

The May 5th 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 Krapec, Director of Admissions and Outreach
PritzkerDavid:	David Owen, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
Pritzker Sophie:	First-year student and one of the Orientation Co-Chairs
Pritzker Sinha:	Fourth-year student
Pritzker Phil:	First-year student and one of the Pritzker Orientation Ambassadors
Pritzker Andrew:	First-year student and one of the Pritzker Orientation Ambassadors

(PRITZKER Sophie): Hi there and welcome to the chat! Congratulations on your acceptance to Pritzker! I'm Sophie, a first-year year student and one of the Orientation Co-chairs for your class. I'm originally from the Chicago Suburbs and graduated from Duke University.

acaplan: Hello

(PRITZKER Joni): Hi Acaplan!

acaplan: I'm Avrom. Prospective student, living in NYC. Thanks for hosting this chat sessions

ElizabethG: Hello Everyone!

(PritzkerDavid): Hi Acaplan, welcome!

(PRITZKER Sophie): Hi ElizabethG!

(PritzkerDavid): Hi ElizabethG!

(PRITZKER Joni): Hi Everyone!!

(PRITZKERSINHA): Hi, I'm Shashank. I'm a fourth-year student here. I grew up in a few states, primarily Texas, and now my family lives in Wisconsin. I graduated from Harvard University.

(PRITZKER Joni): Feel free to jump in with any questions you have! If you'd like to introduce yourselves that's great too!

acaplan: Hi Shashank

acaplan: I have a question about class schedule.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Hi Avrom, Great to hear from you.

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

(PRITZKER Joni): Go ahead Avrom!

acaplan: Is the entering class schedule the same as what is posted online for course schedules? I wasn't sure if that same course scheduled applied to the incoming class or if it will be affected by the new curriculum

kspecht: Hi everyone! It's Kristine from Dartmouth. I remember meeting most of you at the revisit.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Hi Kristine!

(PritzkerDavid): Hi Avrom, the curriculars changes will have some effect...

(PRITZKER Joni): Hi Kristine!

(PRITZKER Andrew): Hi all, I'm Andrew. I'm a first-year student and am one of your Pritzker Orientation Ambassadors. I'm originally from the Chicago suburbs and graduated from Dartmouth College.

kspecht: Hi! Thank you for the scrub tops! I received mine yesterday and it absolutely made my day!

ElizabethG: I received the scrub top two days before my thesis was due! It was a great morale booster.

(PRITZKER Joni): Oh good, Kristine! Glad you liked it!

(PRITZKER Joni): Oh that's fun Elizabeth!

mb2013: I just got mine too! It's so great!

(Pritzker Phil): Hi, I'm Philip. I'm a first-year student and am one of your Pritzker Orientation Ambassadors. I am originally from Indianapolis and graduated from the University of Notre Dame.

(PritzkerDavid): Some of the basic science courses which were formally separated into different quarters will be integrated into a course which will span a quarter or two. and...

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

(PRITZKER Andrew): Kspecht, glad you liked the scrub mailing! You'll get your scrub bottoms when you get here.

russellbecker: hi everyone

(Pritzker Phil): Hey russell!

(PRITZKERSINHA): Welcome, Russell!

(PRITZKER Sophie): Hi, I'm Sophie. I'm a first-year student and am one of your Pritzker Orientation Co-Chairs. I am originally from the Chicago suburbs and graduated from Duke University.

(PRITZKER Andrew): To those who just joined, welcome! We're just getting started so feel free to ask any questions you like.

(PritzkerDavid): gross anatomy will be focused in August and September, and the first couple of weeks of October. Along side of Gross will be the Health Care disparities experience. In addition...

Shaundra: Hi everyone. I'm Shaundra. I'm from Alabama. I had a question about financial aid. Is there a set deadline for confirming the scholarship and accepting the loans?

(PRITZKER Joni): Hi Shaundra! Confirming the scholarship happens when you decide you're coming to Pritzker (by May 15th)...

(PRITZKER Joni): We encourage you to confirm the loans by about June 1st--that way you are sure to have your forms done with the lender you choose so your money is here when tuition is due :-)

kspecht: I have a question.... how are we all going to stay in touch over the summer?
Â I'm thinking of moving out there in the third week of July, but don't know anyone other than Pritzker people in Chicago. Â How did you guys organize pre-orientation get togethers last year?

ElizabethG:

(PritzkerDavid): You are welcome, Avrom. Because Gross is moved out of autumn and winter...

(PRITZKER Sophie): there were several people who got in early last summer and began hanging out around Chicago, just search "Pritzker 2013" in Facebook and you should find it

russellbecker: I have to go, I'm in lab, but I look forward to meeting you all!

(PRITZKER Joni): Have fun in Lab Russell!

(Pritzker Phil): See you later Russell

(PritzkerDavid): there will be less class time in those quarters and the same amount in spring (which is lighter to begin with).

(PRITZKERSINHA): Nice. Thanks for stopping by, Russell.

ElizabethG: I realize I have not really introduced myself- I'm Elizabeth- originally from New Jersey, finishing up undergrad at Vassar College in New York. I was unable to attend revisit but I'm really excited about attending Pritzker! I think at this point I'm most nervous about the logistics of moving to Chicago and finding a place to live. I found the powerpoint online from revisit pretty helpful, but I'm still debating on where to live, whether or not to bring a car, and whether or not I should try to find a roommate or live alone. Any thoughts?

acaplan: Ok, thanks.

(PRITZKER Joni): There are a lot of housing options close to campus and throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. The University has a "Graduate Student Housing" office if you would like to be in a university-owned building. There are also many privately owned buildings throughout the neighborhood as well. In the summer we will send you a book called "Life at Pritzker" which takes you through a lot of the housing options and management companies around campus. We also have housing information up now on the Orientation 2009 website:
<http://pritzker.bsd.uchicago.edu/current/students/orientation/housing.shtml>. This includes a housing board which can help you identify places for rent and also to find roommates!

(PRITZKER Joni): People do have cars on campus--probably about 60% of first-year students have one. Chicago does have a very accessible public transportation system, so you don't need to feel like you have to have a car in order to get around. When you look for housing, you will need to keep parking in mind if you do have a car. Some apartment complexes will charge extra for a space in their parking garage. There is free street parking around campus--but you usually need to be on campus pretty early in the day to find a spot. There is also a paid garage on campus that is about \$65 a month.

bobdess: Hi, I'm Bob from Chicago. I'll be in read/listen mode for a bit as I'm at work. David, Joni et al, thanks for putting these chats together.

