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Nicholas Anstine



A health care professional and life-long Columbusite, Nicholas Anstine is thrilled to join The Ohio State University's MHA program. Already a Buckeye, having graduated from OSU with a major in Comparative Studies, Nicholas initially took his talents to Cardinal Health's Pharmaceutical Segment. Becoming involved with GenerationRx, a prescription drug misuse prevention initiative between Cardinal Health and OSU's College of Pharmacy, Nicholas realized a passion for helping those with addiction and mental health disorders. Turning his attention fully to this area, Nicholas joined The Woods at Parkside, a local behavioral health treatment facility, where he currently acts as Director of Operations. Nicholas hopes to use skills developed by the OSU MHA program to become a thought-leader in the finance and delivery of mental health and addiction treatment services. Nicholas serves as Chairman of Heartland High School's Board of Directors, which is Ohio's first recovery high school for students with substance use disorders. He is also a community advocate and volunteer for OSU's Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC), a program designed to support students in or seeking recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction. Nicholas spends as much time as possible golfing with his brother, Ryan, as well as enjoying good cigars and music.

Ronald Birchfield



My involvement with the healthcare field started in high school when I did an internship with Mercy Health back in Toledo. Shadowing different health professionals and executives there peaked my interest and I followed this path through college. While an undergrad, I started in biology but switched to nutrition science as I wanted my degree to be more population health oriented. Around the same time as my major switch, I started working as a research assistant at the Wexner James Cancer Center and Spielman Breast Center with a focus patient care and developing quality metrics to get there. Along with this, I worked as a page for Senator Edna Brown (11th District) aiding in administrative duties and ideas pertaining to health policy. My time at the Ohio Senate was extremely valuable to my professional development and opened the door for me to begin interning at the Ohio Department of Medicaid in clinical performance analytics.

My love for population health and wanting to help others through systematic efficacy steered me towards an MHA. By combining my classes with meaningful professional experiences, I have fallen in

love with the processes that revolve around health services, management, and policy. In terms of specific goals, I hope to hold an executive position in a hospital or health system then matriculate back into the public sector to play a role in policy modification and development. That being said, I hope to use my degree to its fullest potential to aid in the advancement of healthcare from both a business and clinical perspective.

My hobbies include hanging out with friends, watching and playing sports (football, soccer, golf), video games (FIFA and Madden), cooking.

Garrett Black



I was born and raised in San Jose, California as the fourth in a large family of six children. In 2014, I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Brigham Young University with a BS in Psychology. While at BYU, I had the opportunity to work in multiple traumatic brain injury research labs focused on studying chronic structural changes in both pediatric and adult brains post injury. Following graduation, I accepted an offer to manage the neuroimaging core of a longitudinal study for Baylor College of Medicine as a research coordinator. During that time, I oversaw the imaging and clinical data for a number of investigation sites around the country.

Although I have enjoyed research, my passion has always been in the organization and delivery of healthcare. To further my career, I chose to accept a position at The Ohio State University in the double-masters, MBA/MHA program (2016-2019). After completing the degree, I hope to work for a provider organization in quality and process improvement and operations management.

In 2014, I was lucky enough to marry my wife, Kristen, in Salt Lake City. When we decided to move to Columbus for school, Kristen also accepted an offer to work as an RN in the NICU at Nationwide Children's Hospital. When I have free time, I enjoy mountain biking, motorcycling, hiking, camping, cooking, and rock climbing with my wife. However, Kristen and I are thrilled to be losing all our free time when we will welcome our very own little buckeye to our family at the end of the year.

Kathryn Budzik



My name is Kate Budzik, and I'm from North Royalton, Ohio. I graduated from Ashland University this past spring with a bachelor's degree in psychology. I've always been fascinated by the fast-paced and challenging nature of the healthcare environment. When I was in junior high I thought about becoming a physician, and in high school I wrestled with the idea of being a genetic counselor. As I began to think more about the depth of the healthcare industry, I realized that careers in the field stretched far beyond nurses and doctors. After I started college, I began looking into a field of psychology known as industrial organizational psychology with the intention of working in a healthcare setting. However, I wanted to take a more direct role in the delivery of health services, so I started looking into healthcare administration. An

MHA would give me invaluable opportunities that would allow me to fulfill my passion of helping others and playing a role in providing quality care for them. Last summer, I had an administrative internship at Cornerstone of Hope, a small nonprofit counseling facility. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there, as I was able to become involved with a wide variety of tasks because the organization was not large. Ideally, I would like to work in a private practice where I could be involved with handling business in multiple departments. Once I gain more experience in the field, I would like to look more into consulting. I am excited to investigate other areas within the healthcare industry through the MHA program. I love to spend my free time reading, and my favorite genres include crime and thriller novels. I also love taking walks through new places, especially parks, so I'm very excited to be living in Columbus for the next couple of years!

