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Dear Class of 2012,

Welcome and congratulations on your acceptance to Pritzker! We—Alex Stark and Jen Kaiser—are your Academic Co-Chairs for Orientation Week and we've got some important information concerning the start of classes in August. As many of you are probably aware, Anatomy has been moved into the summer and will start on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The other courses in first quarter (Physiology, Clinical Skills, and Biochemistry) will begin near the end of September. Along with Anatomy, you'll be taking Health Care Disparities in America with Dr. Monica Vela (see attached letter) and participating in Dr. Reddy's sessions on the Medical Profession in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MP21). This letter will mainly address Dr. Ross's anatomy course and what you need to know to be prepared.

First, you will find included in this mailing a list of required and recommended texts for anatomy. Dr. Ross is requiring the following textbooks: *Gray's Anatomy for Students*, *Grant's Dissector*, *Gray's Atlas*, and *The Developing Human* by Moore and Persaud. Also on the list are other texts, atlases, and flashcards that current students found useful. Check out the comments at the bottom of the page to get a feel for what our classmates—the Class of 2011—found to be most helpful. However, when reading these comments keep in mind that everyone has his or her unique learning style; different books appeal to different people. There is no need to purchase histology texts as this time since histology has been moved out of anatomy and into the appropriate physiology unit.

This summer's anatomy course is going to be fast and fun. As a consequence of the accelerated sequence it is important that you begin familiarizing yourself with some important terminology before arriving on campus. It is strongly suggested that you purchase Moore and Persaud during the summer—it will make your first few weeks easier (see letter from Dr. Ross). This text will also be useful throughout the entire anatomy course as each unit begins with development and embryology. At the beginning of August, the Pritzker chapter of AMSA will be holding a book sale where you can purchase other anatomy texts. Anatomy will be the only rigorous academic course for the months of August and September, but do not underestimate it! This course will be time intensive, so be ready to hit the ground running and you won't have a problem. Don't worry, you'll have an awesome teaching staff and teaching assistants to help you through everything!

Second, you will be receiving a book entitled [A Body of Work](#) by Christine Montross as a gift from Pritzker. This book will give you some insight into the experience of human dissection, and is a good preparation for the many feelings often encountered during your time in the gross lab. Before the first day of dissection, Dr. Farr Curlin will give a lecture on humanism in medicine and address many issues surrounding the gross lab. If you have concerns or questions about dissection, please feel free to contact Dr. Curlin whose email address is included at the bottom of this letter.

Third, the University of Chicago web site for Anatomy (on the Chalk system ([chalk.uchicago.edu](http://chalk.uchicago.edu))) will be made available to you as soon as possible, hopefully by the middle of July. All of the lectures from last year are currently posted and are being updated. The human embryology material will be available for download. Please look for an email from Dr. Ross letting you know when you can log

in. In order to log in, you'll need to activate your CNet ID, which you should be receiving notification about in early July.

Fourth, contained in this mailing is information for purchasing scrubs through SNMA. There will be some used scrubs available from last year's class (don't worry...they've been cleaned!), but there will not be many pairs available. Scrubs are not absolutely necessary, you can wear whatever you like as long as you don't mind throwing it away. Please bring a pair of shoes that you can also throw away at the end of lab. See the included "tips" list for further information on how to prepare for anatomy lab.

To summarize: purchase Moore and Persaud and activate your CNet ID to access chalk in July! Remember to collect some scruffy shoes and clothes for lab or make your purchase through SNMA. It will be expected that you are primed and ready to go—so be ready to hit the ground running on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns about the course, please contact us, Dr. Ross, or Dr. O'Reilly. If you have concerns about human dissection, please contact Dr. Curlin.

We greatly look forward to meeting you and working with you throughout the start of your academic endeavors at Pritzker!

Sincerely,

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