(PRITZKER Joni): Your financial aid budget allows enough money for you to live on your own, however, a lot of our students like the financial and social benefits of having a roommate. Through the Orientation Website is a housing board where people can post their interest in having a roommate and find other people who are interested in having a roommate, too. That board can be found at:
<http://pritzker.bsd.uchicago.edu/current/students/orientation/housing.shtml>. If you know now that you want a roommate, feel free to speak up! More than one roommate match was made during these Chats last year!

(PRITZKER Joni): Hey Bob!

(Pritzker Phil): Hey Bob... welcome!

(PritzkerDavid): Hi Bob

acaplan: Thanks for asking Elizabeth. I was also wondering about that! Can I add an additional question: anyone know some or have experience in the International House?

(PRITZKER Sophie): also just a suggestion, my class started a googlegroup that we could email amongst our class for social activities, etc, and it was an opt-in listserve. that might also be a great way to get in touch with people in the class before orientation starts.

mb2013: I stayed there for revisit!

mb2013: It's a pretty building with a nice courtyard, but I got spoiled having an apartment after graduating college.'

mb2013: It would definitely take me time to get used to a communal bathroom shared between a whole floor of women instead of with a couple roommates

(PRITZKER Joni): Avrom, I know there are a couple of students who have lived in I-House that I can put you in touch with too. It does feel a bit more dorm-like with the shared bathrooms, but it's really close to campus and a unique atmosphere--very diverse and intercultural.

(PRITZKER Andrew): Acaplan, I know a few people who live in the I-House.

Shaundra: For current students--what prices should we be expecting in terms of rent? I plan on having one or two roommates.

acaplan: Thanks! I'd appreciate the contact info

(PRITZKER Joni): Sure Avrom--I'll make myself a note to get their permission then will send you the email addresses!

(Pritzker Phil): Hey Shanundra...

(PRITZKER Sophie): acaplan, from my experience the people who live in the I-House form a close community with other graduate students here at the U of C and really enjoy it

(PRITZKER Andrew): A few other things about the I-House -- for those who've lived there, it's a nice way to extend your social network beyond just the medical school. They have a lot of grad school parties, cultural events, and things of that nature.

(Pritzker Phil): Many students tend to live in a large apartment complex called Regents Park, and I'll use it as an example...

(Pritzker Phil): For a three room apartment with two roommates, the rent is between 600-700

(Pritzker Phil): I live alone in a studio, and rent is about 1100

(PRITZKERSINHA): A couple of us live in Hyde Park ... I pay a little over \$1000 for a studio in Windermere House (which is across from the Museum of Science and Industry)

(Pritzker Phil): so its a range

Shaundra: Ok. cool. Thanks

(Pritzker Phil): keep in mind though, that rent in Regents tends to be a bit higher than in other, smaller apartment complexes in the neighborhood

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

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hello Everyone -- I am glad to be able to join the chat -- Sylvia

(PRITZKER Sophie): shaundra, also there are a lot of really beautiful properties all around hyde park that people really enjoy living in, and they are characteristic apartments with slightly less rent

(PRITZKERSINHA): I am a fourth-year, so several of my friends now live in the "South Loop." Two of them share a spacious 2-bedroom in a high-rise overlooking Lake Michigan and Soldier Field -- spectacular view -- and pay less than \$1000/month each (which is quite a steal)

(PRITZKERSylvia):What are you thinking about now as you near May 15th?

Shaundra: Wow, sinha, that sounds amazing!

(PRITZKER Joni): Yeah, Shaundra. I want to move there :-)

(PRITZKERSINHA): Yeah, it's pretty awesome

(PRITZKERSINHA): look at 1335 S. Prairie

(PRITZKERSylvia): Wherever you live we want you to come here :)

(PRITZKER Sophie): I know that May 15 can be a daunting date with making your decision, which is also a really stressful process

acaplan: I'm wondering about those Chicago winters.

ElizabethG: I put undecided on my original form, but have since accepted my scholarship package- does the admissions office need further confirmation that I'm attending? I wouldn't want to wake up on May 16th to find out I had not properly accepted my spot...

(PRITZKER Sophie): but at the end of the day, its all about where you feel like you fit in the best, from the experience with the student body during interview days and revisits

(Pritzker Phil): Hey Avrom...

(PRITZKERSylvia): I am teasing -- we want you to come here if it is the right fit -- please ask us questions so we can help. We will celebrate with you when you make your decision no matter where it is

(PRITZKER Joni): YAY Elizabeth!! That's great news! Please just be sure to withdraw from your other med schools by May 15th so they know you aren't going there.

(Pritzker Phil): Chicago winters are wonderful (read:cold, long, and snowy)

acaplan: Thanks Phil.

(Pritzker Phil): If you're not used to the likes of -15 degree windchill... well, you'll adapt

ElizabethG: I'm not actually in Chicago now, but I was in Chicago this January when it was the coldest day since 1996. I was actually impressed about how many people were still out and about. Since coldness seems to be a factor of life, it doesn't stop all activity, as it seems to in the NYC area.

(PRITZKER Joni): Avrom, I actually love the winters here. I find it invigorating and honestly, without the winters we wouldn't get as great of a fall or spring! It's all about wearing layers :-). We get used to it--life goes on and we keep moving!

kspecht: Andrew - are the winters better or worse than in Hanover? Please give me good news here... ha ha.

(PRITZKER Andrew): Yes -- the city of big shoulders isn't really affected that much by the cold!

collied: Hi everyone. This is Chris from Ohio and I was wondering if the class schedule has been designed for the fall and if so, how much free time we can expect on average during the year?

(Pritzker Phil): It's really not that bad though, and the long winter often makes the warm springs and warmer summers seem just that much better

(PRITZKERSylvia): I do enjoy winter here. After growing up in North Carolina I love the changing seasons. I do not feel Chicago is an oppressive environment in the winter.

(PRITZKER Andrew): Kspecht -- it's slightly colder in Hanover with considerably more snow.

kspecht: perfect answer! thanks!

rdeskin: hey everyone. This is Rebecca (I met some of you at revisit). if its any consolation, I think it might be nicer in Chicago right now than in California!

(PRITZKER Joni): Hi Chris! The schedule isn't 100% set, but you can definitely expect a bit more free time than there was this year. (the current schedule is on our website to give you an idea). About 1/2 of your class time will be spent in small groups, too.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Sweet!

(PRITZKER Joni): Hey Rebecca! Too funny :-). We're 70 and sunny right now...you?

rdeskin: Low '60s and drizzling.

