



The December 15th Chat for Accepted Applicants included members of the Pritzker admissions staff and current students. If you haven't already, please check out the Pritzker Podcasts, as well!!

To help "decode" the chat names, below is a key:

PritzkerSylvia: Sylvia Robertson, Asst. Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid
PritzkerJoni: Joni Huff Krapec, Director of Admissions and Outreach
PritzkerDavid: David Owen, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
MDPhDBen: A third-year student who is currently on leave from med school pursue his PhD, and who moderates the Pritzker Podcasts
PritzkerMegan: A first-year student who is one of the Orientation Co-Chairs
Pritzker Marcus: A first-year student

(PRITZKERSylvia): For those of you joining us, welcome to the chat! We're thrilled to have you here! Online from Pritzker are Sylvia, David and Joni from the admissions/financial aid office, and several of our students. Jump in with questions!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sylvia is our Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

(PRITZKERDavid): I am a Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. I work with graduates from colleges and universities in the Midwest and West

(PRITZKER Megan): Hi I'm a second-year student who was one of the Orientation Co-Chairs this past year. I am from Ohio and graduated from the University of Chicago.

fusionx22: haha, looks like i'm the first student here

(PRITZKERJoni): I am a Director of Admissions and Outreach. I work with graduates from colleges and universities in the Northeast and South.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Fusion, Where are you from?

fusionx22: is it's really that cold today in chicago?

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Hi! I am a first year student originally from Arizona and loving my time at Pritzker! Feel free to ask me any questions you might have

fusionx22: i hope it warms up before i come home

fusionx22: I'm from Tinley Park, IL

fusionx22: so about 20 minutes from UChicago

(PRITZKERJoni): Well, nothing you have never experienced before, but it's cold :-). Sunny though!

(PRITZKERSylvia): By the time you get here the cold snap will be behind us

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Where are you now?

(PRITZKERDavid): And it is sooo much warmer in the south suburbs

fusionx22: Haha, not unless you live next to a corn field.

fusionx22: I'm in Cleveland right now

fusionx22: and it's dreary and cold

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I heard it's mid-90s in Naperville.

(PRITZKERJoni): Nothing to block the wind, eh?

(PRITZKERSylvia): When do you get to come home?

fusionx22: Wednesday..sometime haha

(PRITZKERSylvia): Wonderful, I hope you are going to have a restful break.

fusionx22: Thank you

fusionx22: I have a question for the students at pritzker..

fusionx22: how do you like it so far?

(PRITZKER Megan): I love Pritzker! The best part is the people here.

(PRITZKERJoni): Hi ckays!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Welcome ckays21! I hope you are having a great day! Sylvia

ckays21: Hi I'm trying to catch up on the chat so far :) Looks like I just missed the weather

ckays21: It's a beautiful 80 here in Florida!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Welcome furukawa1 -- do you have questions for us?

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Fusion, pritzker is amazing! It has really exceeded my already high expectations. As megan said the highlight is definitely my classmates. Everyone gets along so well and I feel like I have gotten to know every one of my classmates! Being in Chicago has also been a great experience!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD):Pritzker remains awesome...4 years later.

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh we're jealous! It's chilly here, but sunny!

fusionx22: haha, florida sounds good right about now

furukawa1: It's -15oF in Montana!

(PRITZKERDavid): Hi ckays, furukawa, and as2696!

(PRITZKERJoni): Welcome to the Chat! And Congratulations on your acceptance to Pritzker! We are eager to answer any questions you may have, so please feel free to jump right in!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Is that temperature...or wind chill?

(PRITZKERDavid): Bit nippy there furutawa!

furukawa1: just temp

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I am never going to Montana.

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh furukawa---that's cold!!

furukawa1: haha good choice

fusionx22: Hey PRITZKERBenMDPhD, did you do the student tour on 9/9?

(PRITZKERSylvia): ckays, it is cold here today but the sun is glorious

ckays21: So I wanted to say thanks for my scrub top...that was pretty exciting!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Let me check my schedule...

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh good!! I'm glad you got it, Ckays?

fusionx22: Oh yeah, scrubs top was awesome!

(PRITZKERJoni): I meant !! not ?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Come to Pritzker and we will give you the scrub bottoms :)

ckays21: Haha that made me laugh!

fusionx22: I wore that for two days...straight hahaha

fusionx22: <_<

(PRITZKERJoni): Nice fusion! I think the students here do that too!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sylvia is our Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): I haven't taken mine off since I got it...

(PRITZKERJoni): For those of you recently accepted, don't worry! Your top is coming soon!

ac2696: I agree, the scrub top was very nice. Thanks

(PRITZKERDavid): Wearing the scrubs multiple days straight is good practice!

fusionx22: haha

(PRITZKERDavid): I am a Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. I work with graduates from colleges and universities in the Midwest and West

furukawa1: I had a question about financial aid. We fill out our FAFSA and then when should we expect to hear about an offer?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Fusionx22, please help me learn -- what does <-< mean -- I love working with you all -- I learn something new everyday!

fusionx22: haha, <_< just means "shift eyes," i suppose

(PRITZKERJoni): I am a Director of Admissions and Outreach. I work with graduates from colleges and universities in the Northeast and South.

(PRITZKERSylvia): OH!!!! Got it! Thanks for helping!

fusionx22: you're welcome!

Rachel G.: Hi everyone!

(PRITZKERJoni): David is typing an answer to your question furukawa! What other questions do people have?

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I take it you were here on 9/9, fusion?

(PRITZKERDavid): Hi furukawa1, we expect to begin sending scholarship letters at the end of January.

fusionx22: Hey PRITZKERDavid, one question that has been on my mind is scholarships. I can't quite remember what you all said on interview day, but does Pritzker award merit-based scholarships?

ckays21: I also have a question about financial aid...is there any merit based money?

ckays21: Haha

fusionx22: regards*

(PRITZKERDavid): fusion22,

(PRITZKERSylvia): We have Megan and Marcus, 2 of our remarkable students, joining us from their homes in Cincinnati and Arizona!