Sara Butauski



My name is Sara Butauski and I am originally from Hilliard, Ohio. However, I have lived in Auburn, Alabama the past four years as I attended Auburn University. I graduated May 2017 with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Political Science. I will miss the warm weather in the south, but I am excited to return to my home state!

While attending Auburn, I volunteered at East Alabama Medical Center in the catheterization laboratory and interned in the human resources department, which sparked my interest in the business of healthcare. The summer I spent interning at the Lee County Justice Center led me to be fascinated with how healthcare relates to law as well. My long-term goal is to eventually be employed at the corporate level of a hospital.

I worked in banquets at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center because I enjoy organizing events. It would be great to be able to use that skill to help plan celebrations and fundraisers for businesses in the healthcare industry throughout my career. I also like music and played trumpet in the Auburn University Marching Band and Basketball Pep Band. I love going to sporting events and cheering on my teams. War Eagle and Go Bucks!

Brennan Dias



I'm originally from Dallas, but have lived in Central Ohio for the past 14 years. After graduating from Olentangy High School (near Polaris), I went to The Ohio State University and after deciding Pre-Med wasn't for me, I graduated with degrees in Biology and Finance. For the past three years, I've worked as a data analyst in Planning at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Working there has taught me how to use data to justify business and clinical decisions and created a solid healthcare knowledge foundation that I'm hoping an MHA will build upon. I'm planning on working full-time while pursuing my MHA degree part-time so I'll be putting my time-management skills to the test.

I'm hoping an MHA degree will teach me the policy and operational healthcare information I need to further my career. While I have a solid data and analytical foundation, an MHA will teach me the macro-level thinking to make hospital-wide strategic decisions. With my MHA, I'm hoping to get into the strategy side of healthcare delivery. The creative and critical thinking in strategy attracts me as it plays a large role in determining how to deliver the best possible care as cost-effectively as possible. I'm excited to spend my autumn watching football and exploring bars around town with you all!

Ellen Dupont



Hello! My name is Ellen Dupont and I am from Powell, Ohio, which is about twenty minutes north of Columbus. I attended The Ohio State University for my undergraduate career and graduated this past December with a degree in business, specializing in marketing. During my sophomore year of college I started working as a student assistant for The Wexner Medical Center in the Supply Chain Department and that is where my interest in healthcare was sparked.

I decided to pursue the MHA program because I feel it is a perfect combination of my interest in healthcare and my background in business. I know I want to pursue a career that I feel is making a positive impact on society and on the lives of others. I was having difficulty finding exactly what that would be until I discovered the MHA program. It just made it all the better that The Ohio State University has a great program and I can continue being a Buckeye.

I was fortunate enough to continue working at The Wexner Medical Center in the Supply Chain Department and accepted a full-time position upon graduation. My family and friends are extremely dear to my heart. I enjoy running in my spare time- although not speedy- I completed The Nationwide Children's half marathon, and someday plan on completing another one. My boyfriend and I love attending local sporting events, while exploring all the wonderful things the city of Columbus has to offer. My favorite vacation destination is Oak Island in North Carolina. In the past I have traveled to Greece, Madrid, Spain, Turkey and Amsterdam, Netherlands and a future goal of mine is to definitely

add to my passport. I am looking forward to starting the MHA program and all the great opportunities and experiences that lie ahead. ~ Go Bucks!

Kiera Finelli



I'm Kiera Finelli, and I am excited to start my MHA education. I was born and raised in Solon, Ohio, and I have spent the past six years as an Ohio State University student. During my first four years as an OSU student, I completed my undergraduate in Public Affairs. During the past two years, I have been pursuing my Juris Doctor as a law student. For the upcoming two years, I will be finishing my legal and MHA education as a joint JD/MHA student.

