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 Keck School of Medicine of USC
 

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**KSOM Co2025 CAREER ADVISING NEWSLETTER**  
**August 23rd, 2024**
**UPDATES**
**Geo Preference and Program Signal  
Webinar Updates**

We will distribute the recording and a make-up assignment early next week for those unable to attend.

If you have not already done so, complete an absence request form.

<https://mymedweb.usc.edu/keckdashboard/keckportalWP.asp?id=>

**Program Signals by Specialty:**

Specialty	Signals
Anesthesiology	5 Gold, 10 Silver (via ERAS and Central App*)
Child Neurology	3
Dermatology	3 Gold, 25 Silver
Emergency Medicine	5 (no home, no away signals)
Family Medicine	5
Internal Medicine (Categorical and/or Prelim)	3 Gold, 12 Silver
Med/Eds	0
Med/Psych	2
Neurological Surgery	25
Neurology	8
Obstetrics and Gynecology	3 Gold, 15 Silver (via ResidencyCAS)
Ophthalmology	7 (via SF Match)
Orthopedic Surgery	30
Otolaryngology	25
Pathology	5
Pediatrics	5
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	8
Plastic Surgery	10 (via Central App*)
Psychiatry	10
Radiation Oncology	4
Radiology-Diagnostic	6 Gold, 6 Silver
Radiology- Interventional Surgery (Categorical and/or Prelim)	6 Gold, 6 Silver
Thoracic Surgery	15
Transitional Year	3
Urology	12
	30 (via AUA)

**Mock Residency Interviews**

Connect with Keck School of Medicine of USC alumni as you prepare for your residency interviews to help familiarize you with the process, evaluate nonverbal cues, verbal responses to provided questions, and submit feedback.

**Event:** Mock Residency Interviews

**Date:** Ongoing through October Location: **Virtual or In-Person**

**Student Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/Xmb8dfiH7F7KqpgH99>

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, September 6, 2024

- You may sign up for multiple interviews. Once paired with an alum, you schedule a meeting and conduct a 30–45-minute mock interview at a time that is mutually agreed upon.
- Interviews will consist of 20-30 minutes of questions, followed by 10-15 minutes of feedback from the alumni interviewer.

For general questions, please email: [KSOMalumn@usc.edu](mailto:KSOMalumn@usc.edu)

**1:1 Residency Application Review  
Meetings with Dr. Zia**



Schedule an **optional** 20-minute meeting with Dr. Zia when your materials are nearly finalized.

**Couples Match Alert:** When you and your partner have your program list ready, you are **required** to meet with Dr. Zia for a check-in.

**Dual Applicant Alert:** Dual Applicants are **required** to meet with Dr. Zia for a check-in.

- Co2025 Residency Applicant Bookings [link](#)
- Upload materials for review [here](#)
  - Upload materials to this link at least **1 day before the meeting**
  - Please note, **this is not the same link to upload your CV/PS**

**Scheduling/Cancellation Policy:**

If you need to reschedule an appointment, ensure you remember to cancel the appointment at least **4 hours in advance**.

Please be mindful of the time zone when scheduling an appointment if you are not in PST. Ensure you attend your appointment at the correct time.

## MSPE Review Questions?

Please refer to the email sent by Teresa Cook on August 20th, 2024 for more information regarding MSPE review and transcript upload updates.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Save the Date! Saturday, October 5th Mock Interview Symposium

- **Saturday, October 5th Mock Interview Symposium (virtual)**
  - To help prepare you and emulate a virtual interview experience
  - Details to be announced

## REMINDERS

### Updated Residency Explorer Tool

#### Residency Explorer™

The enhanced [Residency Explorer™ tool](#), is live and ready for you to use. Resources available on the [Residency Explorer Webpage](#).

**Upcoming Webinar:**

AAMC will be hosting a webinar on Navigating Residency Explorer on August 22nd at 10am

There will be a Q&A period following the presentation.

Register [here](#)

### For Anesthesiology Applicants

For those of you applying to programs via the Central Application Services (CAS), once you register for an account, please email Teresa Cook ([teresa.cook@med.usc.edu](mailto:teresa.cook@med.usc.edu)) to inform her that you have registered for an account.