(PRITZKER Megan): Hi I'm a second-year student who was one of the Orientation Co-Chairs this past year. I am from Ohio and graduated from the University of Chicago.

Rachel G.: Haha I had the same question - would we have gotten it with our acceptances?

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Hi all! I am a first year student originally from Arizona and loving my time at Pritzker! Feel free to ask me any questions you might have

ac2696: I have a question for the students

(PRITZKERSylvia): Yes, ckays21, we do have merit money. Your Pritzker application is your merit money application. You should go ahead and complete the FAFSA in early January and that jumpstarts the process.

ckays21: Thanks!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Shoot, ac.

ac2696: I've given the current class schedules a quick read, and from a quick glance, it looks like there is a lot of scheduled class time. Do you find it difficult to get study time in by yourself when necessary?

(PRITZKERJoni): Rachel G...sometimes yes, but a lot of times no :-). The scholarship decision can come after your acceptance, sometimes many weeks/months after.

Rachel G.: K thanks so much, Joni!

fusionx22: BenMDPhD, yeah I was. haha, I remember someone named Ben who was MDPHd was one of our tour guides so I figured it was you

fusionx22: as*

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): In my experience, there is much more time than you'd think there would be.

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Must have been me then, fusion!

ckays21: Are there any 3rd/4th years in the chat? What kind of role to medical students play during the rotations? Do you often take overnight calls? Thanks :)

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): ac2696, a lot will change next year with all the curriculum changes but for me this last quarter was a great balance of class time and study time. Moving anatomy to the summer really helped spread out the workload and allowed us to focus solely on anatomy. It is a lot of work but I have never felt overwhelmed by the amount of class time

(PRITZKER Megan): ac, one good thing is that there is a lot of learning done during that scheduled class time. I have never had trouble finding extra time to study by myself outside of class. my classmates and i always find time to do that, as well as other things (working out, etc)

furukawa1: To anybody, I was wondering how affordable is rent in the Hyde Park area-- e.g. for studio, 1 bed, 2 bed

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): ckays, as far as I know, there are no required overnight calls. I think you're required (encouraged?) to leave by midnight.

(PRITZKERJoni): Welcome to the Chat! And Congratulations on your acceptance to Pritzker! We are eager to answer any questions you may have, so please feel free to jump right in!

(PRITZKERDavid): Furukawa1,

(PRITZKERSylvia): Our orientation programs give you great help and advice about housing. It is not difficult to find housing here.

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Med students here in clinical years are consistently surprised by how active a role they play in patients' care, procedures, decision-making, etc.

ac2696: Thanks, that is very helpful

(PRITZKERDavid): your budget for housing is about \$900/month and students are able to find a nice range of apartments within budget. A great way to save money in medical school...

(PRITZKERJoni): For those of you who are accepted students, do you want to take a minute to introduce yourselves to one another? Where you're from, college, etc? You might be classmates next year after all!

(PRITZKERDavid): is to take a place with a roommate. Then you can get a really nice place for well under budget.

Rachel G.: That sounds great! I'm Rachel, I'm from Upstate, NY (Rochester), and I'm a senior at Harvard. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone!

ckays21: I was born in Rochester! I'm Colleen, a senior at the University of Florida

furukawa1: Nathan from Seattle. Senior at Seattle University. On break in Montana to visit family :)

camaranta: I'm Amaranta, I'm from Houston, TX, I graduated from UT Austin in 2006

fusionx22: Hi, my name is Viyan. My hometown is Tinley Park, IL. (only 20-25 minutes south of Pritzker). I'm a senior at Case Western, majoring in Chemistry and Cognitive Science.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Amaranta!! It is great to hear from you!

camaranta: I wanted to say thanks to all of the admissions office personnel- everyone was so helpful on interview day

(PRITZKERJoni): Good luck to all of you who are going through finals! Rachel, you have to wait, right? Yours are in Jan?

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Anyone still on the fence about Pritzker? Anyone 100% decided?

JordanY: Hey, my name is Jordan. I'm from a small town called Goshen, Indiana. I'm a senior at Duke.

fusionx22: Thanks PRITZKERJoni..almost done with them ^_^

Rachel G.: Exactly...although they're changing it next year finally

(PRITZKERDavid): Hi Jordan!

(PRITZKERSylvia): It is our pleasure to welcome you all here.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Really, when are they changing the finals to at Harvard?? Before break?

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh are they? That's awesome! I always thought it would be brutal to be home over the holidays knowing finals are still looming!

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh good, Fusion! Good luck!

(PRITZKERJoni): Hi Jordan! When do you head home for holidays?

ac2696: Hi everyone, my name is Avrom. I am from Virginia, I went to school in Boston and New York, and now I live in New York City.

(PRITZKERJoni): Hi Avrom!

Rachel G.: It's always been a little rough for everyone. But they're going to finish up everything before winter break. The schedule's going to start a few weeks earlier.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Jordan, My husband grew up in Kokomo, Indiana!

(PRITZKERDavid): Hi Avrom

JordanY: I'm home now, actually. And, I'll be in Chicago later today. I'm taking the South Shore in.

fusionx22: I am still on the fence, but I think that scrub top was a big push :)

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh that will be nice Rachel...and of course right after you graduate :-)

Rachel G.: That scrub top was SO cute! Thank you so much!!!

(PRITZKERJoni): Hee hee Fusion! That's our goal :-)

camaranta:What is this scrub top y'all are talking about?

Rachel G.: Haha of course =)

furukawa1: You got scrubs? Cool

JordanY: Oh great! Kokomo is on my way to Indianapolis!

(PRITZKERSylvia): JordanY! Dress warmly!!!!!!

JordanY: Ya, its cold here too.

(PRITZKERDavid): Hi Jordan, enjoy the day in Chicago! What are you planning to do?

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh don't worry, you'll get them! We did one big scrub top mailing party in early December and we'll do another in Jan!

