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Dear Class of 2020,

Congratulations and welcome to the Max Rady College of Medicine. This is a huge accomplishment – take pride in the hard work that you’ve endured to get to this point. Medical school will soon become central to your life, and with it, the rewarding, intellectually-stimulating, and challenging career of medicine.

Soon, you will be introduced to teachers who will become mentors and role models, and peers who will become life-long friends. We hope you will find the staff here to be as compassionate and inspiring as we have; the University of Manitoba employs some truly world-class clinicians, researchers, and educators. Your presence will be noticed and your contributions and enthusiasm acknowledged at a personal level.

Over your next 4 years here, we encourage you to keep your eyes open for opportunities to be active in our community, as this will serve to enrich your education and the medical school experience overall. There will be many such opportunities, including research, interest groups, community volunteerism, student government, conferences, the list goes on. The first month will be a whirlwind but do not let these opportunities pass you by.

The Manitoba Medical Students’ Association (MMSA) is the representative organization of all University of Manitoba medical students. The MMSA Executive Council advocates for positive change at local, provincial, and national levels in areas that include not only medical education, but also student wellness, mentorship and career exploration opportunities, and health policy. In addition to this representative role, the MMSA also plays an integral role in financing and organizing many student functions and services.

It has not been long since we were in your shoes and we can vividly remember the excitement and anxiety of the summer months that lead up to your first weeks of class. Naturally, this is a time of intrigue and, possibly, confusion. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have, now or at any time in the future. We’re here to help!

On behalf of the MMSA Executive council and the Classes of 2017, 2016, and 2019 we would like to again welcome you to the University of Manitoba’s Max Rady College of Medicine as future friends and colleagues! All the best!

Sincerely,

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