Important Dates: See agenda packet

Student Affairs Updates

- Thanks to those of you helping with the Clinical Biennium (June 21 and 22)
- Free clinics would love to have you back if you have time during 4th year!
- OSHA requirements: contact Student Health yourself, and call in advance.
- Log into your Epic account, especially if you haven't used it in a while
- Senior Research Fellowship applications (Fentress and Arnold) will be available soon; look for an email
  - Three months of research during your senior year
  - 300 units of credit
  - $1,000 if selected
  - Requirement: must participate in Senior Scientific Session on May 15, 2019
- Your hooding ceremony is on Friday, May 24, 2019 (Divisional Academic Ceremony); Student-Faculty Recognition Dinner is the night before on May 23; University convocation is June 15 (when you actually become a doctor)
- There are two honor societies: GHHS and AOA
  - GHHS peer nomination survey will come out soon

Residency Updates

- Take your ERAS/Graduation photos
- Dr. Woodruff’s remaining Personal Statement workshop is on June 6, 5 pm, J-103

Pritzker Chief Updates

- Welcome to everyone who is joining our class!
- Pritzker Morning Report elective (2 sessions, each 1 week long)
  - 50 credit hours
  - Will keep you updated on timing
- We are your peer ombudspersons for the year
- We are looking for ideas for graduation speakers and will be sending out an email soliciting ideas
- Senior Skit: we need to match last year's! If anyone wants to help or be involved, let us know.
- Look out for notices on end-of-third-year celebrations

Updates from Dr. Humphrey

- Update on AOA Task Force
  - We aimed to have a set of recommendations by the end of the academic year; those have been sent to you for open comments
  - The committee was very impressed with your thoughtful responses and discussed your feedback at length
  - They have modified their recommendations and have set up a final open meeting on Friday, June 15 at noon, location TBD
  - You will see the final set of recommendations beforehand
  - Based on the recommendations, we expect to implement some of them right away; however, there are a few changes that may take another academic year or two to implement due to budgetary approval or organizational logistics
- The residency process is exciting and meaningful, even if it does not feel that way now
  - You are in a privileged position to be invited to interview at hospitals all across the country, and you get to see the state of American residency training all over the nation
  - As you find yourself interviewing, you will feel yourself really preparing to be a doctor
Right now, you probably feel a fair amount of dread, though—but it will not always be this complicated. There will be moments during fourth year where you will feel profound excitement in taking the next step.

• While Dr. Humphrey may be leaving, she has recruited a team of people who are excellent in their roles
  o Dr. Woodruff has led the Career Advising team for almost a decade and is well-poised to lead you in this residency application process
  o People from around the country call Dr. Humphrey on a regular basis, looking to Pritzker for a model on career advising
  o In the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire, an annual survey of medical students across the nation, our students have routinely evaluated our career advising program as more effective than the mean at other schools (about 75-80% for Pritzker, versus 55-60% nationwide)
  o You are in good hands!

RESIDENCY APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Please review the slideshow for a complete review of the meeting; the following notes are meant to expand on certain slides.

• Important things to start with
  o Two organizations you have to interact with
    ▪ ERAS (Electronic Residency Application System)
    ▪ The NRMP (National Residency Matching Program)
  o Two dates to remember
    ▪ September 1 (date we expect your application to be complete)
    ▪ September 15 (date that applications are transmitted to programs)
  o Two things to do
    ▪ Pay attention to logistics that you can control
    ▪ Understand that you do not have total control, though, and be flexible enough to deal with any unexpected issues

• Slides 4-6: Please review all timelines and deadlines
  o Note that you can certify your application as early as Sept. 6 and any time between Sept. 6-15

• Slide 8: All necessary paperwork and references are posted on the Residency Resources page on our website

• Slide 10: Determine your priorities through researching programs online, and through talking to faculty, residents, career advisors, and recent alumni

• Slide 11: Apply broadly, then narrow down your list. Do not narrow it before you are offered interviews. Create groups of stretch programs, realistic programs, and safety programs—this is not the time to be picky.
  o If a program you really want offers both categorical and advanced programs, apply to both—don’t cut your options short. You can decide how to rank them later, once you interview.

• Slide 14: You may also want to have a low-risk or “backup” specialty if you are applying in a very competitive specialty

• Slide 17: Your CV = Your ERAS Application
  o All material in your CV gets put into your ERAS application, which is why we review it for you
• **Slide 18:** Personal statements: tell the program about you and why you like the discipline, do not talk about the discipline itself
  - For instance, do not say, something like, “I like Internal Medicine because it is a field that provides comprehensive care to patients over a long period of time…”
    - Instead, say, “I am interested in the field of Internal Medicine because when I did my clerkship, I met a patient who… and that experience taught me… which ended up being incredibly meaningful to me because…”
    - This shows more about you as a person and introduces you to the reader
  - The personal statement can also prepare you for the interview process by forcing you to think about your priorities and your motivations

• **Slide 19:** LORs
  - Requesting an LOR is both verbal and written: you ask them in person if they can write you a strong LOR, and if they say yes, you then email them a Letter Request Form, along with your CV and Personal Statement (it is OK if they are drafts)
    - Faculty members expect to hear from students about writing LORs; ask and ask early, without being nervous
    - Reminders are OK—once you do your initial ask, you can send a reminder two weeks before 9/1 to confirm the deadline and ask if they need more information
    - Only in certain circumstances should you ask for more letters than you might use. Our faculty are busy and if they take the time to write you a letter, it should be used in your application.
    - The faculty member uploads the LOR directly to ERAS
    - PSOM staff cannot see the LOR, but can see whether it has been uploaded

• **Slide 27:**
  - For EM, you need 2 clinical letters plus the SLOE/SLO, which counts as a Chair's letter
  - Letters from NorthShore faculty are fine
  - If away rotation is early enough, you can have a letter from an away rotation (ask in your 2nd or 3rd week there)

• **Slide 28:** When you approach a faculty member to write a Chair’s letter, tell them upfront you would like them to write the Chair’s letter

• **Slide 30:**
  - 1) Only programs read your LORs; neither you nor Pritzker staff can read them
  - 2) Sending a draft of your CV and personal statement when you ask for an LOR is most helpful—faculty probably will not remember to start thinking about writing your LOR until they have those items in front of them. You can ask them if you can send them a reminder at some point later in the summer. Also, make sure to ask for the letter before July 15!
  - 3) If you do not hear back, work with your Career Advisor or Dr. Woodruff to prompt the letter authors. It is OK if your LORs come in after the 9/1 deadline by a week or two as long as your other letters are in and your application is 100% completed; then, work with your final letter-writer to remind them of the timeliness of their submission.
  - Other FAQ: How do I get LORs from my sub-I’s/away rotations in July and August?
    - Halfway through the rotation, ask for feedback
    - If the feedback is strong, ask for an LOR