JordanY: I have an interview with Northwestern tomorrow, and I'm visiting a friend this afternoon.

(PRITZKERJoni): Just to be clear though, you only get the top now...you get the bottoms when we see you here in August :-)

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): "Good luck" Jordan.

JordanY: Thanks!

cjorr: Hello everyone, My name is Colin, I am a senior at WashU, but hail from Michigan

(PRITZKERSylvia): GO BLUE

(PRITZKERJoni): HAIL HAIL!! Brutal football season this year though!

(PRITZKERDavid): HI Colin!

(PRITZKER Megan): Welcome Colin!

cjorr: Yeah it was not our best

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I've not heard of this "Northwestern," though...

ckays21: So I was wondering if I could find out more about the curriculum changes that are happening for our incoming class?

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Go ILLINI.

JordanY: You guys got the best of us in that second basketball game, though. (im from Duke, Colin)

(PRITZKERJoni): Do you think it will be better next year though? I'm not convinced :-(

JordanY: haha, i figured you wouldnt like that

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh yeah, Jordan, that was amazing!!!

cjorr: Jordan I was surprised Michigan won, I though it was going to be a tough year for us

JordanY: ya, you looked good

(PRITZKERSylvia): The biggest change in terms of the curriculum happened this year with the move of Anatomy to August -- that opens up the 1st year schedule for more time for reflection and...

(PRITZKERJoni): Maybe we're FINALLY recovering from being on probation all those years ago (Michigan bball I mean, not Pritzker!!)

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Ckays21, curricular changes for the entering class of 2009 will involve programming and clinical opportunities that focus on active, case-based learning, more time spent in small group learning, and greater integration between the basic sciences and clinical experience. One example is the addition of a Scholarship and Discovery requirement.

(PRITZKERSylvia): to focus on your Scholarship and Discovery thread, the other major change. This independent project will develop over your 4 years here under the mentorship of a faculty member

camaranta: Will we have an advisor/mentor for the scholarship and discovery requirement from day 1?

cjorr: For the Scholarship and Discovery requirement are we assigned a faculty mentor?

(PRITZKERDavid): camaranta and cjorr, your are guided to a variety of faculty...

camaranta: Would we pick our mentor?

(PRITZKERDavid): through the particular thread you select and by mentors you have within your society.

(PRITZKERJoni): Amaranta, that's the goal. There are a couple of faculty who will head each of the "threads" and then your mentorship is largely guided by your own areas of interest/projects.

furukawa1: what kind of areas are we allowed todo the Scholarship and Discovery requirement? example?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sylvia is our Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

(PRITZKERJoni1): Whoa, sorry about that everyone! Did we all just get booted out?

camaranta: i think so

(PRITZKERSylvia): SORRY EVERYONE!!!!!! WHERE DID YOU GO?? :)

(PRITZKERDavid): Welcome back!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Yeesh! Maybe the Group Chat site got cold and needed some hot chocolate or something! :-)

(PRITZKERSylvia): Is anything worrying you all about medical school?

camaranta: So is there a required schedule for meeting with the advisor you get on day 1? Or is it decided between the advisor/student?

Rachel G.: Ok good. I'm glad it wasn't just my computer, which is on the fritz. =)

(PRITZKERJoni1): Good to see you all back though! I was going to ask Megan and Marcus to talk a little about the kind of events your society does...dinners? Social stuff? etc?

camaranta: PS I don't know why my messages get formatted funny, they don't look like that when I type them in!

JordanY: ya, im interested in hearing more about the societies

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Camaranta,

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi camaranta, You will have benchmarks to meet for your scholarly project so that will guide you minimum meetings with your adviser -- but you can meet with them much more if you like -- does that help?

camaranta: Yes, thank you.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Don't worry about the formatting -- we just are happy to be talking to you

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): you will meet your adviser at the white coat ceremony where they will put on your white coat. Also, they email you in the first few weeks to set up an initial meeting but they are more than willing to meet with you much more often if you choose

(PRITZKER Megan): There are a lot of things we do with our societies! We have a "field day" competition each fall where we all compete against each other...we also have faculty dinners during Orientation so you can meet and begin getting to know the faculty on your society. We also then have other events throughout the year. For example, we had a BBQ last spring, we went to Second City (improv comedy club) and we also did some service and outreach days where we volunteered

(PRITZKERSylvia): We have lost Ben -- don't give up Ben -- get back to us!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I HAVE RETURNED.

Rachel G.: How is Second City? I really wanted to go when I was in town but didn't get a chance!

(PRITZKER Megan): Societies are a great chance to meet faculty and students from all of the other years as well

(PRITZKERJoni1): Does anyone have any Pritzker myths they would like us to address?

(PRITZKER Megan): Second City is a lot of fun!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): ditto to megan but I have to add whirlyball as one of the most exciting society events

(PRITZKERSylvia): Second City is amazing. I have lived it 25 years and I go several times a year. It is wonderful humor.

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I like Second City, but I'm also a big sucker for improv.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Or "things you've heard"...but aren't sure if it is true or not?

ckays21: I have to go but thank you all so much!

furukawa1: ooo what about the one where if you step on the Pritzker seal something happens?

(PRITZKERSylvia): By ckays21

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Whirlyball is also amazing.

(PRITZKER Megan):Bye Ckays!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I think you go up in flames.

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): bye!!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I wouldn't know though, clearly.

(PRITZKER Megan): Yeah! We had a lot of fun a Wirlyball!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Furukawa, oh, that one is true...you don't graduate.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Just kidding!

(PRITZKERSylvia): I think the one about the seal is true. Other myths? :)

(PRITZKERJoni1): Bye Ckays!!

(PRITZKERDavid): Second city is a treasure-- there have been loads of wonderful comedy and graduates of it to SNL.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Out of curiosity, does every school have that "seal" myth? I know at Yale there's something about rubbing a statue's foot before your first final, and at Michigan there is a seal you can't step on before your first final, too!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Mike Nichols and Elaine Mays, early Second City members, began their comedy careers her on campus.

camaranta: I don't know about the seals :)

camaranta: but probably!

cjorr: WashU has a seal myth, I think you fail your next test if you step on it

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh no! That's not pleasant?

cjorr: What is it like living in the South Side of Chicago?

camaranta: Can the students address whether their classmates are very competitive?