I first became interested in healthcare during an undergraduate internship with a hospital system's foundation. I realized that I would be able to have a positive impact in my community, and I have focused on gaining multiple perspectives on healthcare law and policy ever since. My career goal is to work with healthcare providers and manage healthcare institutions to secure affordable, high-quality healthcare for individuals in my community. I am confident that my MHA education will help me realize this goal. And, when I'm not in the library, you can find me running, writing, reading, and listening to podcasts.

Reed Franklin



My name is Reed Franklin and I am from Newark, Ohio. I graduated from Newark High School in 2013. After high school, I went on to complete my undergraduate career at The Ohio State University. I graduated with my bachelor's degree in biology with a pre-health specialization and a Spanish minor in May of 2017. I have been a student assistant/student research assistant in the Department of Neurological Surgery at the Wexner Medical Center for the past three years. I chose to pursue my MHA, in part, because of the interactions and experiences that I have had during my time as an employee of OSUWMC. I also have a few hospital administrators in my family who have inspired me to pursue a career in healthcare administration. I hope to one day become an administrator in a hospital setting and have the opportunity to improve various hospital operations resulting in: efficient budgeting, high quality

patient care, and improvement of workplace interactions between administrative staff, nurses, and physicians. Outside of classes, I love to cook! I prefer to bake, but I enjoy being in the kitchen and preparing all types of food. During the spring and summer months, I like visiting the zoo and the different parks around Columbus. Thanks to an international volunteer trip that I participated in during my junior year at OSU, I finally have a couple fun facts to share about myself. The two fun facts I gained are that I milked a cow for the first time, and I ate cuy (guinea pig, which is an Ecuadorian favorite)!

Kevin Heckle



I was born and raised in Howard County, Maryland and attended West Virginia University where I received my bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology. During my time at WVU, I shadowed various health professionals, volunteered in both rural and urban hospitals, as well as private physician practices. Following graduation from WVU, I took a position as a program assistant within an integrative research team at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD, in their ICU Rehabilitation Program.

Having the opportunity to be part of a team performing clinical research at a large institution has given me perspective on the intricacies and challenges associated with effectively running a hospital. My specific interest in healthcare lies in working in hospital administration, focusing on hospital management, operations, and quality improvement. My personal goals involve helping change how healthcare is delivered through the hospital system to improve patient care, lower costs of treatment, and fostering a positive relationship between hospitals and the community.

Outside of work and school, I am a big fan of sports, especially college football and basketball. My favorite teams include the Baltimore Orioles, the Buffalo Bills, and WVU sports. I enjoy playing soccer or dabbling in other rec sports with friends. I take some time to coach youth sports for the Volo City Kids organization and Special Olympics. When I can find the time, I love exploring the outdoors whether it be hiking, kayaking, or biking.

Jordan Hendrix



My name is Jordan Hendrix, and I am from Jonesboro, Arkansas. I attended Arkansas State University and completed a Bachelor of Science in Finance, as well as a Master of Business Administration. For the last several years, I have managed a division of an agricultural business in Northeast Arkansas, while my wife, Taylor, attended pharmacy school at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee. Taylor is originally from Ohio and we have had plans for some time to relocate here. When looking at opportunities in Ohio, I decided that I wanted to pursue a new career path because I didn't have a sense of fulfillment in the industry I was working in. I wanted to find a career that I could have pride in, but did not want to negate the business skills I had already gained. I believe a career in health services can meet both needs, by allowing me to make a positive impact in my community, while using many of the same business skills that I already rely on. I believe that this program can help prepare me to be a health services leader, and can help me identify which area of health services I want to pursue. Outside of my career, I love attending college sports, gardening, live music, and traveling to new places. I am very excited to start this new chapter of my life as a Buckeye, and greatly look forward to the challenge of the Master of Healthcare Administration Program.

