

Dear Member of the Class of 2011,

Welcome to the Penn State College of Medicine Family! We are extremely happy that you have chosen to join us at Penn State and trust that you will have an incredible experience in Hershey. We are sure that you are excitedly preparing for your move here and are eagerly anticipating the start of medical school. The purpose of this letter is to alleviate some of your worries and to provide you with preliminary information.

The Class of 2010 is responsible for the coordination of the student activities part of the orientation for incoming medical students. We as orientation chairmen, along with our fellow classmates, are very excited about your decision to come to Penn State, and we are anxiously awaiting your arrival. We are working very hard to plan activities that will allow you to get to know your classmates and will hopefully make your transition to Hershey and medical school a smooth and easy one. Please let us know if you have any questions prior to orientation.

In order to get started we will need some very basic information from all of you. On the orientation website, [www.hmc.psu/md/students/orientation.html](http://www.hmc.psu/md/students/orientation.html), you will find several forms that need to be completed at your earliest convenience. One such form is the “Little” Application Form which will assist us in matching you with an appropriate “Big” to serve as a peer advisor during your first year. The Big-Little program matches each incoming first year student with a knowledgeable second year student who will provide friendship, advice, and direction pertaining to school and life. The Big-Little program is not mandatory, but if you’d like to participate, please complete the application. In addition, later in the summer this website will provide a tentative social schedule for the week of orientation and information on alternative housing options. Please take some time to complete these necessary forms and review the information provided.

If you have any questions pertaining to orientation or your move to Hershey, we encourage you to write to us at the emails below.

Again, we congratulate you and are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

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