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Rod Blagojevich has stepped on a lot of seals. FAIL.

camaranta: hah, thats funny

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Amaranta: No. Not at all. Not exaggerating.

fusionx22: Hey guys, I have to take off and study for my last exam! To those at Pritzker, thank you for answering all my questions. To everyone else, maybe we'll all see each other next fall! Have a happy holiday everyone!

(PRITZKER Megan): Amaranta, our classmates are not competitive against each other. We get along and work quite well together

(PRITZKERSylvia): Bye fusionx22 Happy Holiday and safe travels

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): In my experience, college was way more competitive.

furukawa1:Pass Fail sounds great!

(PRITZKERDavid): Good luck Fusionx22! Have a wonderful break!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): It's like on the other end of the spectrum.

(PRITZKER Megan): Cjorr, It is great living on the South Side...Barack Obama lives in in hyde park!

cjorr: Wow!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): cjorr, I really like living in Hyde Park. It has been an incredible opportunity living 5 blocks away from obama but also the diversity and culture that exists. I love blues and jazz and there is a local jazz club that has live music every night of the week.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Amaranta, I'm not a student, but I don't see a lot of competitiveness. In fact, I play a game with myself to see if I compliment a student on their achievement, how long it takes them to tell me about something else that one of their classmates are doing which is equally awesome. It's usually about a 15 second gap :-)

(PRITZKER Megan): I completely agree with Marcus, Hyde Park is an incredibly unique neighborhood, there many unique and interesting people here

(PRITZKERSylvia): We are not proud of our governor at this point but we are very proud of our Hyde Park President to be

JordanY: does pritzker have anything like a second look weekend that gives admitted students a chance to see the school again before deciding in May?

(PRITZKERJoni1): Jordan, we do indeed!! We're going to announce the date in January-- we'll send you all an email with the date and the info that you need!

JordanY: ok, great, ill look forward to it!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): As for competitiveness, it does not exist. Pass/fail is the best thing of my life and it was way way more competitive in undergrad. Everyone is so willing to help it is shocking! We are all really close and now that we are on break we are currently experience kindness withdrawal symptoms

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sylvia is our Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

camaranta: I have to go too (on my lunch break at work) but thanks for having the chat!!

(PRITZKERJoni1): SURE! Thanks for checking in Amaranta!

(PRITZKER Megan): Bye Amaranta!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): by amaranta!

camaranta: i will read the transcript after its done to see what other good info I missed.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Bye Amaranta, Glad you joined us -- be in touch with questions. Best wishes to you and your family

camaranta: Have a good holiday season everyone! I look forward to the scrub top :)

(PRITZKERDavid): Bye Amaranta!

(PRITZKERJoni1): So this is our first time having a daytime chat...thought it might be easier with finals and stuff...think nighttime might be better?

furukawa1: well, I'm done with finals so it is fine for me

JordanY: ditto, and we had finals both at night and in the afternoon, so i think either way would be good

furukawa1: I think it just happens to be the week, not the time per say

Rachel G.: Daytime's just a bit tough depending on when - I unfortunately have to run to class too. But I will definitely read the transcript later. Thank you so much for answering all of our questions! I am so excited about Pritzker. =>

(PRITZKERJoni1): Ok, thanks for letting us know!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Bye Rachel, All the best! Sylvia

(PRITZKER Megan): Bye Rachel!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh good Rachel!! Glad you could join us for a bit!!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I've got some friends moving to Seattle, furukawa...they're really looking forward to it.

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): bye rachel! good luck with finals!!!

(PRITZKERDavid): All the best Rachel!

(PRITZKERJoni1): So here's a really, really important question....

(PRITZKERSylvia): drum rolllllllll -- is there a way to do that?

(PRITZKERJoni1): Has anyone tried to venture to Target or WalMart on a Saturday lately?

furukawa1: Seattle is great

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(PRITZKER Megan): no, but I did go yesterday to Target

(PRITZKERSylvia): Seattle is rainy -- come to Chicago :)

(PRITZKERJoni1): WOW--Is that place packed right now! Toys R Us, too!! But...when my niece and nephew make requests, I gotta go!

furukawa1: haha, that is true

furukawa1: Seattle has Bill Gates though

furukawa1: but Chicago has Obama

furukawa1: hard choice...

JordanY: ya, i was in target last saturday picking up some gifts, its nuts!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Ooh...good point. And I hear that people in Seattle try to tell everyone that it's way rainier than it really is so that we all don't move there :-)

(PRITZKERSylvia): I'm teasing, Seattle is a wonderful place and, to be honest, it has never rained when I have been there!

furukawa1: that is true

furukawa1: it's really quite temperate all year round

furukawa1: it rarely drops below freezing

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): That is exactly what people in chicago do too...it is actually 60 degrees today but shhh dont tell anyone

cjorr: Thanks for answering my questions, I have to go study. See everyone in the fall!

(PRITZKERDavid): Sounds like Chicago! :-)

ac2696: sorry, had to duck out for work. I will try to come back in a bit, but if not, I'll certainly read the transcript. Thanks so much for setting this up

(PRITZKERJoni1): Bye cjorr!!! Good luck!

(PRITZKERSylvia): By Cjorr, best wishes!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Sure, AC!!! Thanks for coming!

(PRITZKER Megan): Bye Cjorr!

(PRITZKER Megan): Bye ac!

(PRITZKERJoni1): See you all in the fall...and you'll get your scrub pants!

(PRITZKERSylvia): cjorr -- we would be thrilled to welcome you here in the fall!!!!!!

(PRITZKERDavid): See you in August!

furukawa1: Looks like I will probably head out too

furukawa1: It's around noon

furukawa1: time to eat!

furukawa1: pleasure meeting you all

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): bye!!! good luck with everything

(PRITZKER Megan): Nice meeting you too! Have a good afternoon!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Bye furukawa -- all the best!

