June 29, 2016

Dear Entering Class of 2016:

Our Dean, David Perlmutter, 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 some of the most productive and, at the same time, most enjoyable years of your life to date. As August 1st and Orientation draws near, I suspect that your thoughts are increasingly filled with questions. Hopefully you will find a few answers here.

**Email**
You should have received information about how to set up your WUSTL key password and WUSM email account in a separate email. The email regarding your WUSM email set up went to your personal email address listed in your AMCAS application and will contain other important start-up instructions and information. Future official communications to you will come via the WUSM email account. **Note:** If you were a Washington University undergraduate, you already have a WUSTL key and/or a GO email account; instructions specific to you will have been sent by email.

**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, Joshua Page, at jbpage@wustl.edu. He will send you a Facebook group invite by email to access the group. For apartment information, you may also refer to the Dis-Orientation guide “Housing” section (see below).

I have enclosed some links for you to look over to address questions.

1. [Orientation Schedule of Events](#)
2. [White Coat Order](#) Please see Google doc link to order your white coat. **(Required by July 15)**
3. [Student Programs](#) 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 lunchtime discussions after orientation to inform you about their activities.
4. [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.
5. [Dis-orientation 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.
6. [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.
7. [Academic Calendar](#)
8. [Armed Forces](#) scholarship program information. ([Army](#), [Navy](#), & [Air Force](#))
9. [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**

**Dress attire for the first day of Orientation on Monday, August 1** will be business causal.

**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.

*Breakfast and Lunch will be provided daily.*

**White Coat Ceremony - Friday, August 12**th – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – [Eric P. Newman Education Center](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. The event will also be live streamed if family and friends cannot attend--more information will come. 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-coordinated social gatherings, Central West End

**Classes begin on Monday, August 15**th!

I look forward to meeting all of you on August 1st! 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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