Angela Lee



My name is Angela Lee. I am from Cincinnati, Ohio. I recently graduated from Ohio State with a Bachelor of Science. I majored in Neuroscience with a Behavioral specialization and a minor in Business. I initially became interested in healthcare during my junior year of high school when I started volunteering at the local hospital. From there, I believed becoming a physician was how I wanted to make an impact on someone's life. I knew a physician's work would be rewarding, but I eventually grew to realize that was not where my aspirations lay. I soon discovered a passion in the structure and management of a health institution and the role they play in the quality of care a patient receives and the experience of the physician. Through my Neuroscience courses and personal experiences during my undergraduate career, my interest in healthcare grew into a desire to improving healthcare access for minorities, especially those with mental disorders. Volunteering at Equitas Health revealed to me that rising healthcare costs and limited access to healthcare are truly issues that people of all backgrounds face. Management, in particular, is a path I wish to pursue where I see an opportunity to create such change. My eventual hope for my future career is to impact my community through the more efficient use of resources and a vision to expand healthcare access. Outside of academics, I like to spend my free time visiting new and different areas of Columbus, visiting my family back home, and spending time with other people's pets until I can have my own.

Alpha Mansaray



My name is Alpha Mansaray and I hail from Richmond, Virginia. I moved to Richmond when I immigrated to the United States from Sierra Leone in 2004. I attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, where I studied Kinesiology and Public Health in hopes of becoming a physician. After graduating from college, I took a job as an Ophthalmologist Assistant in order to gain clinical experience before applying to medical school. As an Ophthalmologist Assistant, I help with patient billing, explore interactions between insurance companies and my practice, and assist with the day-to-day business operations. Within a month on the job, I noticed an alarming observation: Medicaid patients were being denied services due to low reimbursement rates. This observation unsettled me as my goal for wanting to be a physician is to decrease healthcare inequality. I started talking to the doctors and billing personnel at my job, and I realized the decisions about which patients physicians see are made on an administrative level. I came to the conclusion that if my career goal is to address healthcare inequality, then maybe I should work on an administrative level. I changed career paths, took the GRE and applied to MHA programs. Once I graduate with my MHA degree, I hope to work for an organization that aims to increase the access of medical services both for patients without insurance and those with inadequate insurance.

As for how I spend my free time, I am a go with the flow kind of person, and I enjoy doing lots of things as long as I am around good company. I enjoy trying new foods, exploring nature (when my allergies are

not killing me), traveling, and pretending to workout at the gym. Fun facts about me: I love to sing, but I am a terrible, terrible singer, I still have hopes of accomplishing my other childhood dream of becoming a Power Ranger, and I coached my friend into losing 49 pounds in six months.

Andrew Mariotti



Andrew Mariotti was born in Florida, but spent the majority of his life growing up in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Having a nurse for a mother and a dentist for a father instilled a passion for healthcare in him from a young age. This enthusiasm led him to explore many jobs throughout his undergraduate career including that of a pharmacy technician, and various student research positions in molecular genetics and behavioral ecology. In 2015, Andrew earned a bachelors of science in biology with a specialization in pre-health professions from The Ohio State University. The subsequent semester, he garnered his EMT license from Columbus State Community College in 2016, and spent half of the proceeding year working for MedCare Ambulance. Shortly after, he received a job at Riverside Methodist Hospital as a surgery clerk and patient representative and works there to this day. Andrew believes that by pursuing an MHA he can improve the lives of others by making healthcare more affordable and effective for patients, and aspires to work in upper management of a healthcare organization. In his free time, he enjoys volunteering as an EMT for the American Red Cross, playing his guitar and reading anything by Margaret Atwood or Kurt Vonnegut.

Constance Marsh



Hi! My name is Constance Marsh, but most people call me CJ. I am from a really small town called Mechanicsburg, Ohio. I graduated in May of 2016 with a degree in Health Sciences and a minor in Women's Studies from The Ohio State University. During my gap year, I was hired on at The James Cancer Hospital where I currently work in Patient Experience. Coming from a very rural community, I was able to see the inadequacies and inequalities of healthcare which is ultimately why I decided to pursue my MHA. Hopefully through my acquired education and new experiences I will be able to make a difference in the lives of those who grew up in communities like I did. Other than that, I love to run, read, watch Ohio State football, and hang out with my family/friends. I'm also ambidextrous!