(PRITZKER Sophie): Hi collied: although the class schedule has been slightly redesigned for next year in terms of organization of courses and the inclusion of some more small group experiences, from my experience this past year, I have not had a problem with having enough free time

rdeskin: you win

(PRITZKER Andrew): I think what makes a difference is if you are able to embrace the cold and enjoy winter activities -- ice skating (they set up an ice rink on campus), holiday shopping downtown, skiing (there are some places in Wisconsin and Michigan that are a driveable distance)

rdeskin: Ice rink on campus? I'm sold!

(PRITZKER Joni): Wow--I guess we do win Rebecca!

(PRITZKERSINHA): there's also an ice rink on Michigan Ave, which is a lot of fun!

ElizabethG: Are there places (large parks and or trails) to cross country ski?

(PRITZKER Joni): Definitely Elizabeth!

(PRITZKER Joni): Lots of parks and green spaces around here

(PRITZKER Sophie): ...I would also say that all of my classmates are very active in our free time, so we will find the opportunity to play IM sports, go downtown, take weekend trips, etc in between exams and so on. I've never felt that the curriculum prevented me from doing anything really that I wanted to devote time towards.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Yes, people cross country ski along the lakefront. Then there are the Indiana Dunes, an easy train ride or drive away

(PritzkerDavid): There is also a botanic garden just to the north of the city and forest preserves with trails.

(PRITZKER Andrew): As for IM sports, there are a bunch of winter sports that a lot of people take part in: football, basketball, broomball, indoor soccer

Shaundra: I guess my biggest concern is financial aid. Pritzker is being very generous, but I am still uncertain about the loan amount...

(PRITZKERSylvia): The cross country ski season is not like a place though where the snow stays on the ground all winter -- it warms up too quickly -- but there are days at a time when my husband skies

ElizabethG: Wow thanks Joni, Sylvia, and David!

acaplan: Thanks everyone.

boilerblast: Hi everyone. My name is Jared and I'm a senior a couple hours down the road at Purdue.

beckymiller: Hi everyone!

collecd: Thanks Joni and Sophie. With that said, is there enough time/will there be for first year students to pursue research or other activities during the academic year without sacrificing all personal/recreational time?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Jared, welcome!

(PritzkerDavid): Hi Shaundra, please be in touch with Sylvia with an email about your concerns. her email address is sroberts@bsd.uchicago.edu

(PRITZKER Joni): Hi Jared!

Shaundra: Thanks

(Pritzker Phil): hi shaundra...

boilerblast: With the curriculum change, are we taking the same classes as this year's M1's, just in slightly redesigned forms?

(PRITZKER Joni): Hey Jared, Yes--that is exactly right. The courses are just being redesigned so that there is less overlap/redundancy and there is a more seamless flow between them. You won't miss out on anything that the current MSIs are doing.

(PritzkerDavid): Hi Becky

(PRITZKER Joni): Hi Becky!

(PRITZKER Joni): (Sophie is typing an answer to you Chris--we didn't forget!)

(PRITZKERSINHA): Welcome, Becky!

(Pritzker Phil): from a students perspective, the budget that Pritzker recommends is a fair estimate of costs. I ended up taking out the full amount of loans recommended but didn't use all of it. So now I have a good chunk that I can pay back right away, and I can adjust the loan amount that I take out next year. Likewise, some students took out less loan money, and some seem to be pinching pennies as the year draws to an end as a result. Still, they can go back and adjust their loans next year.

beckymiller: Hi! Random question - Does Pritzker have an indoor rock climbing wall at the fitness center? Obviously, this won;t make or break it for me; I am just wondering

(PRITZKER Sophie): Colliedc, there are certainly a couple of my classmates (maybe 5 or 6?) that are currently doing research in labs here. Committing yourself to research is definitely a time-consuming activity, but the new curriculum will make committing to a project concurrently with classes easier to manage as the scholarship and discovery thread will set aside some time for research opportunities

Shaundra: thanks phil

(Pritzker Phil): of course

collied: thanks sophie!

(PRITZKER Andrew): To newcomers -- feel free to throw some questions out there if you're if there's anything you're curious about. We have plenty of capacity over here to answer questions.

(PRITZKER Sophie):sure!

(PritzkerDavid): Hi Becky, We have two very active rock climbers (one is nationally ranked). I can put you in touch with them if you wish?

rdeskin: For those who live in Regents -- it seemed pretty far away and didn't necessarily come with some of the amenities (laundry, gym) that other buildings might have. What are the benefits of living in Regents? Is it the community of other students?

ElizabethG: There's no laundry or gym in Regents?

rdeskin: sorry, there is laundry but its coin operated, i think?

rdeskin: and there is a gym but you have to pay extra (a lot extra)

(PRITZKER Joni): There are both Laundry and a gym in Regents--laundry is debit card and the gym you need to pay for

(PRITZKER Andrew): Hi beckymiller -- we're still researching rock climbing on campus, but it looks like there are many, many rock climbing clubs in the city.

(PRITZKER Sophie): Regents most definitely has laundry and a gym and it is operated with a "debit" system that you put money on a card

(PRITZKER Sophie): ...there is a very large laundry facility in each tower of Regents and I've never had a problem finding open machines

(PRITZKER Sophie): ...plus Barack Obama used to use the Regents Gym when he lived in Hyde Park.

beckymiller: thanks, andrew!

(PRITZKER Joni): The Ratner Gym on campus is free for everyone to use--and is a really high quality gym. It's less than 2 blocks from the BSLC

beckymiller: And David, that would be great to be in touch with rock climbers at Pritzker

(PRITZKERSylvia): Barack Obama still uses the Regent's gym when he is back in town -
- there are just many secret service with him now

(Pritzker Phil): To be perfectly honest, Regents isn't really that far from campus (and Hyde Park isn't a very big neighborhood). There is a CTA bus that picks up at the corner of Regents and drops off a half block from the med school building. So getting to and from campus is very convenient.

rdeskin: excellent. I just can't see myself going from Regents to Ratner on a weekend when it's negative 15 windchill and I otherwise wouldn't have to be at school

(PRITZKER Sophie): The gym at Regents is an extra cost though, so I just use the Ratner Gym here on campus. Like Joni just said, it's a really nice facility, with cardio machines, weight lifting stuff, open swim hours at the pool...

Rittik: Hi! It's good to be here. I was wondering, do any of you live in the south loop? If so, how do you commute to campus ... a bus or a car? Is there anywhere to park near campus?

(PRITZKER Andrew): ... re: Barack, he actually spotted my friend on the bench press in Regents. That was before he was in Washington and I don't think he spends as much time here anymore.