#GetYourMatch2025  
Pulse Check



Internal Keck School of Medicine  
Deadlines:

SF Match: August 20th, 2024

PSCA/Anesth Programs participating in  
CAS: September 6th, 2024

ERAS/ResidencyCAS: September 15th, 2024

**Where Should I Be in the Application Process?**

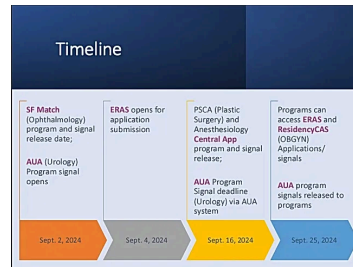
Task	Action	Status
Specialty	If not finalized, meet with Career Advising Team ASAP	Completed
Letter writers	Should have submitted LOR packet to confirmed writers. Should have packet prepared for future rotation writers.	In Progress
NWC's (Req)	If not submitted, reach out to Mandy Garcia about how to submit	Completed
CV	Too late to submit, focus on 10 Experiences	Completed
Personal Statement	Near Final Draft	In Progress
Experiences/Most Meaningful	Should be copy/pasted from CV, but we can review it	In Progress
1:1 Advising Meetings w/Dr. Zia (Req)	Get on it, ASAP. Potential referral for Professionalism.	Completed
ERAS Photo	If taking your own, follow ERAS directions	Completed
Program List	Researching, Curating, Identifying Signals	In Progress
Check-in with Departmental Specialty Advisor	Should now be reviewing signals and near final applications.	In Progress
Interview Prep	Complete Big Interview Medical question sets. Consider signing up for a mock interview with alumni.	In Progress
Residency Application Review Meetings with Dr. Zia (optional)	Schedule a 20-minute meeting with Dr. Zia to review your near-finalized materials (Aug/Sept)	In Progress

Completed In Progress

ERAS  
Workshop  
Resources

- Recording [Link](#)
- ERAS Workshop [PDE](#)

Residency  
Application  
Timelines



**2025 ERAS® Residency Timeline**

Review a timeline for applying for residency positions using the ERAS® system for the 2025 application season.

Date	Activity
May 31, 2024	2024 ERAS session ends at 5 p.m. ET.
June 5, 2024	2025 ERAS session begins at 9 a.m. ET.
Sept 4, 2024	Residency applicants may begin submitting MyERAS® applications to programs at 9 a.m. ET.
Sept 25, 2024	Residency programs may begin reviewing MyERAS applications and MSPEs in the PDWS at 9 a.m. ET.
May 31, 2025	2025 ERAS session ends at 5 p.m. ET.

Tips for Drafting  
10 Experiences

- We **strongly** recommend using bullet points
- There is no need to write a narrative paragraph
- If you used the bullet point framework from the [Keck CV Template](#), you can copy your bullet points into ERAS

Personal  
Statement and  
10 Experiences  
Submissions

Update as of June 1st, 2024:

Personal statements and App Experiences Section (10 ERAS experiences) submissions will take priority until the September 15th Keck suggested residency application submission deadline. CV's will be followed up on as time allows.

**Please allow 5-10 business days for a response with edits and suggestions.**

**Please use the following naming conventions for submissions to the Career Advising Team:**

# Big Interview Medical

**Personal Statement (PS)**

- "PS\_FirstName\_LastName\_GradYear"
- "PS\_Sam\_Lopez\_co2025"

**10 Experiences (10Exp)**

- "10Exp\_FirstName\_LastName\_GradYear"
- "10Exp\_Sam\_Lopez\_co2025"

Submit Here



### The first step in your Interview Prep:

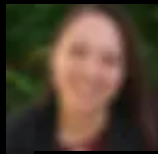
- Create your account: [BigInterviewMedical](#)
- Complete curated question sets below by entering the access codes on the assignments page
- You can share the recordings to get feedback from each other, mentors, specialty advisors or the career advising team:
  - Warm Up (access code: 2d8d90)
  - Research (access code: b6080d)
  - Challenges (access code: 6a1ce0)
  - Left Field (access code: 8a9382)
  - Curveballs (access code: 491abe)

## NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

To review full details from previous newsletters:

- [Sway Newsletters: January 2024-May 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: July 12, 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: July 19, 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: August 09, 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: August 16, 2024](#)

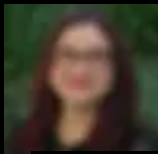
## MEET OUR TEAM



**Dr. Stephanie Zia**  
Assistant Dean for Career Advising, Office of Student Affairs

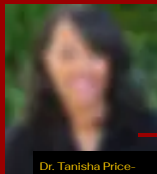


**Randy Zuniga**  
Associate Director of Academic and Career Advising

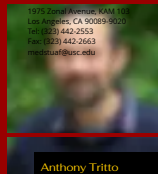


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