



Alicia B.W. Clifton 12G

Cofounder and COO

Wicked Saints Studios

Alicia B.W. Clifton, 12G, is a behavioral science innovator and cofounder of Wicked Saints Studios. The women-led, venture-backed startup creates mobile games that empower Gen Z to take action in real life.

Bridging international development, philanthropy, research, and technology, her career includes fieldwork in a dozen countries, applied AI and behavioral economics research at the University of Pennsylvania, and scaling nonprofit funding for organizations.

A published researcher and sought-after speaker, including at CES, Clifton has co-authored foundational studies on primal world beliefs, uncovering new insights into human behavior. She credits Emory's inaugural master's in development practice program for equipping her with the cross-disciplinary skills that fuel her work in global innovation and social impact.

Claudia Brown 14G

Deputy Chief of the Climate and Health Program

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Atlanta, Georgia

Claudia Brown, 14G, is the deputy chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Climate and Health Program, where she leads strategic development, management, and operations for the national program helping states and communities adapt to the health impacts of climate change.

Brown began her journey with the CDC as an intern while earning a master's in development practice at Emory. Her experience — international travel, interdisciplinary training, and connections with leading experts — shaped her path in public health.

At the CDC, she has contributed to four National Climate Assessments; led federal initiatives on climate-sensitive infectious diseases, heat, and pollen; and represented the United States in key deliverables to the United Nations Conference of the Parties. Brown's work reflects a dedication to science, leadership, and creating healthier, more resilient communities.

Priya Mehta-Gupta Das 15PH 24PhD

Epidemiologist
Atlanta, Georgia

Priya Mehta-Gupta Das, 15PH 24PhD, works to advance maternal and child nutrition surveillance. Her journey to public health leadership began with personal experience: Left as an infant outside an orphanage in India, she transformed early vulnerability into a lifelong commitment to improving maternal and child health.

Over her career as an epidemiologist, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education fellow, and doctoral researcher, Mehta-Gupta Das has authored more than a dozen peer-reviewed publications, including three first-author papers from her dissertation with the Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance network, which examined the impact of malnutrition on child mortality in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Her resilience and dedication were tested during her doctoral studies when she successfully overcame advanced-stage brain cancer, defended her dissertation, and graduated alongside her cohort.

She remains deeply engaged at Emory by mentoring students, serving on the advisory committee for the Rollins School of Public Health Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health, practicing mindfulness with the Emory Buddhist Club, and fundraising for

Winship Cancer Institute. Through her work and personal journey, Mehta-Gupta Das exemplifies research excellence, leadership, service, and extraordinary perseverance.

Nuri Jeong 23PhD

Founder and Executive Trainer

Goals Unhindered

Atlanta, Georgia

Curious about how people learn and make decisions, Nuri Jeong, 23PhD, came to Emory's Laney Graduate School to pursue a PhD in neuroscience. Her research led to a paradigm-shifting discovery about how the brain remembers goal-relevant information, which was recently published in *Nature*.

At Emory, she discovered the power of collaboration across disciplines, a lesson she carries into her role as founder and CEO of Goals Unhindered, a corporate training and coaching company that helps leaders and teams make smarter strategic decisions using business data and neuroscience insights.

A native Korean speaker, Jeong also works with Korea-based companies expanding into the United States, particularly in Georgia, where Korean investment exceeds \$25 billion. She trains multinational teams to communicate complex data effectively, bridging educational and cultural gaps between the United States and South Korea.

Matthew Kim 10C 10G

Assistant Professor

University of Florida Levin College of Law

Gainesville, Florida

Matthew Kim is an assistant professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he combines his passions for research, teaching, and public service to shape the development of the law. His scholarship, which focuses on criminal law and civil procedure, has appeared in leading law reviews, including *The Ohio State Law Journal*, *Florida Law Review*, and *Texas A&M Law Review*. Before joining the faculty, Kim clerked for two prominent federal judges in Miami.

His academic journey began at Emory College, where he majored in international studies and history, building a strong foundation that informed his graduate and professional studies in law, international relations, political science, and statistics.

Through his teaching and research, Kim continues to explore complex legal questions while mentoring a new generation of lawyers and scholars.

Ogonna J. Nwajiobi 22PhD

Senior Scientist, Amgen

Founder, The Bridge Scholarship

Newbury Park, California

Driven by a passion for science and social transformation, Ogonna Nwajiobi, 22PhD, studied chemical biology at Emory's Laney Graduate School. During his time as a student, he developed chemical tools to detect subtle protein modifications, which advanced early diagnostics for diseases like cancer.

As a process development senior scientist at Amgen, Nwajiobi helps advance the commercial development of high-quality medicines for patients with unmet medical needs. Beyond the lab, he is the founder and president of The Bridge Scholarship, a nonprofit that expands access to higher education for brilliant but financially disadvantaged African students. The organization provides tuition, living expenses, mentorship, and career development, supporting scholars from university entry through graduation.

Originally from Nigeria, Nwajiobi earned bachelor's and master's degrees in applied biochemistry from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, where he also served as a faculty member before coming to Emory. A mentor and family man, he is committed to raising future leaders equipped to meet global challenges.

Maria C. White 19PhD

Postdoctoral Fellow

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Maria C. White, 19PhD, is a postdoctoral fellow at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she focuses on developing new treatments for non-Hodgkin lymphoma. A graduate of Emory's Laney Graduate School with a PhD in immunology and molecular pathogenesis, she was named Program Scholar of the Year in 2019.

White has earned numerous fellowships, including from the American Cancer Society, the Lymphoma Research Foundation, and the American Association of University Women.

Beyond her research, she serves on the board of the Emory Triangle Alumni Network, helping organize family-friendly events for alumni in Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and Durham. Her work blends scientific excellence, mentorship, and community engagement, reflecting a commitment to advancing both research and people.