Shaundra: I just got into rock climbing myself, so good to know that there are nearby places to climb.

(PRITZKER Joni): Rittik, there are a lot of students living in the south loop. It's about a 15 minute commute by car and there are easy bus routes to get here too.

beckymiller: Maybe we can be rock climbing buddies, Shaundra!

(Pritzker Phil): There are plenty of students that do currently live in the South Loop... in fact, I'm thinking about moving up there in the fall....

beckymiller: If I am interested in not living in Regents, but living in Hyde Park, how would you all suggest going about finding apartments?

(PRITZKER Joni): There is free street parking around campus--but you usually need to be on campus pretty early in the day to find a spot. There is also a paid garage on campus that is about \$80 a month.

(PRITZKER Sylvia): Hi Rebecca, I agree about the -15 and going to the gym -- that one can be a good night to read a good book

(PRITZKER Sophie): rdeskin, a lot of my friends who live in Regents will arrange it so they go to the gym during the day, since we will have breaks in between classes, so our schedules naturally put us here.

(Pritzker Phil): Without a car, the commute from the South Loop might be a challenge, but not impossible. You can take the CTA down to Hyde Park with a few transfers.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Hi Rittik, I'm a fourth year and a lot of my friends live in the South Loop and they can get on campus pretty easily using the CTA buses (although some have a car too)

(Pritzker Phil): From what I've heard and seen though, the South Loop is a really nice, quiet neighborhood.

Shaundra: yeah, that would be cool becky =)

beckymiller: Does Pritzker own any apartments that they rent to medical students/grad students, or is the best option to go with a property management company like MAC? Or do the craigslist thing?

(PRITZKER Sophie): ...i'm not trying to sell regents to you though. Just as far as going to the gym, some people will drive to campus and park in the garage across the street from Ratner in the wintertime, and after 4 PM its free to come and go. That is if you plan on bringing a car

Rittik: Thanks! For those that drive from the south loop, where do they park when they get to campus?

(PRITZKERSINHA): There's street parking pretty close to campus

(Pritzker Phil): Parking on the street is free and available if you get there in the morning before the rush. Otherwise, there are garages on campus and near the hospital that you can rent a spot in.

(PRITZKER Joni): There are a lot of housing options close to campus and throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. The University has a "Graduate Student Housing" office if you would like to be in a university-owned building. There are also many privately owned buildings throughout the neighborhood as well. In the summer we will send you a book called "Life at Pritzker" which takes you through a lot of the housing options and management companies around campus. We also have housing information up now on the Orientation 2009 website:

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(PRITZKERSINHA): Near 55th and Ellis Avenue, which is less than a 3 minute walk

rdeskin: Becky - craigslist seems to have a lot in hyde park. when I looked, most posts were for summer sublets, but maybe in the next few weeks there will be more people posting about year-long leases

(Pritzker Phil): The garage on campus is about \$80 per month.

beckymiller: Thanks, Joni!

(PritzkerDavid): Hi Rittik, I often drive and street parking within 3 blocks of Pritzker remains available until about 8:30.

ElizabethG: Yea the summer sublets have been making the search a little frustrating.

beckymiller: I guess I have heard some negative things about MAC not doing a great job of maintenance on their properties, so I was wondering about other options...

Rittik: Sounds like there are plenty of parking options; I was just thinking of living there and wanted to know whether it would be easy or a hassle

(PRITZKER Joni): Yes, Rdeskin and Becky--since w'ere on a quarter system we don't end school til mid-June so I think a lot of people will be giving up their places July 1 for the next academic year.

collied: do people move to the south loop because they feel isolated in hyde park? what are the benefits to living there over more convenient locations?

rdeskin: Also my friend just showed me a new site called padmapper.com, which filters the craigslist listings by location, price per bedroom, etc -- it's pretty fun to look around!

(PRITZKERSINHA): I live in the Windermere, which is a MAC-owned property

(PRITZKERSINHA): I have actually had a great experience working with them

(PRITZKER Sophie): ...as far as the commute otherwise to and from Regents to campus, it is about 2 miles away, so a 30 min walk on a nice day, or a 15 min free bus ride to campus when its not so nice out. The bus is a CTA (city) run bus that is free for U of C students, faculty, and staff to use, and the route starts right at regents. I've never had a problem getting to campus.

rdeskin: Are all CTA buses free for Pritzker students, or just those ones going around campus?

(PRITZKER Andrew):

Collied -- I think that people move to the south loop for a number of reasons... often, people have spouses or girlfriends who work downtown and want to live somewhere that's more of a compromise, location-wise.

beckymiller: Sinha, can you tell me more about your experience?

beckymiller: with MAC, I mena

beckymiller: mean

beckymiller: Seriously, I can't type. :)

(PRITZKER Andrew): People also move to places other than the south loop -- Lincoln Park, Wicker Park, Gold Coast

(PRITZKERSINHA): Sure. They have been very reliable fixing problems, usually within a week of my complaint.

rdeskin: The commute from Lincoln Park must be a nightmare!

(PRITZKER Sophie): collied: a good friend of mine in the first year class lives in the south loop, and loves it because its closer to the city, but she lives close to Lake Shore Dr which makes it about a 10-15 min drive to campus because Lake Shore Dr. typically doesn't have a lot of traffic

(PRITZKERSINHA): For instance, my windows needed to be fixed and the property manager was on top of it (didn't need to be reminded, etc)

collied: ok. thanks andrew and sophie.

(PRITZKER Joni): Chris---one of my favorite things about Chicago is the neighborhoods--they all have their own unique feel and culture to them, so I think a lot of people will live in Hyde Park their first year cuz it's close to campus and it is easy to get a feel of the place. THEN as people explore Chicago they figure out what is the best feel for them, you know? Some people like to be close to campus and others like to ahve a little "distance" so they feel like they are home when they are home!

(Pritzker Phil): rdeskin... the CTA buses around campus are free for students/faculty/etc... you just have to show a school or hospital ID. However, we have to pay a fare for all of the other CTA buses

beckymiller: Oh, that is good to hear. MAC gets pretty bad reviews on Yelp, but that might just be a function of a few dissatisfied people posting.

(PRITZKER Andrew): In Hyde Park you'll be closest to the school and all of your classmates, but further from the nightlife/restaurants that are downtown. So I definitely wouldn't call Hyde Park an isolated place as I think most of your friends will be here.

