



2023  
**Interns &  
Mentors**

UNC Lineberger and  
North Carolina Central University  
**Building Oncology Workforce  
Summer Internship**

## 2023 1ST COHORT RETURNING INTERNS



### **ARIANNA DELTS**

Wadesboro, North Carolina

Last year I had the opportunity to be one of the first cohort members of the BOW internship and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I was able to learn about clinic research and get first hand experience working with research staff and physicians. This internship has impacted me in many great ways from making lifelong connections to the numerous opportunities to develop myself personally and academically. This year I am hoping to gain more hands on and personalized experiences that I can use to transition into the workforce.



### **CHRYSTAL FELIZ-GUZMAN**

Raleigh, North Carolina

I first became interested in this program last year, before the first summer session. I was very excited to be on UNC Chapel Hill's campus while also learning about what oncology is. I was excited for all the experiences and things I would see during this summer internship. I am aspiring to be a Physicians Assistant and I believe that this program will help guide me there.



### **CRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ**

El Salvador (Central America)

I was interested in the Oncology summer internship because I wanted to see how medications/compounds can go from bench to bedside. I have been exposed more to the lab environment so being able to follow the process of basic science, to transitional and later to clinical was something that I wanted to learn more about.

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### **IMANI DAVIS**

Los Angeles, California

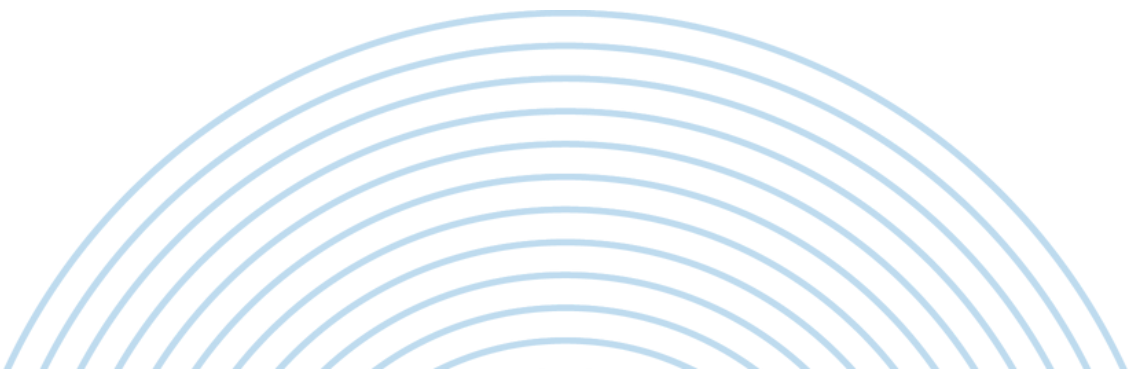
I am interested in this internship because it allowed me to be exposed to a career field I was unfamiliar with. I did not know of the many career opportunities available in Oncology until I joined this internship. This internship made me want to pursue a career in oncology due to the complexity of the field. Working in oncology would be an opportunity to have a positive impact on lives that need it most.



### **KATILANN CLANTON**

Garysburg, North Carolina

I joined this internship because it's part of my journey. Since being in this internship, my point of view in oncology has changed drastically. Growing up, nursing has always been something that intrigued me. I grew up in a small town and I was always with my grandmother so when Sundays came of course my elders needed help with basic needs and I never hesitated to help. I've always found peace in being there for others because this is a lonely world we live and occasionally there's moments where we don't have anyone to call on, making us live in fear of dying alone. In my opinion, nursing is more than just a job, it's a lifestyle. They warn you not get attached to your patients but how could you not. Nursing is family, there are ongoing relationships that are being built, you want the elderly to feel safe as if they were your own family, because you just never know what people are masking behind a smile.



## 2023 2ND COHORT NEW INTERNS



### **AMAYA DAYE-DEWER**

Pleasant Grove, North Carolina

I am interested in oncology because in my family there is a history of breast cancer. My grandmother had breast cancer for about a year and I was really young so I didn't understand what was happening to her. When I heard about this opportunity in cancer research, I just had to be a part of it, so I can finally get to understand and to learn more about cancer. I know I will like the experience this internship will provide because it will help me to understand what happened to my grandmother.



### **ARIES EPPS-KEATS**

Durham, North Carolina

My desire to work in the medical field has stemmed from my love of science and the rationale behind disease progression. Although I do not know which department I wish to work in, I have consistently admired the Oncology department because of how rigorous and rewarding the job can be. I believe this internship would be a great opportunity to understand what it takes to be in this specialty. I look forward to learning about the different aspects of care while building ongoing relationships with patients and associates. I have the desire to make a difference in the lives of those going through a challenging time, and I feel this opportunity will give me the chance to do so.



### **ASHLEY MAYFIELD**

Durham, North Carolina

I am interested in the Building Oncology Workforce because most of my family has been affected by cancer. I have always had interest in learning about different cancers and what could possibly help lessen the possibility of a mutation. This is a great opportunity for me to become involved in cancer research and gain insight on the career. This internship is also a great way for me to network, engage in workshops, and become career ready.

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### **IMANI SIMMONS**

Indian Trail, North Carolina

I am interested in the Building Oncology Workforce internship with UNC because I'd like to expand my views on careers within the medical field. Being that I want to become a physician's assistant this internship can open me up to choose a more specified profession.



### **TAMIA BROWN**

Salisbury, North Carolina

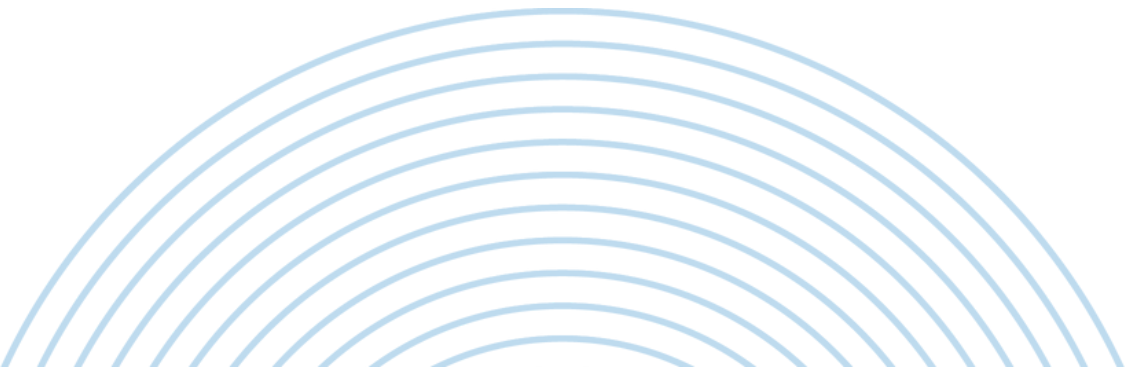
I am interested in the Building Oncology Workforce UNC Lineberger-North Carolina Central University Oncology Summer Internship to expand my horizons in the medical field and to gain experience in research.

### **TAEREKA JOHNSON, ATC, LAT, MS**

Certified Athletic Trainer

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