Rupa Mehta



Rupa Mehta is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, and received her Bachelors in Science degree in Public Health while also completing a Business minor. She was certain that she wanted to pursue a career in the health care industry, but was unsure of where she belonged until her professor introduced her into the world of health administration. Since then, she's been dedicated to pursuing a career on the management/administrative side of the health care domain. She first gained real-world exposure to this environment during her internship at the Aids Foundation of Chicago, where she practiced both hands-on activities, as well as worked with administration to provide

solutions from a business standpoint. Rupa hopes to take this experience, as well as the experiences she gains from her MHA, to grow as a professional in the health administration industry. She hopes that her combined knowledge of health care and business will allow her to effectively enter the hospital administration system, and provide helpful solutions that they often face. Outside of her professional endeavors, Rupa spends most of her time in the gym, doing portrait photography, and binge watching Netflix shows. She was also on a collegiate Bollywood fusion dance team at USC where they competed at national competitions.

Sabrina Moxcey



I am from Sonora, CA/Canton, OH. I graduated from The Ohio State University in 2014 with a Bachelors of Arts and Sciences. I double majored in Political Science and Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies and minored in Global Public Health. I have had the opportunity to establish a background in community and public health by working at a drop-in center for homeless youth, as program manager for a recovery non-profit, and serving as a community Health Volunteer for Peace Corps Peru. Through my work experience I discovered my passion for improving health outcomes and health equity. I also learned the important role that organization, finance, and leadership play in development. I chose the MHA program so that I would be better equipped to serve in the field.

I would like to work in a hospital setting where I could be involved with women and children's health. Additionally, it would be great to apply my MHA degree in policy or a non-profit setting.

I like to read, cook, workout, and practice Spanish. Although I tend to keep active, my favorite thing to do it is to kick back with friends and family and just eat, drink, and be merry.

Alexa Quolke



I'm from North Royalton, Ohio, which is a suburb 20 minutes south of Cleveland, Ohio. Although I am an only child in my immediate family, I am the second youngest of 25 grandchildren on my dad's side of the family. In my spare time, I enjoy working out, completing DIY projects, and playing sand volleyball with my friends. I graduated from North Royalton High School and then went to Ohio State University where I received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Public Affairs with two minors in Psychology and Public Health. During my undergrad I volunteered at the OSU Wexner Medical Center, which allowed me to dive in and obtain a deeper understanding of the medical side of health care. This also made me realize that instead of pursuing a career in health care as a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner, I wanted to work in the medical field from an administrative position. A Master's in Health Administration would not only grant me a sense of responsibility for the future of a healthcare organization, but it would also give me the opportunity to face a vast range of disciplines within the organization and really make a difference in the health care world. Once I have my degree and begin my career, I hope that I can positively impact the lives of not only the patients that come through the healthcare facility I work in, but also the lives of the medical staff that I will be working with every day. I hope that throughout my career I can help form and build a healthcare organization that people enjoy working for and going to in order to receive the medical care they are in need of.

Rachel Roeth



My name is Rachel Roeth and I am an upcoming first year MHA student, originally from Cincinnati, Ohio. This past May, I received my Bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University, where I majored in Neuroscience and minored in Business. While at OSU, I became interested in obtaining an MHA following work in healthcare that included a student position at the OSU Health Plan and volunteering at the Wexner Medical Center, as well as being an active member in the student organization Volunteers Around the World, which allowed me to travel on a medical mission trip to Cusco, Peru. During the beginning part of my college experience I was interested in applying to medical school as the next step in my education but realized later on that my interests were better suited on the administrative side of the health field. I hope to one day be able to work in a neuroscience center as a healthcare administrator and am looking forward to learning more about possible career paths during my time as an MHA student. In my spare time, I enjoy doing logic puzzles, reading, and am slowly learning how to cook, although that is very much a work in progress. I am very excited to start my health administration career in the MHA program at Ohio State!

Sarah Ryan



I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and have lived in Washington, DC for the past seven years after moving there to attend undergrad at American University. I graduated in 2014 with a B.S. in business administration, concentrating in information technology and have spent the past three years working as an IT consultant for the federal government with IBM. During that time I developed and managed budgets and contract documents for a large software development program and worked on several bids for new contracts, including a contract to implement electronic medical records for the military health care system. Unfortunately, the contract was awarded to another company, but the bid process inspired me to pursue a MHA.

