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Dear Future Fellow Pritzkerite,

Hello from Hyde Park! Our names are Megan and Jon, two members of Pritzker's Class of 2011, and we are pleased and honored to be among the first to welcome you into our Pritzker family. The two of us will be serving as the co-chairs for your Orientation Week and will be interacting with you a great deal in the upcoming months. As we were recently in your shoes, we hope to guide you through your transition to medical school while easing your stresses, and adding to your excitement.

In these next few months you will be preparing for medical school and life in Chicago (don't worry, it doesn't really get that cold, we promise). While there are many questions, concerns, and logistics that go along with these changes, we first wanted to congratulate you on finishing the tedious application process (which means no more AMCAS) and being accepted into this wonderful community. As you prepare to embark on this exciting journey, please look to us as a resource for answering your questions, addressing your concerns, and negotiating logistics. Feel free to contact us via email, phone, or in person. We would love to discuss life at Pritzker, the fundamental values and principles of our educational system, the caring faculty, the diverse student body, the city of Chicago, or anything else on your mind.

This year, Orientation will begin on Friday, August 1, 2008 and will conclude with your White Coat Ceremony on Sunday, August 3, 2008 (though we will continue some orientation (read: social) events after classes begin on Monday, August 4, 2008). The White Coat Ceremony is a wonderful opportunity for your classmates, the faculty, and your family and friends to gather as you receive your white coat and recite the Hippocratic Oath as a class. It has great tradition at the University of Chicago as the idea of a formal white coat ceremony actually began at Pritzker. The event will take place at historic Rockefeller chapel. There is more information regarding this night within this mailing and you will hear much more regarding its details in the upcoming months.

However, August and 90+ degree Chicago days are still a few months away (although the time will go by quite quickly) and until that time, you will be hearing from us often. This is the first of three total mailings you should expect to receive throughout the spring and summer. These mailings will include information regarding housing, classes, life at Pritzker, immunizations, and a variety of other things. There will be a great deal in each mailing but we encourage you to take the time to go through all of the important information. All of this information can also be found on the Orientation Website. Included in this mailing you will find:

- Information about the White Coat Ceremony including a welcome from our White Coat Ceremony committee, a list of hotel accommodations, and a white coat sizing chart
- A hello from each one of our Pritzker Ambassadors – students dedicated to answering your questions about medical school, housing, Pritzker, etc.
- A list of MS11 students who live in different parts of the city and would be willing to answer any questions you have about living in different areas of Hyde Park, South Loop, etc.

- The *Life at Pritzker* book with detailed information about medical school, housing, Chicago, and much more
- Information on immunizations requirements
- A list of summer reading suggestions from MS11

All right, that should take care of everything for now. We are looking forward to you joining us in August but first, be sure to relax, enjoy your spring and summer, and get ready for the great times ahead of you.

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