Dear Entering Class of 2015:

Our Dean, Larry J. Shapiro, members of the faculty and I look forward to your arrival on the Washington University Medical Center Campus. We all want to assist you in getting off to a flying start in your medical studies. Challenging and exciting years lie ahead. We want to make these years the most productive and, at the same time, the most enjoyable years of your life to date. As August 3rd and Orientation draws near, I suspect that your thoughts are increasingly filled with questions. Hopefully you will find a few answers here.

Email
You will receive information about how to set up your WUSTL key password and WUSM email account by a separate email if you haven’t already received it. If you already have a WUSTL key and/or a GO email account, instructions specific to you will also be sent by email. Future official communications with you will come via this email account so be sure to set this email up and check it frequently from this point forward. This email will go to the personal email address in your AMCAS application and will contain other important start-up instructions and information.

Housing/Roommates
If you are interested in finding a roommate, please send an email request to join the 2019 Facebook group set up by the 2nd year class president, Jorge Zarate Rodriguez, at zaraterodriguezj@wusm.wustl.edu. He will send you a Facebook group invite by email to access the group. A Google spreadsheet with people looking for roommates is already on the Facebook page. Another roommate search option, CampusBuzz, was developed by a current WashU graduate student to provide a safe roommate resource for other WashU graduate students. You will need your WUSM email address to register to access the site www.washubuzz.com/register. For apartment information, you may also refer to the DisOrientation guide “Housing” section (see below).

I have enclosed some links/attachments for you to look over to address questions. Several important documents are enclosed with this letter.

1. **Student Programs Booklet** The student organizations have produced this catalog, which supplies you with information on the various student groups you can become involved with at WUSM. Many of these student groups will also be hosting luncheon discussions during orientation to inform you about their activities.
2. **Student Research Opportunities Booklet** This provides a brief description of the various research opportunities available, from the 2-month Summer Research Fellowship Program to the multiple-year and double-degree Medical Scientist Training Program.
3. **Disorientation Guide** The student written Dis-O guide, as we fondly call it, is a generally irreverent handbook filled with useful tidbits and, basically, tells it like it really is.
4. **Welcome letter from the faculty and staff of The Practice of Medicine (POM) I course.** This letter addresses students’ most commonly asked questions about purchasing medical equipment.

5. **White Coat Order** Please see attached Google doc link to order your white coat.

6. **Academic Calendar**

7. **Armed Forces** scholarship program information.

8. **Diversity Retreat flyer**

**The Matriculating Student Questionnaire (MSQ)**

To help things go more smoothly and to free up valuable time during orientation week, please be aware that the Matriculating Student Questionnaire is available to be completed on-line as of June 1st. This questionnaire is fully secure and confidential and is administered by the AAMC each year to all first year medical students. It is essential information for planning the direction of the nation’s medical education. You will receive a unique survey URL link via e-mail, inviting you to participate in the MSQ. The survey invitation will be sent to the e-mail address submitted to AMCAS. You can work on the survey, stop and then later return to it as often as you like. I encourage you to complete the survey over the summer.

**Orientation Overview**

*Parking:* If you have not taken care of parking registration by the first day of orientation, you can park in the garage on the corner of Clayton Ave. and Taylor Ave. for a daily fee of $15.00 (cash only) for 6 or more hours a day. If you need a parking permit, please bring your car registration information to obtain a permit. A detailed schedule of daily events will be provided and made available prior to the Aug. 3rd start to Orientation. *Breakfast and Lunch will be provided daily.*

*Monday, August 3rd* 8:30am – 5pm

*Dress:* I.D. photos and a Class Photo will be taken on Monday. This ID will be used in the hospitals so please dress professionally.

*Student Health—Drug screening & immunization records required if not mailed previously*

*Afternoon/Evening student community building event:* TBA

*Tuesday, August 4th – Saturday, August 9th - Washington University Medical Plunge (WUMP)*

Further details about WUMP will be emailed to you a couple weeks before orientation.

*Monday, August 10th - Community Service event*

*Tuesday, August 11th* 8:30am – 5:00pm - *Oath Building, Student Health, and CPR Training*

*Dress:* Casual

*Evening student social event: Dean’s Welcome Party from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the City Museum. More information to follow.*

*Wednesday, August 12th* 9:00am – 5pm - *Student Wellness*

*Dress:* Casual

*Evening student social event: TBA*

*Thursday, August 13th* 8:30am – 5:00pm - *Curriculum Overview and CPR Training*

*Dress:* Casual

*Evening student social event: Cardinals baseball game*

*Friday, August 14th* 2:00pm – 4:00pm - *White Coat Ceremony*

*Dress:* Please dress professionally
**White Coat Ceremony - EPNEC**

Please fill out the Google doc in the attached link as soon as possible so we can order a coat for you for the ceremony. During this ceremony, you will be introduced to the concept of professionalism in medicine, receive your first white coat, and recite the oath which your class will write. There is a reception immediately following, lasting until 4:00 p.m. This reception will be attended by family, course masters, administrators, and members of the Committee on Admissions. Please encourage your family to attend this memorable event!

*Evening:* Dinner with your families or with other students at the “Orphan” dinner. [Local restaurant information can be found here](#). Nearby neighborhoods include CWE, the Grove, the Loop, Clayton, and the Hill.

*Late evening:* Student social gatherings, Central West End

*Saturday and Sunday, August 15th-16th*
Free time, various social activities

*Monday, August 17th*
Classes Begin!

I look forward to meeting all of you on August 3rd! If any of us can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to ask and, in the meantime, please keep an eye on your WUSM email account.

Sincerely yours,

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