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Dear Class of 2018,

Congratulations! Your hard work has paid off. Take a moment to reflect on what you have achieved and take pride in what you have done to get to this point. Medical school will become one of the most rewarding, yet challenging experiences of your life. Soon, you will be introduced to teachers who will become mentors and peers who will become friends. Faculty and staff at the University of Manitoba’s College of Medicine are kind and compassionate world-class clinicians, researchers, and educators. Your presence will be noticed and your contributions will be acknowledged at a personal level.

As a medical student, I encourage you to keep your eyes wide open for opportunities to enrich your education and medical school experience. There will be many involving: research, interest groups, volunteerism, and student government. The first month will be a whirlwind but please do not let these opportunities blow by you.

The Manitoba Medical Students Association is the representative organization of all University of Manitoba medical students. The role of the MMSA Council is to represent the student body at the school, local, provincial and national levels. In addition to the representative role, the MMSA also plays an integral role in financing and organizing many student functions and services. Throughout medical school, you will all have the opportunity to run for MMSA or Class Council positions and in so doing become more involved in your home for the next four years. If there is anything that we can do to help you during your time at the U of M, please let us know.

It hasn’t been long since we were in your shoes and we can vividly remember the excitement and anxiety around the first few weeks. Naturally, this is a time of intrigue and possibly confusion. Please feel free to contact us using the contact information provided in the signature with any questions or concerns you may have.

On behalf of the MMSA Executive and the Classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017 we would like to welcome you to the University of Manitoba’s College of Medicine as future friends and colleagues!

Sincerely,

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