(PRITZKERDavid): ALL the best Furukawa!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Jordan do you have any other questions?

(PRITZKERJoni1): We're definitely happy to answer any!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Hi Joe!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Joe86 – Welcome

JordanY: ya, i was just trying to think of something

(PRITZKERJoni1): Welcome to the Chat! And Congratulations on your acceptance to Pritzker! We are eager to answer any questions you may have, so please feel free to jump right in!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Hi Joe!!

Joe86: Hey

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh no pressure, Jordan :-). Just checking!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Where are you today, Joe?

JordanY: ok, thanks!

Joe86: I'm at work down at a NASA center in Alabama

JordanY: wow, that sounds great, Joe!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh wow! That sounds exciting! I was just watching a special the other day about NASA food :-)

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD):Are you a rocket scientist?

Joe86: Thanks! NASA food, not sure how great that would taste

(PRITZKERJoni1): According to the special it wasn't good...but then again...not like you have an oven on a spaceship!

Joe86: no, I'm definitely not a rocket scientist. haha. I'm interning this semester. I studied West Nile.

Joe86: That's true

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh cool!

(PRITZKER Megan): Welcome aazurdia!

aazurdia: hello!

(PRITZKERJoni1): What part of Alabama is NASA at? I'm going to Birmingham in the spring I think.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Welcome aazurida -- any questions for us? We have students here!

(PRITZKERDavid):Hi aazurdia!

Joe86: I'm about 2 hours north of Birmingham in Huntsville, AL

aazurdia: Yeah actually, being from Arizona the MOST important question is...how are you guys surviving the cold!?

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Barely.

(PRITZKERDavid): Where are you aazurdia?

aazurdia: haha

(PRITZKER Megan): Marcus, I think you should take this one

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Hi, I'm Marcus. I'm a first-year student from Arizona and graduated from the University of Arizona. feel free to ask anything you want

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh that's right!! I went to Huntsville last spring and now remember seeing all the NASA signs!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): ARIZONA!!!

(PRITZKERSylvia): It is a beautiful sunny day and we are enjoying that from inside :)

Joe86: Birmingham's a pretty nice place, I did some collaborative work with the medical school and the school of public health

(PRITZKERJoni1): Joe, Yeah, I'm excited to visit. UAB is hosting an event down there that I'm going to talk about.

(PRITZKERDavid): Its a might chilly, but layers work well.

(PRITZKERJoni1): I meant, talk AT.

aazurdia: haha alright. It's a whopping 50 degrees here today and everyone's dying of frostbite

Joe86:Great!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Hey Marcus, do you want to let Aazurdia know how to survive the cold? :-)

aazurdia: Are you from Arizona Marcus?

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): aazurdia, I am doing surprisingly well...although I am currently back in AZ so I dont know what is going on right now. maybe you should check back with me in feb. However, I have found that it is really similar to the summers in AZ...you just dont stay outside for long periods of time. However, we have gone ice skating and made snowmen and all of the fun activities that you have just dreamed of in AZ

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sweet Home Alabama, but Chicago is my kind of town (could not resist)

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): and yes i am

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): phoenix born and raised and then I went to Tucson for undergrad

(PRITZKERJoni1): Ha ha sylvia. That's punny. And hilarious.

aazurdia: oh nice!

Joe86: I have a question, I'm having a bit of trouble remembering how the curriculum will be changing next year, could some one help me with this?

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): where are you from?

aazurdia: You had me at building snowmen

(PRITZKERJoni1): Hi Joe...

aazurdia: I'm from phoenix, I'm sitting in the library at ASU right now haha

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): nice!

(PRITZKERJoni1): the biggest change will be the introduction of a "Scholarship and Discovery" thread that will help you to pursue a project during your four years with us.

Joe86: I'm actually from southern Illinois, so this has been my first trip to Alabama.

(PRITZKERDavid): aazurdia, are finals pending?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Nothing better than making snow angels and then going inside for hot chocolate. Well, maybe a few things but that is pretty wonderful.

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): one of my classmates is from ASU as well and we have 3 from UA...sorry about that UA/ASU game ;)

aazurdia: Oh man, that's a sensitive subject, I'm not going to lie.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Joe, I know that but I did not know a song for Southern Illinois

JordanY: ok, im going to go get ready for the train to Chicago and get bundled up. thanks again for taking time to answer our questions, i look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): bye jordan!

(PRITZKER Megan): Bye Jordan!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Bye Jordan, Safe travels!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Bye Jordan! Hope to see you soon!

Joe86: Lol, good memory Sylvia

(PRITZKERDavid): Bye Jordan, and best wishes for the season!

aazurdia: Ok so random question for the students, where do most of you guys live?

aazurdia: By the school or do you commute?

aazurdia: (you probably already answered this but I'm late! haha)

Joe86: beyond the scholarship and discovery part, how will the coursework change?

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I commute in from the South Loop every day.

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Not bad.

(PRITZKERDavid): Joe86, in addition...

(PRITZKER Megan): I live in Hyde Park and most of my classmates do too. But, there are some classmates who live in other parts of the city (such as South Loop)

(PRITZKERJoni1): South Loop is a couple miles north of here. One thing that I love about Chicago is all of the distinct neighborhoods...so much to go explore!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I think you'll find that outside of HP, South Loop is by far the most popular and convenient.

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): A lot of us (probably 40%) of the first year live in a high rise apartment building in hyde park which is about a 12 minute bus ride away from school

(PRITZKERDavid): there will be more small group work (cases, pbl) and in the 3rd year there will be intercessions between the clerkships that re-immense in the basic sciences.

aazurdia: are you talking about regents? or however you spell it

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): yes i am

(PRITZKER Megan): Yes, many of us live in Regents

aazurdia: ahh alright

(PRITZKERJoni1): Ok, so that sentence doesn't make a whole lot of sense given South Loop is NORTH of here :-). If you think of the skyline of Chicago, that's pretty much the

Loop. The South Loop then, is a couple miles down Lake Shore Drive, and Hyde Park (where we are) is a couple miles more.

