my pediatric residency at the University of South Florida where I started an early peanut introduction initiative in the general outpatient pediatric clinic. I am very excited to continue my training in allergy and immunology at USF and ecstatic for my soon-to-be husband to finally be moving here. I enjoy spending time at the beach, running, and walking my French bulldog, Pascal. Fun fact: I ran Division I track and cross country.

With warm regards,

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