I'm very interested in quality and safety issues and how they impact both health outcomes and the overall patient experience, as well as how EMRs and other types of health IT can be used to support quality and safety goals. However, I'm looking forward to exploring the many aspects of health care administration that OSU and Columbus have to offer over the next two years.

I spend a lot of my weekends watching movies with friends or enjoying the arts and restaurants in DC and I can't wait to start exploring Columbus. I have a huge sweet tooth and I'm thrilled to be in driving distance of a Graeter's ice cream again.

Meredith Schram



I was born and raised in Columbus, OH. I graduated from The Ohio State University in May 2016 with a Bachelor's degree in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and a minor in Psychology. I currently work as a Clinical Research Assistant in Ohio State's Infant Lab where I work mostly with children who have had strokes or were born with a complex congenital heart defect. Our lab investigates neuromuscular development and more specifically early diagnosis, early intervention and appropriate physical therapy dosage for the best rehabilitation outcomes.

I have a real passion for promoting and organizing healthy living which stemmed from my Health Sciences course work and extensive research experience during my undergraduate career. My specific interests include improving access to quality health care services, reducing health care costs and preventing clinician burnout. I decided to pursue an MHA because I believe this program will provide me with all the tools I need – including business, policy and clinical care knowledge – which will allow me to make the greatest impact in our health care field. I hope to work in a hospital someday improving quality and safety of patient care.

Outside of the classroom, I love to run, hike, and practice yoga, hangout with my friends and play cards and board games with my family. A fun fact about me is that I am one of 23 grandchildren on my mom's side alone; we grandchildren are now outnumbered by the great grandchildren 23-27!

I cannot wait to get started learning as much as I can about the health care system at one of the best institutions in all the land. O-H!

Rhiana Shabazz



Rhiana Shabazz is a graduate of The Ohio State University's Class of 2016. She is originally from Indianapolis, IN but has lived in Columbus for the past 5 years. Rhiana began her collegiate experience as a pre-nursing major in 2012. After completing a shadowing experience at a hospital in Downtown Indianapolis, it was determined that she was still very interested in healthcare, just not so much the clinical side. After seeking further advisement, she came to a realization that her skillset may be better useful in more of the business side of healthcare. Rhiana then decided to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Health Information Management Systems. During her time in undergrad, she was able to gain experience working in Healthcare IT, Patient Experience and Consulting.

Following graduation, her first full-time employment opportunity was with The Ohio State University as a Medical Records Coding Specialist. Here she was able to begin building on her medical coding education to help code health conditions reported to a national survey from Ohio State's Center for Human Resource Research. After this project was complete, Rhiana spent a bit of time with Mount Carmel Medical Group as a Referral Specialist. In this position she was responsible for processing outgoing referrals for all Mount Carmel Medical Group providers. During this opportunity, she gained useful experience learning more about the various insurance plans and how insurance companies run. As of May 2017, Rhiana has returned to Ohio State and secured a permanent position as a Revenue Integrity Specialist in the Student Health Center.

During her free time, Rhiana enjoys spending quality time with family and friends. Her close relationships are very important to her and keep her motivated. She also loves to travel, workout, read and binge watch her favorite tv shows on Netflix. As a fun traveling fact, Rhiana has been to all but four states, including Hawaii, Alaska, Washington and Oregon.

Andrew Suzo



I grew up and attended high school in Ada, Ohio, which is a small farm town an hour and a half northwest of Columbus. Following high school I moved to Columbus and graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in biology and the intention to attend medical school. In an effort to gain exposure in the hospital, I took a position as a patient care associate and eventually became involved in research, where I have served in some capacity since 2009. I currently hold a position as senior clinical research coordinator for the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, which is a group within the division of general surgery at Ohio State. My responsibilities include administrative roles and coordination of our clinical research activities, including design and implementation of research protocols, participant recruitment in clinics, collection and analyzation of data, facilitation of contract execution with sponsors, and the preparation and submission of regulatory documents and external grant applications.

My interest in health administration stemmed from my early professional hospital experiences and has continued to grow since. My primary interest is to optimize healthcare for as many individuals as possible, whether that be through improved access for populations of disparity or the enhancement of personalized care for all.