(PRITZKERSylvia): including Sylvia

Joe86: Thanks David, do you have the breakdown between lecture and PBL during the first two years?

aazurdia: oh alright, thanks Joni

aazurdia: I frankly had no idea what South Loop was so I was going to google it haha you saved me the trouble

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh I try to help Aazurida :-)

aazurdia: Ok another random question

(PRITZKER Megan): As a part of Orientation, students are sent A LOT of information on different places to live (and contact info of pritzker students who live in different parts)...we try to make it easy and show you all of the options!

(PRITZKERDavid): Joe86...

(PRITZKERJoni1): Go for it aazurdia!

(PRITZKERDavid): the didactic will be about 40% and case based about 30%--the balance is lab work.

aazurdia: as a student what do you feel makes pritzker different from other Chicago schools? Like what was the draw towards it for you guys

Joe86: Thanks David!

(PRITZKER Megan): For me, the draw was the people here at Pritzker.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Awwww...thanks Megan :-)

(PRITZKER Megan): Of course :)...It's true!

(PRITZKERJoni1): I assume she's talking about me :-)

aazurdia: hahaha

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): For me, I didn't feel comfortable with the curriculum. I would much rather be taught by experts in their fields than be in small groups all the time or doing self-study.

aazurdia: Hmm that's a good point

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Also: They didn't interview me, so that was a factor in my decision as well.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh Ben!!! That's too funny!

(PRITZKERSylvia): They knew he was the perfect fit for us!!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Initially the interview day was my most memorable. The admissions office was so attentive and caring (and yes this refers to you, Joni, sylvia and david, and you too with the pritzker podcasts ben), the students were incredibly nice and I loved chicago!

(PRITZKERDavid): No accounting for taste

Joe86: I have a question about financial aid and merit scholarships

(PRITZKERSylvia): go for it Joe

(PRITZKERJoni1): Ooh...good mention of the podcasts, Marcus. Ben and I just recorded another one and it's up now!!

(PRITZKERDavid): (that no accounting for taste refers to NU not interviewing Ben)

Joe86: Thanks, I just wondered if they had began to give out any merit scholarships

(PRITZKERSylvia): oops, David -- no calling out other schools

(PRITZKERDavid): Joe86

(PRITZKERJoni1): So if you haven't listened to the podcasts yet, they are at the same page as the chat: <http://pritzker.bsd.uchicago.edu/admissions/chats/>

(PRITZKERJoni1): Hi Okunader!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Yes, or <http://bit.ly/pritzkerpodcast> (itunes link)

(PRITZKERSylvia): Really, the Chicago schools have remarkably few overlaps in admitting students. Our missions are very different. We are very collegial and students have social gatherings with other schools as well.

(PRITZKERDavid): we will start sending out the scholarship letters toward the end of January. I'd encourage you to work on your FAFSA and taxes, too, to send off to all the schools where you have interviewed.

(PRITZKERJoni1): The new FAFSA goes online January 1st

(PRITZKERJoni1): Rotimi is that you? :-)

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sylvia is our Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

okunader: Oh hi

okunader: yes, it's me

(PRITZKERDavid): I am a Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. I work with graduates from colleges and universities in the Midwest and West

Joe86: Okay, and will the merit scholarships be sent out before the FAFSA is completed or with the rest of the financial aid package afterwards?

(PRITZKERJoni1): Hey! How are you?

(PRITZKERJoni1): I am a Director of Admissions and Outreach. I work with graduates from colleges and universities in the Northeast and South.

aazurdia: Oh David, I think you were the one I was supposed to meet when I went out there but you weren't in that day

aazurdia: Because I'm from ASU

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Joe, It could be either way, merit or need based first -- just complete your FAFSA and our application as soon as you can and we will get the decision back to you as soon as possible

(PRITZKER Megan): Hi I'm a second-year student who was one of the Orientation Co-Chairs this past year. I am from Ohio and graduated from the University of Chicago.

Joe86: okay great! Thanks!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): aazurdia, I am currently talking to mallory (your host from asu) and she is really excited to hear that you were accepted and wants you to come next year - she told me to "pull out all the stops" to get you to come here ;)

(PRITZKERDavid): I'm sorry I missed you aazurdia. You'll just have to come back!

aazurdia: haha that's the plan! :)

(PRITZKERDavid): Maybe for 4 years!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Welcome back AC!

aazurdia: Yeah Marcus, I went to school and worked with Mallory, she's a friend from home

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh really Aazurdia? Small world!

aazurdia: It really is!

ac2696: Thanks!

(PRITZKERJoni1): I'm always amazed at how small the world really is...it's incredible who you can bump into and realize that you somehow know!

(PRITZKERJoni1): So do the accepted students want to introduce themselves to each other? You might be classmates next year!

Joe86: That's true :)

(PRITZKERJoni1): Maybe just where you're from, college, what you're doing now?

(PRITZKERJoni1): I can start even though I'm not a student :-). I'm Joni...went to the University of Northern Iowa, and am now director of admissions here!

aazurdia: Sure, I'm from Phoenix and am currently a senior at Arizona State

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): I'm from Arizona, went to UA and am currently sleeping 12 hours a day

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Joe,
<http://www.siu.edu/~siupress/Neelytalesandsongsofsouthernillinois.html> check out this web site -- there is a book from the 30s about songs in Southern Illinois -- the web is a wonderful tool

ac2696: My name is Avrom. I'm from Virginia, went to school in Boston (Tufts) and NYC (Columbia), and now I live in NYC. I am working at Columbia University Medical Center and currently ducking in and out of work to read the chats.

okunader: I'm from Cincinnati, went to Harvard and currently work as a consultant for Accenture

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh don't get in trouble with work Avrom!

