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Welcome!

On behalf of students, faculty, and staff at the Penn State College of Medicine, I welcome you to the Entering Class of 2012. All of us are busy preparing for your arrival. Orientation begins on Monday, July 30th. Be sure that your plans include this date. Participation in all Orientation activities is required by our faculty in order to adequately prepare students for the successful transition to medical school. We look forward to spending this time with you.

I want to take this opportunity to mention the first day of Orientation since activities will require significant coordination. Orientation flash drives will be distributed with important items and information for the activities during the week. Individual pictures and identification badges will be processed and distributed for campus security regulations and access to facilities. Student Affairs staff will be available throughout the day for assistance.

In addition, Basic Life Support skill sessions training will be administered to the class by Penn State clinical staff in three shifts throughout the first day of Orientation. All first year students will be working in clinical settings and required to be certified in Basic Life Support (BLS). You will receive an email asking you to complete the BLS for Healthcare Providers Online part 1 Course prior to the start of Orientation on July 30th. This online course is required for all incoming medical students and the Student Affairs office will provide the online course key for part 1 at the beginning of July, giving you a month to complete Part 1. Parts 2 and 3 will be administered July 30th, schedule forthcoming. The College of Medicine will assume responsibility for life support certification throughout your time here and this first day of training will ensure that all students are on cycle for re-certification at the end of the second year.

Orientation week will end the following Friday, August 3 with the White Coat ceremony. We hope that parents, spouses, partners, and friends will be able to join us for your formal induction ceremony into the College of Medicine.

An orientation website with an agenda and other important information will be available at <http://www.pennstatehershey.org/web/md/home/accepted/orientation>, after June 10. I urge you to visit the site periodically. We will also provide update information and announcements by e-mail, so please stay connected.

In closing, we look forward to having you join the College of Medicine community. Best wishes for an enjoyable and safe summer.

Regards,

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