Columbus is a vibrant and growing city that I am proud to call home. I stay socially active through recreation leagues for softball, soccer, and volleyball and also golf regularly with friends.

Doug Talentino



I was born and raised in the Cleveland/Akron area, mostly Twinsburg. I studied at Brigham Young University for my undergraduate coursework, obtaining a BS in Finance. As an undergraduate student, I had many opportunities to learn about the healthcare industry via clubs, networking events, projects, and internships. I was an administrative intern with Mountainview Hospital in Payson, UT for 9 months, working on a variety of projects with each department of the hospital. BYU's Healthcare Management Association enabled me to attend events with current and former healthcare professionals where I learned about the current challenges and opportunities in the healthcare industry.

From these experiences I gained a desire to participate and make an impact in this unique field. I am especially excited for a career in healthcare because of all the upheaval and changes that are happening today, as I believe there has never been a greater opportunity to make a significant impact in such a major industry. Obtaining an MHA degree would open the door to the career path that I plan to follow. I hope to become the president of a hospital for many years, after which I would like to get into healthcare consulting, with the possibility of dealing with hospital mergers and acquisitions.

In my free time I like to travel, read books, be with family, attend sporting events, and socialize with friends. I am excited to experience all that Columbus has to offer, and I look forward to getting to know everyone in the MHA program and becoming a part of the Buckeye family.

Daniel Thompson



Daniel grew up in Louisville, a small town in northeast Ohio, and graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.A. in Communications and a minor in Global Public Health. He has limited experience in the healthcare field, but gained interest in the program during his time completing his minor and speaking to current students and alumni from the program. Daniel ultimately chose to pursue a MHA degree because it provided a perfect balance of analytics, management, leadership, and job fulfillment in a growing field that is always in need of new innovators.

He hopes to use the skills gained in this program to become competitive at the top tier of health systems in the United States.

Daniel is interested in coordinating operations in a larger health system or working alongside chief executives to assist in planning and business development. He is also considering taking on a consultative role in the industry. Overall, Daniel will strive to help solve the healthcare industries biggest hurdles and provide patients with optimal health outcomes in an increasingly efficient and productive way.

Daniel enjoys staying active and getting out into nature as much as he can. He loves biking and playing tennis. He is also a huge space/Star Wars nerd and would definitely enjoy a lively discussion of how the next two movies might play out. He is very excited to meet his fellow classmates and staff this August.

Martusha Thomson



I'm from originally from Raleigh, NC, but have been living in New Orleans for the past several years. I completed my undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University in Recreational Therapy. I've spent my career so far working in mental health. I've loved working with this population in acute behavioral health settings as well as treatments centers. I decided to pursue an MHA when I realized that I wanted to help create change within the mental health population, but was often limited by my scope of practice. I

realized that in order to make the impact I wanted to, I would need to gain a higher degree. I hope to work in community and mental health, helping to run efficient and effective healthcare facilities that provide services to people who need them. Most of my free time is spent with my family- my husband and three year old daughter, who keeps me very busy! I also enjoy jewelry making and anything related to music.

Talia Tullis



I grew up in Dublin, Ohio with a family of buckeye fanatics. In fact, I have been a buckeye since birth: my two sisters and I are all named after Ohio State football legends. My older sister Tatum is named after Jack Tatum, my littler sister Griffin is named after Archie Griffin, and my middle name is Hayes after coach Woody Hayes. I graduated with Honors from The Ohio State University in May 2016 with a degree in International Relations and Diplomacy, and minors in French and Global Public Health. I was drawn to the MHA degree because it involves multiple disciplines and I imagine each day of work will bring a new challenge. After receiving my MHA, I hope to work for a hospital system or large physician group in a large city. In my gap year, I've been working as an office administrator in a small oral surgeon's office in Dublin. The main components of my job include scheduling, billing, and filing insurance claims, each with their own challenges. In my free time, I like to watch movies, read, and hang out with friends/family. I grew up playing soccer and doing gymnastics so I like to stay active. During the winter, I travel with my family to Kenyon College to watch my little sister's basketball games. I enjoy traveling and exploring new cities. I've been to 14 different countries so far and am hoping to take another trip soon. I also like to try new restaurants in Columbus with family and friends, and am looking forward to another two years in Columbus.