(PRITZKERSylvia): I did the Lincoln Park commute for 3 years. You just have to plan your trips around the heavy traffic. You also learn to keep track of the Cub schedule but I do that anyway. We did move back to Hyde Park to avoid the commute but it is doable -- not a nightmare

(PRITZKERSINHA): But my experience has only been at the Windermere, so I can't comment on any of their other properties. Do you have any specific concerns about MAC?

beckymiller: Yelp posts talked about the fact that they were unresponsive when repair requests were put in and that some people found the staff of their main office rude and hard to work with

beckymiller: But it is good to hear that has not been your experience

(PRITZKERSINHA): Interesting. The staff I have worked with have been very helpful.

(PRITZKER Sophie): I would say in general if you are planning on looking at a neighborhood outside of Hyde Park, be aware of how you would commute to campus. Some of my classmates use public transit (Metra, El, CTA buses, which are trains/subways/buses) but if you plan on driving to campus, taking the interstate (90/94) would take considerably more time than googlemaps will tell you, so personally, I would consider living close to Lake Shore Dr for an easier commute

kspecht: how long does it take to get to campus from south loop on CTA?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Great advice Sophie.

(PRITZKER Joni): It could be they are nice to you because you are nice to them, Shashank :-)

(PRITZKER Andrew): Beckymiller -- I've had to deal with the Regents management for a few different issues -- they're generally very helpful and responsive. I think there will always be exceptions or bad experiences (and people who have those will be driven to post on Yelp).

(PRITZKERSINHA): Hi Kristine, it usually takes no longer than 15-20 minutes depending on traffic

ElizabethG: Thank you all for this chat! It's been really good to hear the answers to all of these questions! I have to run- It's my last day of undergraduate classes, so I'm off to a seminar. See you all in the summer! (if not at the next chat!)

(PRITZKER Andrew): For example, the parking people helped me find a parking spot in Regents that would fit my suburban. They also helped me jump my car when I was in a crunch. So generally very friendly and willing to help.

(Pritzker Phil):See you later Elizabeth!!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Congratulations Elizabeth! All the best.

(PRITZKER Joni): Kristine, you'll get familiar with the Bears Schedule :-). Soldier Field is right there so you learn to avoid traffic during that time!

(PRITZKER Sophie): and riding the CTA is \$2.25 a ride on the CTA, so I would invest in a ChicagoCardPlus, which will automatically reload online, and saves you \$2 for each \$20 you put on the card

(PRITZKER Sophie):...check out cta.com

(PritzkerDavid): Congratulations on your last college day! Best wishes and see you in 3 months!

beckymiller: thanks!

acaplan: When do you suggest we need to start looking for housing? With my schedule now, I don't have a lot of free time until the third week in June, but maybe I'll need to adjust that?

beckymiller: Oh, good question acaplan!

(PRITZKER Andrew): acaplan -- I didn't nail down my apartment until June.

(PRITZKERSINHA):That should be ok, Avrom

beckymiller: I am wondering the same thing...

rdeskin: I have another question about scheduling the next few months. I will be out of the country from the end of June to the end of July. Are there things I'll need to take care of (physical exams, etc) before I leave?

(PRITZKERSINHA): Some places don't have definitive openings until 1 month in advance, anyway

(PRITZKER Andrew): But it couldn't hurt to at least send out some feelers for apartment openings or find a potential roommate(s)

(PRITZKERSylvia): Avrom, I don't think it would take much time to find the right place -- you would be okay in mid June.

(PRITZKER Andrew):

Acaplan, you'd probably be fine starting looking in mid-June

acaplan: Thanks!

rdeskin: Are the 3 bedrooms in Regents more popular because rent is lower? If we're interested in those should we get in touch with them sooner?

(PRITZKER Joni): Rdeskin--there are some forms that are due by July 1, but most of that info will come out in the May mailing, which you should have by mid-to end-of May. So the biggies you should be able to take care of before you leave. Will you have internet access? All of the mailings will be online too so if you have internet you'll have no trouble.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Yes, rdeskin, there are fewer 3 bedrooms so if that is your goal I would arrange it sooner rather than later.

rdeskin: I may have periodic internet access, but will be backpacking through Europe so it won't be reliable. I'll just be sure to take care of everything before I go. Thanks Joni and Sylvia!

(PRITZKERSINHA): Awesome, have fun on your trip to Europe! I am going there myself in 4 days.

beckymiller: Is street parking hard to find in Hyde Park neighborhoods (not necessarily on campus)? I'm thinking about this from the perspective of wanting to live close enough to campus to walk, but also wanting to have a car for errands, going into Chicago, visiting my family (who lives about 30 minutes away...), and trying to avoid paying for a parking spot.

Shaundra: I have to go now, but thank you for the chat. It was very helpful.

(PRITZKERSINHA): It's all about timing. The earlier you got to campus, the more availability there is.

(PRITZKER Joni): Becky, it really depends on where in Hyde Park. I always would give the advice to look around the streets when you are looking at apartments and see how jammed they are.

(PRITZKER Sophie): rdeskin: you can also begin checking the housing forum on the orientation website and the facebook group (Search pritzker 2013) to look for roommates in a triple

(PritzkerDavid): See you Shanudra--all the best!

(PRITZKER Sophie): bye shaundra!

(PRITZKER Andrew):

beckymiller -- I'd also add that many of our classmates live in apartments that don't have assigned parking, and they park in the street, and it usually works out fine for them.

(PRITZKERSylvia): bye Shaundra -- all the best

(PRITZKER Sophie): beckymiller, i also wanted to add that some people end up preferring to pay for parking because of the snow in the winter, which will block you into your spot, and some streets will be closed off for parking when the snowplows are out

Crystal.Castaneda: I just wanted to send a quick hi! I have 1 minute left on my lunch break but wanted to make a quick appearance. Thanks so much for doing this!

boilerblast: Where do students usually study/hang out on campus? And what do students do for food. Are there grocery stores anywhere close?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Crystal -- I hope work is going well.

(PritzkerDavid): Hi Crystal!

(PRITZKER Sophie): Hi Crystal! glad you could pop in

(PRITZKER Joni): Hey Crystal! Hope you had a great lunch break!

rdeskin: I have to head to work, but might be able to sign back on in a half hour when I get there. Thanks everyone for all of your questions!

(Pritzker Phil): Hey boilerblast... its a fine mix

rdeskin: (and answers)

(PRITZKER Sophie): bye rdeskin!

(PRITZKER Joni): Bye Rebecca!

(PRITZKERSINHA): Welcome, Crystal!

(PritzkerDavid): All the best rdeskin--see you in 3 months!

