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## 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Coast 2 Coast Consultants

### Esther Kim

**School:** University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW)

**Program & Year of Study:** Cardiology, 1st year Postdoc



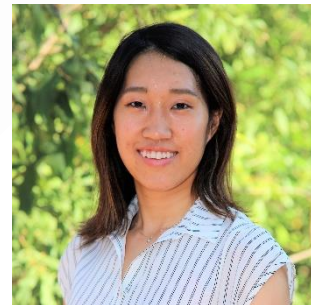
**One thing I enjoyed the most about the case competition:** Forming a team with an entirely new group of people from different disciplines and schools – I learned something new from each person!

**Bio:** Esther is a recent PhD graduate from UTSW with expertise in cardiovascular research and interest in bridging science and business. She is a creative problem solver and a proactive team player, always excited to take on new challenges.

### Moe Ishihara

**School:** University of California, Los Angeles

**Program & Year of Study:** Molecular and Medical Pharmacology, 4th year PhD



**One thing I enjoyed the most about the case competition:** I enjoyed working with my great teammates, who were literally from all over the country. I wouldn't have met them if it were not for the virtual competition, so for that I might need to thank covid haha...

**Bio:** Moe obtained her Bachelor's degree in Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology with a minor in Bioinformatics at UCLA. She joined Dr. Lily Wu's lab in 2017 and is currently investigating the metastatic mechanisms driven by VHL heterogeneity in kidney cancer. Moe is a recipient of two pre-doctoral fellowships (Japan Student Services Organization, JASSO, and Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program, TRDRP).

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## Andrew Kuczmariski



**School:** University of Delaware

**Program & Year of Study:** Applied Physiology PhD, 5th year

**One thing I enjoyed the most about the case competition:** I enjoyed learning from other graduate students who have similar interests and backgrounds. I was able to connect with people from across the US who also have an interest in consulting and will most likely be future leaders in the healthcare and life sciences industries.

**Bio:** I believe there is exciting work to be done at the intersection of science and entrepreneurship. As I finish up my Ph.D. and start to map out a career path, I'm interested in opportunities in management/strategy consulting so I can build the knowledge and skills to help companies solve their toughest problems.

## Mai Wang



**School:** University of Pennsylvania

**Program & Year of Study:** Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (3rd year PhD)

**One thing I enjoyed the most about the case competition:** Meeting people around the entire nation and working together towards one goal.

**Bio:** Mai is a 3rd year PhD candidate in the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering department of the University of Pennsylvania. He is very interested in consulting because of its problem-solving nature. Also, he is enthusiastic about exploring the intersection between technology and business.

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## Nhi Nguyen Tran



**School:** University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW)

**Program & Year of Study:** MD, year 3

**One thing I enjoyed the most about the case competition:** I enjoyed working with incredible people from across the country in this case competition.

**Bio:** I am a medical student with a background in biochemistry and business. I am passionate about science-driven business deep rooted in healthcare.

## Akansha Shah



**School:** University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW)

**Program & Year of Study:** Genetics, Development, & Disease (Year 5)

**One thing I enjoyed the most about the case competition:** The virtual platform allowed us to team up with highly competent individuals from the top universities in the US, enabling the building of invaluable contacts. Enjoyed performing in-depth and multi-disciplinary analysis of a scientific intervention.

**Bio:** A science enthusiast who is eloquent at communicating science and enjoys challenging herself by exploring new areas of scientific proficiency. Eager to support the advancement of science innovation, development, and commercialization by engaging as a project manager, a detail-oriented data analyst, and an adaptable team player.