

## Dear Member of the Penn State College of Medicine Class of 2017,

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 2016 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 2017" for unofficial updates ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/483921058306713/>

While formal orientation starts on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be starting "social" orientation on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> to give you a chance to get to know Hershey and your future classmates! Attached to this email please find the orientation social calendar. Please note that some of the activities require payment by July 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks out to Penn State COM Class of 2016 and send the checks to 201 University Manor East, Hershey, PA 17033. Here is the link to the Orientation RSVP form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YC0PnpggFda5qeivocciVFSY-YncTb1Ra4zXuoSeS2M/viewform>. Please fill out the form by July 5th to let us know when we can anticipate your arrival and participation in orientation! We will be offering babysitting for those families interested. For events where babysitting would benefit, please email [pscomorientationweek@gmail.com](mailto:pscomorientationweek@gmail.com).

Class of 2017 Tanks! Check out your awesome tank here:

[http://www.customink.com/designs/new/ndb0-000v-a2vs/share/?pc=EMAIL-40778&cm\\_mmc=share- -email- -button- -end](http://www.customink.com/designs/new/ndb0-000v-a2vs/share/?pc=EMAIL-40778&cm_mmc=share- -email- -button- -end) It costs \$13 and you can place your order on the Orientation Schedule Response Form, link above. This too can be included in your check payment which is due by July 5<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to write the size of the shirt you ordered in the memo line of the check!

If you have any questions pertaining to orientation or your move to Hershey, we encourage you to contact us at [pscomorientationweek@gmail.com](mailto:pscomorientationweek@gmail.com).

Again, we congratulate you and can't wait to meet you soon!!!

**The Class of 2016 Orientation Committee Leaders** (don't be shy -- friend us on Facebook!  
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