(Pritzker Phil): Some stay on campus to study, some study by the lake on nice days, some use the apartment, some use cafes... needless to say, there are plenty of places to get work done

beckymiller: I need to head to a meeting. Thanks for all your help - I'll check out the transcript later!

(PRITZKER Joni): Bye Becky!

(Pritzker Phil): In regards to food, there are two local favorites... hyde park produce and treasure island

(PritzkerDavid): All the best Becky!

(PRITZKERSylvia): There is also a local farmer's market that begins in 2 weeks

(Pritzker Phil): both are fine options...

(Pritzker Phil): but if you like the budget friendly nature of generic brand cereals, they don't necessarily provide all that

boilerblast: Haha, good to know. Thanks!

(PRITZKER Joni): There is a Target about 10 minutes from here, too, that I've heard of students gathering up in one car and going to. LOTS of generics and cheaper stuff. Target is my home away from home :-)

Rittik: As MS1s and MS2s, about how many hours per day or per week did you find yourself studying outside of class?

Rittik: it seems like Pritzker is a pretty clas-intensive school, so I was just wondering, after you got home, how much time you spent studying then

(PRITZKER Sophie): boilerblast--there are also other grocery store chains (Dominick's, Jewel's, Trader Joe's) that some people drive out to every once in awhile

(PRITZKER Andrew): Rittik -- I'd say that most people head home around dinner time (after class, labs, gym) and then maybe do a combination of relaxing and doing work until bedtime.

(Pritzker Phil): Rittik... Pritzker may have been more class-intensive a few years ago, but thats not necessarily the case now...

(Pritzker Phil): the curriculum affords a lot of time out of class for independent work (especially when compared to other school curricula that I have heard about from friends)

tmearscl: I sent a letter indicating my intention to matriculate. Do I need to do anything else?

(PRITZKER Sophie): Rittik: I think everyone is different with study habits. No matter where you go or what stage of your education you're in, there will always be people that

will study every night for hours a time and others that don't do much studying at all, and still others that cram for exams

(PritzkerDavid): That's wonderful Toussaint!!

(PRITZKER Andrew): ...And most people's studying habits fluxuate depending on if there's an impending exam. I'd say most people ramp up their studying a few days before big exams rather than studying evenly all the time.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Congratulations, Toussaint! Welcome to the Pritzker family :)

(PRITZKER Sophie): ...but overall I think our curriculum is flexible enough so that we can all manage our own study habits and do just fine!

(PRITZKERSylvia): TOUSSAINT!!!!!! This is wonderful news!!!! We are dancing in the suite! Pritzker great fit for you. No need to send anything else -- just your final transcript.

tmearscl: Thanks family.

(PRITZKER Joni): Do you have any questions before you get started?

(PRITZKER Joni): Is anyone following the Blackhawks? They are in the 2nd round of the playoffs!

(PRITZKER Sophie): any other questions? school, chicago, housing, fun stuff?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Silence

acaplan: I think that's all my questions for now. Thanks again everyone

(PRITZKERSylvia): Take care Avrom. I hope all is well.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Great chatting with you, Avrom. Thanks for stopping by.

(PritzkerDavid): you are welcome Avrom--all the best.

boilerblast: What are student discounts like for cultural areas, sporting events, etc.?

(PRITZKER Joni): I know some of you met Dr. Holly Humphrey when you came for Revisit--She's just been named a "Woman to Watch" by Crain's Business. The link is: <http://www.chicagobusiness.com/cgi-bin/mag/article.pl?articleId=31722&seenIt=1> if you are interested!

(PRITZKERSylvia): We have a wonderful cultural fund for which students enter a lottery for tickets to the opera, symphony, plays -- it is a wonderful resource for our students endowed by a beloved professor and his family

(PRITZKER Joni): Jared--the Chicago Public Libraries have free passes to all of the museums that you can check out just like you would a library book. Then you can "rush" tickets for many cultural events and get steep discounts just before the event (theatre, symphony) and a lot of the galleries/museums also have free or discount nights as well. There's also a student cultural fund that Sylvia and Shashank will write about...

tmearscl: Take care. I got my questions answered.

(PRITZKER Joni): Bye Toussaint! See you in August!

(PRITZKER Sophie): thanks for stopping in tmearscl! bye!

(PritzkerDavid): Boilerblast, there are also about \$25.00 great seats for students at the Civic opera house.

(PRITZKERSINHA): The Ultmann Fund is a great tradition here -- I have been fortunate to attend a few operas and plays during my time here (it's a lottery system) and it's been an awesome way to connect with fellow Pritzker students in other classes

(PRITZKER Joni): Is anyone studying for finals right now?

(PRITZKER Joni): Well...maybe not RIGHT now since you're in the chat, but you know what I mean?

boilerblast: Haha, I probably should be.

kspecht: I still have half a term left... sigh.

(PRITZKERSINHA): That's alright. Freedom is NEAR.

(PRITZKER Joni): Jared, I was just driving through West Lafayette actually!

(PRITZKER Joni): Hang in there Kristine! Are you on the quarter system?

boilerblast: Really? On I-65?

kspecht: Yup. Our last day of classes is June 2nd.

(PRITZKER Joni): Yep! My parents live in Cincinnati so I take 65 all the way through to Cincinnati. I love the big barn with the giant Boilermaker on it.

(PRITZKER Joni): Oooh...hang in there Kristine.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Just a month left ... not that anyone is counting :)

boilerblast: Haha, yeah. Now if IU will just take their billboard down...

(PritzkerDavid): One month Kristine

mhuddle: Sorry if this was already covered....for the M1 students: what are your plans this summer?

kspecht: Thanks for the encouragement! At least i'll be used to the quarter system already....

(PRITZKER Joni): Hey try being a Michigan fan and then moving to Ohio. My parents are harassed daily by those buckeyes :-)

(PRITZKER Joni): Oh that's true Kristine

boilerblast: Yeah, that's the fiercest rivalry I've seen. Those are some fanatical fans.

(PRITZKER Andrew): Hi mhuddle –

(PRITZKER Andrew): About 80% of our class is taking part in Pritzker's summer research program.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Find a way to enjoy the count down -- there are great things ahead! (my sermon for the day)

(PRITZKER Andrew): This is where students match up with a faculty research mentor and do a 10-week research project, culminating in a poster presentation and paper.

(PRITZKER Joni): Yeah, Jared. It gets a little crazy. My dad almost didn't let me buy my first car because it was a red exterior and a grey interior--Buckeye colors. I had to convince him the inside was black.

