

EINSTEIN CELEBRATES ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

People of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) descent have made tremendous contributions to the United States and beyond. During May, we honor the diverse heritages and accomplishments of our API community members. Einstein’s diverse workers and students, 30% of whom identify as Asian or Pacific Islander, enrich our community.



ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (APAMSA)

Einstein’s APAMSA board aims to address those issues important to Asian American and Pacific Islander medical students.



JERRY CHAO, M.D.

Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Career Highlight: The privilege of caring for infants and children who require anesthesia, helping to educate and train future clinicians, and the opportunity to expand knowledge of early anesthetic effects through research.

Career Advice: Seek to improve and learn each and every day. Medicine is a lifelong journey of continuous growth. Your evolution as a person and as a professional never stops!



SRILAKSHMI RAJ, PH.D.

Assistant Professor of Genetics

Career Highlight: Winning a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, being listed in Forbes 30 under 30, and joining Einstein’s faculty to study population genetics of the Bronx community. Combining field work and research, working with the community, having amazing mentors, and mentoring great students.

Career Advice: The path from A to B is not always linear. Embrace the turns in your path, stay optimistic, be kind, respectful, and open to new opportunities, and strive to make a difference through the path you choose.



MASAKO SUZUKI, PH.D.

Assistant Professor of Genetics

Career highlight: Leading a diverse research group with broad expertise to study reducing health disparities from prenatal nutritional inequality.

Career advice: Believe in yourself and be your own cheerleader. When you face challenges or trials, believe that you can handle them. But this doesn’t mean that you have to do everything by yourself. Seeking support and help is not a weakness; it’s a strength.



LYNDA CHIN, M.D. '93

Chair, Genomic Medicine, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Career Highlight: Participating in the Cancer Genome Atlas project at the intersection of technology, data, analytics, and biology. It led me to excel at integrating information across domains, since I was a biologist in the genomics community and a genomic scientist in the biology community.

Career Advice: Data will drive advances in science and medical practice. Gain skills in data, computer science, and engineering. Then work hard and work smart.



RUBAYAT (RICKY) QADEER, M.D.

Assistant Professor, Family and Social Medicine
Assistant Medical Director in Education and Advocacy, Bronx Health Collective

Career Highlight: Co-founding the South Bronx Community Health Leaders, a pathway program for students historically underrepresented in medicine, which merged my passion for medical education and community advocacy. It’s been rewarding to mentor students and watch them develop.

Career Advice: It’s okay to ask for help. No one is able to do this work alone.