Joe86: Hello, I'm Joe from Harrisburg, IL. I'm a student at Southeast Missouri State, and I'm currently doing an internship at a NASA center in Alabama studying West Nile.

(PRITZKERDavid): I'm David and went to UofC, and now i work here, too!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Dear Avrom, It is great to hear from you---Sylvia

(PRITZKERJoni1): Rotimi...my parents moved to Cinci 3 years ago and they love it! We're headed there Christmas Eve!

ac2696: Hi Sylvia! Thanks. Nice to see you here

okunader: Oh nice

(PRITZKERDavid): Rotimi, are you with Accenture out east?

okunader: yes, i'm currently based in Philadelphia

(PRITZKERSylvia): Just think, this time next year you all will have finished your first quarter of medical school!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Yeah, we went to the aquarium last Christmas to see Scuba Santa...it was hilarious :-). He scuba dove in a beard and red suit!

okunader: lol, that's too funny an image to keep to yourself

Joe86: Sylvia that's pretty funny. I live about 15 minutes from the title of one of the songs, "Shawneetown Flood"

aazurdia: Hey everyone I actually have to get going, thank you all for answering my questions :o) Hope you have a great holiday!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Did he have a beard?

(PRITZKERJoni1): It really was. My niece and nephew were in hysterics the whole time!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Yep, big white beard just floating in the water!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Bye aazurdia -- happy holidays!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Bye Aazurdia!

(PRITZKER Megan): Bye aazurdia!

Joe86: Yeah, I'm dying for medical school to start

(PRITZKERDavid): Hope you and yours have wonderful holidays, too, aazurdia!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): bye aazurdia!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sometime you are going to have to tell me about the Shawneetown Flood

(PRITZKER Megan): Joe, it will be here quicker than you know!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Then he would hover by the wall of the tank so you could stand next to him and take pictures while baby sharks swam by. It was an experience!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hy Joe, Enjoy your time between now and med school beginning -- relax some!!!!

Joe86: Yeah, I know. It's just that I've never been so excited to learn before.

Joe86: I'll try

Joe86: I want to travel some more

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): where do you want to travel?

(PRITZKERJoni1): Or a lot...Marcus can give you tips on how to sleep 12 hours a day! Ok, well only on break, but still!

Joe86: Except this time preferably not working 7 days a week

(PRITZKERJoni1): That's great, Joe!

(PRITZKERDavid): NASA is the place to get a start on travel

(PRITZKER Megan): About 25 of our classmates are currently in Israel

ac2696: I have a quick question about the curriculum that may have been answered already (and if so I can wait for the transcript): can someone describe the first year electives a little?

Joe86: I want to go everywhere, I've not been to South America yet, so it is high on the list

Joe86: I also want to go back to southeast Asia and backpack

(PRITZKERJoni1): AC, that sounds like a GREAT question for Megan :-) She's been through it!

Joe86: Isreal? What for?

(PRITZKERDavid): Our REMEDY chapter has gone to Peru and DR.

(PRITZKER Megan): ac, there are many options for first year electives...I took an Emergency Medicine. There are also classes on ethics, pediatrics...and a wide variety of other medicine topics

(PRITZKER Megan): topics*

(PRITZKERSylvia): The first year electives are in the spring quarter and you will use them to explore your Scholarship and Discovery project

(PRITZKERJoni1): Megan, why are people in Israel?

(PRITZKER Megan): ac, it is also possible to take classes outside of the medical school. You can get Pritzker credit for some of them but even if you can't, some of them are just cool enough to take even without getting credit

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Isn't there still a Spanish one? I took medical Spanish and it was fantastic.

Joe86: That's pretty exciting, what exactly is REMEDY?

ac2696: Ah I see. I was wondering about the connection to the Scholarship and Discovery project. Thanks Megan and Sylvia. How did you find the elective Megan?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Yes, there is still a Spanish elective

(PRITZKER Megan): A group of people went to Israel to travel and see everything Aaron Cohn organized it

(PRITZKERJoni1): Joe--you can check out Remedy at:
<http://pritzker.bsd.uchicago.edu/about/news/pritzkerpulse/2008spring/remedy.shtml>.
They won a national award!

Joe86: A random trip to Israel would be fun

Joe86: Thanks Joni

(PRITZKER Megan): ac, they will give you a big list of possible electives to take... there may also be a list online somewhere

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh that's right Megan...Aaron deferred med school for a year to study in Israel on a fellowship!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Especially with an amazing group of your classmates

(PRITZKER Megan): you also hear a lot about them from different upper classmates

Joe86: Yes, definitely

(PRITZKER Megan): yeah, they left for israel the day after our class finished finals

(PRITZKER Megan): they were quite excited

(PRITZKER Megan): i cant wait to hear about it when they get back!

ac2696: Sorry, by "find" I meant...did you enjoy it? Learned a lot?

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh me too! I think they will have a great time!

(PRITZKER Megan):oops...sorry ac! I really enjoyed it!

Joe86: Thanks Joni! How early can students get involved with REMEDY?

(PRITZKER Megan): we learned how to intubate and had chances to shadow in the ER

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): ac, I took the EM elective a few years ago too and it was ridiculously awesome. They go through big topics each week and there is a lot of hands-on stuff too.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Joe, as early as you want! First year, and first couple of weeks of that first year!

ac2696: That's great, thanks so much!

Joe86: Sounds good

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Joe, a group of first years organize the trip so they become involved really quickly

Joe86: Thanks Marcus

ac2696: I've got to sign off again. Thanks to all of you. This is a great resource

(PRITZKER Megan): bye again, ac!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Take care ac.

(PRITZKERDavid): see ya avrom!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Sure AC! Enjoy the rest of your day at work!

ac2696: And happy holidays to everyone too

(PRITZKERJoni1): We'll do another one after the holidays!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): bye AC!

(PRITZKERDavid): To you and yours, too!

Joe86: I'm interested in ophth, could I get involved with ophth research first year, or during the summer after the first year?

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Of course. There's plenty of time to get started on research during elective time first year.