(PRITZKER Sophie): mhuddle--also, with the new curriculum's scholarship and discovery thread, those who choose to do a research track can count the SRP towards their scholarly requirement

(PRITZKER Andrew): It pays \$5k for the summer, which is nice. There's a large range of types of projects people do -- much of it is outside of what you'd normally think of as conventional medical research.

mhuddle: How many are pursuing international opportunities?

(PRITZKERSylvia): We have a very tolerant and respectful environment -- even Michigan and Ohio fans enjoy the views of each other :)

(PRITZKER Andrew): There is certainly basic science (lab) research, but also clinical research, community-based research, and health care economics research.

(PRITZKER Sophie): there is also the Summer Service Project (SSP) which is a community service based scholarly endeavor for the summer, locally though. That can also count towards the Scholarship and Discovery Track

collected: a lot of emphasis is placed on the medical campus being situated on the undergrad campus. in what ways and to what extent do pritzker students take advantage of this? and how much does it impact their experience?

(PRITZKER Andrew): Other activities that people are doing this summer: going on a trip to Peru to work in health care clinics. This is through a student organization called REMEDY and many students in our class have been working on planning the trip for quite some time.

(PRITZKER Andrew): People also are TAs for summer anatomy.

(PRITZKER Sophie): The scholarship and discovery thread also has a global health track through which international opportunities can be made available

(Pritzker Phil): collected-- its really nice that the med school is on the main campus.

(PRITZKER Andrew): Outside of those things, some people are traveling internationally and doing things that are medically related. One student I know of is working on a medical education reform project in China through a joint project between a Chinese medical school and the University of Chicago.

(PRITZKER Sophie): ...So this summer, a couple of people in my class (about 7 people) are going on the GMSP (Global medical scholars program) which will take place in September and they will be going to the Dominican republic

(Pritzker Phil): we are able to utilize the libraries, and the dining halls, and the bookstore as needed

(PRITZKER Sophie): mhuddle--does that answer your question about international opportunities?

(PRITZKER Andrew): ...as another example, one student is doing an internship at Abbott working on drug discovery research.

boilerblast: Are students with REMEDY still able to participate in the SRP or SSP if they go to Peru?

(PRITZKERSINHA): Great question, Chris.

(PRITZKERSINHA): You can really take advantage of the centralized campus in many ways

(Pritzker Phil): there are also opportunities to audit undergrad courses, take undergrad electives in the spring, and attend very interesting seminars in a variety of areas

(PRITZKER Sophie): Remedy students are still able to participate in SRP and SSP. Remedy is during September, and SRP/SSP ends on Aug 31.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Not only are there events at the undergrad, law school, business school, etc that you can attend

(PRITZKERSINHA): but you can take some electives in those departments as well

(Pritzker Phil): the proximity of our building to a campus of this quality makes the integration of other interests (in academics or extracurriculars) into a own curriculum

mhuddle: Thanks Andrew! Would you be able to put me in contact with the student working on Chinese medical education reform?

(Pritzker Phil): ... very easy

(PRITZKERSINHA): so during my spring quarter (way back when), i took a class at the law school and with the phds in economics, etc

(PRITZKER Andrew): Sure -- what's your email address? I can have her email you.

(PRITZKERSINHA): does that help, chris?

mhuddle: mghuddle@gmail.com

collied: yes. quite a bit. thank you both!

kspecht: I need to get back to work in the lab... Thank you so much for organizing the chat! It was wonderful to speak to you all again! – Kristine

(PRITZKER Joni): Thanks for coming Kristine!! Have a great afternoon at work!

(PRITZKERSINHA): Thanks for stopping by, Kristine. Good luck wrapping up your final quarter!

(PRITZKER Sophie): Thanks for stopping in Kristine! bye!

bobdess: I have to run. Thank you all for taking the time to share your thoughts. Bob

(PRITZKER Sophie): Thanks bob! bye!

(PRITZKER Joni): Bye Bob

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Bob, All the best!

(PritzkerDavid): See you Kristine!

(PritzkerDavid): Take care Bob

(PRITZKER Joni): We have about 30 minutes left so if you have questions let us know :-). Also, maybe the people on here want to introduce themselves so you all can get to know each other a bit??

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

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

(Pritzker Phil): Hi, I'm Phil. I'm a first-year student and am one of your Pritzker Orientation Ambassadors. I am originally from Indianapolis and graduated from the University of Notre Dame.

(PRITZKER Sophie): Hi, I'm Sophie. I'm a first-year student and am one of your Pritzker Orientation Co-Chairs. I am originally from the Chicago suburbs and graduated from Duke University.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Hi, I'm Shashank. I'm a fourth-year student here. I grew up in a few states, primarily Texas, and now my family is in Wisconsin. I graduated from Harvard University.

(PRITZKERSINHA): I recently matched at University of Pennsylvania for Internal Medicine.

(PRITZKERSINHA): I am very excited, but sad to leave Chicago -- Med school has been a blast!

boilerblast: I have to get back to work. Thank you everybody!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Kevin, Would you mind introducing yourself to the other participants -- we are thrilled you are joining us here.

(PRITZKER Andrew): No problem boiler!

(PRITZKER Sophie): thanks jared! bye!

(PRITZKER Joni): Bye Jared!

(PRITZKERSINHA): Thanks for your questions, Jared. Have a great day!

(PritzkerDavid): all the best, Jared

Rittik: I have to run, but thanks for the great chat!

(PRITZKER Joni): Thanks Rittik!

(PritzkerDavid): See you Rittik--all the best

collied: i have one final question regarding the new research building. when will it be up and running and how much of the medical school faculty will be relocated there? is that a space we could expect to use as student researchers?

mhuddle: Thanks for the answers! I have to run!

(PRITZKER Joni): Bye Matt!

(PRITZKER Sophie): Collied--The new research building is certainly beautiful and quite impressive, isn't it? I think its the tallest building in the Hyde Park area haha

collied: haha. yes it is!

(PRITZKER Sophie): ...the new research building is going to have a lot of the medical school faculty members there and many medical students will be part of research teams there

(PRITZKER Joni): It should be open in October but the 1st floor is already finished and faculty are meeting there.

(PRITZKER Sophie): (i'm hoping to find a nice spot to study in there)

(PRITZKER Joni): I'm sure you will! And there will be above-ground indoor walkways between it and the medical center, and then between the BSLC and the research building. So students will be able to get from the BSLC to the med center without going outside.

collied: ok great. thanks everyone. i ought to start studying for my last two finals but have appreciate all of your answers. take care!

(PRITZKER Joni): Good luck with your finals Chris!!

