Dear Member of the Penn State College of Medicine Class of 2016.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, welcome to the Penn State College of Medicine Family! We are very excited that you have chosen to join us at Penn State and know that you will have an incredible experience in Hershey. We are sure that you are anxiously preparing for your move here and are anticipating the start of medical school. The purpose of this letter is to give you some basic information about orientation. The Class of 2015 is responsible for the coordination of the student activities during your orientation. The Orientation Committee, along with our fellow classmates, is very excited about your decision to come to Penn State, and we are eagerly awaiting your arrival! We are working very hard to plan activities that will allow you to get to know your classmates and acquaint you to Hershey and medical school as seamlessly as possible.

In order to get started we will need some basic information from all of you. On the orientation website, http://www.pennstatehershey.org/web/md/home/accepted/orientation, 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 as soon as possible.

This website will be continuously updated with forms to fill out and information regarding the start of school and orientation during the summer. Please check back frequently for updated content, and be sure to check out the Facebook group "Penn State College of Medicine Class of 2016" for unofficial updates.

While formal orientation starts on Monday, July 30th, we will be starting "social" orientation on Saturday July 28th to give you a chance to get to know Hershey and your future classmates. You will be receiving an Orientation RSVP form via email in June. Please fill out the form to let us know when we can anticipate your arrival for orientation.

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

The Class of 2015 Orientation Committee (don't be shy -- friend us on facebook!),

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