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): And then continue during the summer.

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): there are about 100 basic science faculty and about 800 clinical faculty, almost all of whom are doing bench or clinical research. Finding research here is very easy. Plus, in the summer after the first year of med school, there is a formal (and funded) research program.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Take care Avrom! All the best Absolutely, the ophthalmology department here is very interested in working with students right away -- they are great mentors

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): I had a friend who designed some ophtho reading course as an elective during the spring and then worked with the PI for his summer project.

Joe86: Okay, and you don't think it would be a problem getting to do ophthalmology research from the start?

Joe86: Thanks Ben!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Not at all -- they would welcome you with open arms and labs

Joe86:haha

Joe86: Great, thanks everyone!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Not necessarily literally from day one, but certainly shortly after you arrive as time allows.

(PRITZKERSylvia): You are welcome

(PRITZKERJoni1): sure Joe!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Spring is the big time to get started on research projects, if you start something up before the summer.

(PRITZKERDavid): You are welcome, Joe

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): If you are a machine, then by all means, do research for the whole year.

(PRITZKERSylvia): I agree with Ben, it is best to wait until spring to begin the project but they would talk to you about it right away

(PRITZKERJoni1): This from the guy doing his PhD :-)

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): <-- not a machine.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh you do pretty well :-)

(PRITZKERJoni1): Do you guys have any other questions?

Joe86: Yeah, I'm not dying to get started with the research first quarter, I just wanted to make sure that it was possible to begin working on it before the second year began. Thanks for the help.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Welcome back, Amaranta!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Definitely 100% possible to do it and be successful with it.

(PRITZKERJoni1): We were just talking research!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Many, many papers come out of summer research.

Joe86: Thanks Ben!

camaranta: Hello

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): Hi Amaranta!

camaranta:Everyone left!

(PRITZKERSylvia):We are still here!

(PRITZKERJoni1): I know! A lot of people had class starting!!

Joe86: Hi camaranta, I'm Joe

(PRITZKERJoni1): Joe is here though!

camaranta: Hi Joe, where are you from?

Joe86: southern Illinois, you?'

camaranta: I'm from Texas, where its a freezing 43 degrees right now!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Ooh...you poor thing :-)

(PRITZKERJoni1): It was 43 here yesterday and people were sunbathing it felt so hot! Now we're at 9.

Joe86: Haha, I was in Dallas for a conference last year over spring break when they had a big snow storm...not a pretty sight.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Did you either of you get snow? I have a friend in Louisana and they got 8 inches

camaranta:We got snow last week

Joe86: I ran into some snow driving to Nashville last Thursday.

(PRITZKERJoni1): We went to Texas over the holidays one year thinking it would be warm. This was clearly before we knew how to use the internet :-). We were wrong.

camaranta: it was surreal!

Joe86: yeah

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh I love Nashville! Did you hear any bands?

Joe86: Not that time, but I've been a couple of other times and did.

(PRITZKERDavid): I'll be none of them played Shawnee Town Flood.

Joe86: Haha, nope.

(PRITZKERSylvia): We are going to get snow tomorrow and may get our first White Christmas in some time.

Joe86: That's pretty exciting!

Joe86: I hope that we'll get a white Christmas in the southern tip of the state, but I'm not counting on it.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Honestly, I love that we enjoy all 4 seasons here. Fall is my favorite, followed by Winter (I know, I'm weird), then spring, then summer.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Maybe ask Santa for a snow machine?

camaranta: My host told me that there is a tunnel system at Pritzker

(PRITZKER Megan): I agree! Fall is my favorite!

camaranta: is that true? (please let it be true! :))

(PRITZKERSylvia): Yes there is a tunnel system and they are building more

Joe86: yeah, a snow machine would probably be the only way

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): I had my first fall this year! In AZ we only had 2 seasons: very hot and hot

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): There is a tunnel system and it is amazing.

Joe86: a tunnel...didn't know that

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Goes from one of the research buildings to the library and hospital.

(PRITZKERSylvia): not like a tunnel you crawl through but a series of underground hallways -- really cool

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): And being expanded to include the BSLC.

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): What?? I had to burrow.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Oh that would be hilarious if you had to crawl! And get stuck with your backpacks full of medical books :-)

Joe86: yeah, I figured...but a crawl through tunnel might have been fun.

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Oh well. Now there are two.

Joe86: Well, that's great

(PRITZKERJoni1):No wonder your fingernails look so raggedy Ben :-)

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Yep, definitely comes in handy when it is pouring out.

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Or when it is Anarcticaing out.

(PRITZKERJoni1): Wow--you made a new word!

Joe86: Thank you all for answering my questions today! I have to go and practice a presentation with my mentor I'm giving for work on Wednesday!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Good luck with your presentation Joe!!

(PRITZKERBenMDPhD): Take care Joe.

Joe86: Thanks!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): bye joe!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Happy Holidays!!

(PRITZKER Megan): BYE Joe!!

(PRITZKERDavid): Good luck, Joe, and best wishes for the season to you and yours!

Joe86: Happy Holidays to you all!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Chicago downtown also has tunnels and a series of underground streets. The tunnels are the way they use to move the coal around from building to building. You know about the Great Chicago Fire -- check out the Great Chicago Flood - - very interesting.

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): you too joe :)

(PRITZKERSylvia): BYE Joe! Happy Holidays

Joe86: Thanks!

Joe86: Bye!

camaranta:I have to leave as well to get ready for a meeting, but thank all of you again

camaranta: Hope you get some good snow!

(PRITZKERJoni1): Bye Amaranta! Good luck with your meeting!!

(PRITZKER Megan): bye amaranta!

(PRITZKER Marcus MS1): bye amaranta!!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Happy Holidays to you! Amaranta -- stay in touch with questions.
Sylvia

camaranta: Bye!

(PRITZKERDavid): Bye amaranta

(PRITZKERSylvia): Thank you for joining us -- all the best to you all and your families.
Be warm and gentle to yourselves. Sylvia