(PRITZKERSINHA): Good luck with your remaining finals!

(Pritzker Phil): take care!

(PritzkerDavid): All the best, Chris! Good luck

mzegarek: hi everyone! I figured I'd stop in for a few minutes to the chat.

(PRITZKER Sophie): We have about 15 min left, so just give us a shout out if you have any questions!

(PRITZKER Joni): Hi Matt! How are you?

(PritzkerDavid): HI Matt

mzegarek: good! last day of class was yesterday for me.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Welcome Matt! Thanks for stopping by

(PRITZKERSINHA): Congrats, Matt! That's awesome

(PRITZKER Joni): Congratulations! Must feel good to be done!

(PritzkerDavid): How does it feel to be done, Matt?

mzegarek: Thanks! It's a pretty weird feeling to know that you're done with college classes, but it's certainly a good one too haha.

(PRITZKERSylvia): You have so much to look forward to -- enjoy this time

(PRITZKER Joni): I hope it's beautiful weather there so you can go celebrate outside too!

(PritzkerDavid): It's wonderful here--70's and sunny

mzegarek: Not so much unfortunately. It's been rainy for the past few days, but hopefully it will turn around soon.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Maybe we should all head outside and enjoy this weather!

mzegarek: Sounds lovely in Chicago, though

mzegarek: I don't have too many questions, but I was wondering if there were any students here who had lived in Regents before?

(Pritzker Phil): yes

mzegarek: (or do live in Regents) hah

(PRITZKER Andrew): Yes

(PRITZKER Joni): Oh it's beautiful here...70 and sunny. I'm sure you'll shake the rain soon!

(PRITZKER Sophie): actually there are 3 of us who live in regents

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sylvia too

(PRITZKER Joni): Do you have Regents questions?

mzegarek: I was just wondering if it was reasonable to live there if you don't have a car... I heard there's a bus you can take between Regents and Pritzker?

(PRITZKER Sophie): yes, there is a bus that you can take and the route starts at Regents and there is a stop right here at 57th and Ellis

(PRITZKER Joni): And the bus is FREE for students

(PRITZKER Sophie): the bus is free to U of C students, staff, and faculty

(PRITZKER Sophie): It runs from 7 AM to 7 PM

mzegarek: oh really? that's exciting, haha. So it's not really an inconvenience? Do you feel isolated from the university/Hyde Park at all or not so much?

rdeskin: Hi everyone, I'm back! I have a question about daily schedule during first and second year. Since anatomy is now moved to the summer, do you just have lecture in the morning and the afternoons free to study/do extracurriculars, or are there still classes in the afternoons?

(PRITZKER Sophie): I take it every morning and evening/afternoon and haven't had a problem (the bus route is the 172). The 171 bus also does a loop around the Hyde Park area and stops about a block away from Regents. I've found it pretty convenient

mzegarek: (rdeskin's question is one i'm curious about too. I heard from one of my friends who went to revisit that class time was going to be decreased?)

(PRITZKER Joni): Anatomy will happen both in the mornings and afternoons. But then the rest of the schedule is pretty varied. For example, the MSIs were done for the day today at 10:30ish this morning. There's a lot of free time in the schedule.

(PRITZKERSylvia): The University also has buses that start at 6 pm and run until 2 am and then there is a late night van for the safe ride system

(PRITZKER Joni): Right--there is a restructuring of the courses so that there is less overlap, and so that is freeing up some time. And about 1/2 of the time that you are "in class" will be in small group work

rdeskin: Thanks everyone. Does testing happen in waves at the middle and end of every quarter, or are they distributed throughout the quarter (more frequent with less material?)

(PRITZKER Andrew): For the most part, it's distributed throughout the quarter.

(PRITZKER Sophie): This quarter we have one afternoon with scheduled classes and people have electives that are scheduled throughout the week, usually in the afternoons

(PRITZKER Joni): So you can look at the current MSI schedule on:
<http://pritzker.bsd.uchicago.edu/md/curriculum/calendar.shtml> for an idea, but there will likely be more free time than what is even in this schedule.

rdeskin: Great resource, thanks!

(PRITZKER Joni): Rebecca, the tests are on the calendar I just posted too so you can get an idea

(PRITZKER Andrew): Almost every class has a final, so there are many exams right at the end of the quarter, but since classes have different numbers of midterms, midterms are spread out fairly evenly.

(PRITZKER Sophie): Just throwing this out there, but I for sure worked harder in undergrad than I've experienced here

(PRITZKER Sophie): Not that the work isn't hard, but I think things are pretty well spread out and I haven't really felt overwhelmed by the school work

mzegarek: I have a nitty-gritty question about Regents that I could probably find the answer to elsewhere, but I might as well ask it here: are utilities included in the rent at Regents? Do the apartments come with any furniture already (table/couch/etc)?

(PRITZKER Andrew): Re: Regents: Electricity is extra, water is free (hot and cold), heating/AC rates are extra and they vary each month but they are capped at \$75 per month (it's been around \$65 for my apartment the past few months). Apartments are not furnished.

mzegarek: Thanks for the info! One last question-- how many electives do students take? Is it usually one per term?

(PRITZKER Andrew): Internet is included in the rent for medical students

rdeskin: does that include wireless?

(PRITZKER Joni): The electives are usually concentrated in the spring quarters--some will take one and other students will take 2 or 3

(PRITZKER Andrew): You have to set up your own wireless router; Regent's rent includes cable service and useage of a cable modem.

(PRITZKER Joni): Definitely be sure you tell them you are a med student when you call for rates and stuff--they have specials for our students.

(PRITZKER Andrew): (cable internet only; cable TV would be extra)

mzegarek: That's good to know, too.

(PRITZKER Joni): Our time is unfortunately up!

rdeskin: Thanks again everyone!

(PRITZKER Joni): I will post a transcript of this soon--thanks so much for coming!!

(PRITZKER Sophie): It was great chatting with all of you! Thanks for stopping in and asking questions!

(PritzkerDavid): Best wishes everyone and looking forward to seeing you in 3 months!!

mzegarek: Thank you! This has been really helpful!

(PRITZKERSylvia): It was wonderful to talk with you -- stay in touch with questions. All the best.

(PRITZKERSINHA): Great talking to you all, today. Good luck with your decisions!

(Pritzker Phil): Its was good chatting with you all... enjoy the rest of the school year and the summer

(PRITZKER Andrew): Goodbye!

(PRITZKER Joni): We'll do another chat Monday night from 6-8 if you want to come in!

(PRITZKER Sophie): Our emails are all on the Pritzker Website if you have any more questions too