

# ORIENTATION SOCIETY AMBASSADORS

## COGGESHALL: Tracy Dinh & Laura Santangelo



Welcome! Congrats on making an amazing choice and choosing to attend Pritzker!

I'm Tracy and I'm eager to welcome you all to campus soon! I hail from Coggeshall—the Gryffindor of Pritzker societies. A bit about me: I grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota and hopped over the river to be a Golden Gopher at the University of Minnesota. While there, I majored in biochemistry and minored in surviving frigid, snowy winters. After graduating in 2017, I took a year to work in a structural biology lab, scribe in the emergency room, and travel.

Since arriving at Pritzker, I have been involved with community education through UROCK, career exploration through the Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine Interest Groups, and non-medicine related endeavors through attending Institute of Politics events (shout out to David Axelrod). When not being productive, I can frequently be found at various locations around campus playing Euchre and Spades, doing the New York Times crossword, or convincing classmates that it isn't that cold outside.

I'm so excited to meet you all when you arrive! Feel free to reach out with any questions in the meantime!

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Hello Incoming M1s!

I'm Laura, the other Coggeshall Ambassador, and I want to second Tracy's Pritzker welcome. I'll add a proactive welcome to objectively the BEST society. Not only did we come out on top during a contest of physical prowess, Field Day, but our minds are sharp, as we prevailed in the GI bowl (even if we didn't write poems for our bios).

A little about me: I grew up in St. Louis, Missouri, attended Emory University in Atlanta, and apparently liked school so much and warmth so little that I came straight here. At Pritzker, I'm involved with several awesome organizations, including the General Surgery Interest group, ASAP (we show preserved organs to school kids), Doctors and Debate, Doctors for America, and Medical Students for Choice. I'm the Ulmann Chair — I raffle off tickets to Pritzker students for great Chicago shows. You'll also catch me at many Institute of Politics talks, heading to local yoga classes, and exploring the many restaurants and events Chicago has to offer.

Excited to formally meet you all at the end of the summer! Feel free to reach out before then if you need anything :)

May the odds be in your favor that you are selected into the greatest of all societies.

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## DELEE: Brie Farley & Itzel Lopez-Hinojosa



Dearest DeLee,

Welcome to the society that hands-down got the most free donuts last year!

My name is Brie Farley and I can't wait to meet you all! I grew up in Brighton, Colorado and went to undergrad at Carleton College in Minnesota – you may know it as the school that churned out the creators of beloved childhood computer game Oregon Trail or the place your “quirky” high school classmate ended up. I graduated from Carleton in 2014 and moved to Buenos Aires to teach English, eat my weight in steak and empanadas, and swim in a sea of cheap but delicious Malbec. After a year and a half of Argentine living and solo South America backpacking, I followed my college friends to this very city, where I worked for the next few years as a health educator at a FQHC.

At Pritzker, I'm a member of the Wellness Committee, a leader of Medical Students for Choice, and a volunteer at Community Health Clinic. In my free time, I read, bake, watch ensemble comedies, and make the trek up north to see old friends (the rest of Chicago isn't that far, I promise!).

We're so excited to have you all here! Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, and have an incredible summer!

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Welcome to DeLee! It's the most De-Lit of all the Pritzker Societies.

I'm from Aurora, Illinois (it's about an hour outside the city, home of the Chicago Outlet mall). I went to Washington University in St. Louis, where I studied American Culture Studies and Biochemistry (don't remember a lot of biochemistry so don't ask teehee). I graduated in 2017 and spent my gap year working at the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA--also class of 2013).

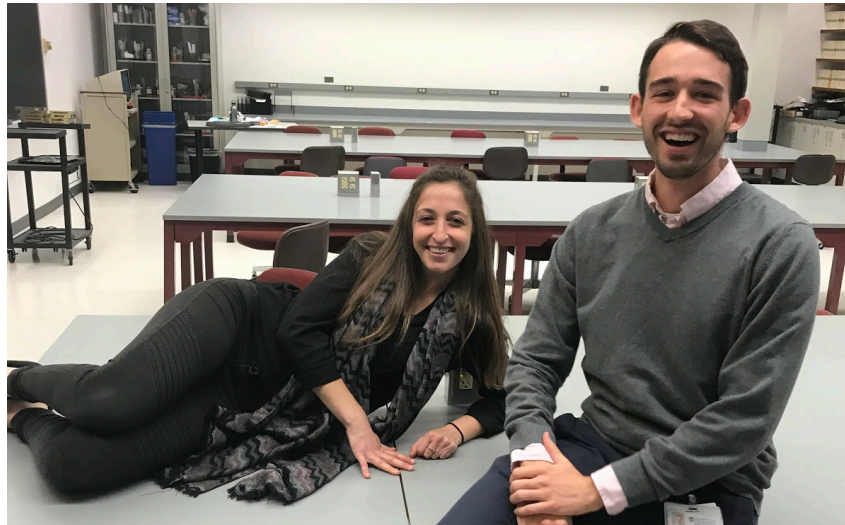
You are already in the DeLead by joining this prestigious society. Over this past year, I have gotten closer with my Pritzker sib family (shout out to Max, Christopher, and Tony!), as well as exploring top rated Chicago restaurants (like Wendy's), all courtesy of DeLee. Don't worry you can be classy and go to brunch instead. In terms of extracurriculars, I spent my most of my time outside of the classroom volunteering at CommunityHealth Clinic (ask me how to draw blood!), planning events for Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA), and being creative by etching wood.

I hope you will find several opportunities to get engaged at Pritzker and/or discover a new hobby while you are here! ☺ Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Saludos,  
Your Slytherin... I mean DeLee Ambassador  
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## HUGGINS: Risa Brudney & Michael Hermesen



Greetings!!

Congrats on becoming the newest members of the Pritzker family—I could not be more excited to welcome you all! My name is Risa, although friends, family, and people I barely know fondly call me “Lisa”. I grew up in Florida but am otherwise a somewhat normal person. I went to college at Duke (shout out Blue Devils) where I studied Global Health and Biology, and then worked at a non-profit in Boston as an AmeriCorps VISTA member during my gap year. I love running and basically all things outdoors, am a gluten free foods-enthusiast, and have recently developed the ability to tell the difference between boxed and bottled wine in a single-blinded, n=1 RCT.

Here at Pritzker I’ve been involved in a number of amazing organizations, including South Side Science Scholars, Doctors for America, Washington Park Clinic, and the Harm Reduction Interest Group. I’ve absolutely loved getting to explore Chicago in my free time (which, contrary to popular belief, does definitely exist in medical school). Despite spending my entire pre-Pritzker life on the East Coast, I truly feel like Chicago has become an incredible home over the past year and I can’t wait to share that with all of you.

I’m so excited to meet you – especially if you find yourself a member of Huggins, the greatest society in the history of randomly-assigned medical school societies. Feel free to reach out about anything!

HUGGs,  
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Hello!

My name is Michael and I want to congratulate all of you on making the best decision ever to come to Pritzker. A second congratulations is due for the select few of you who are lucky enough to be a part of the best society at Pritzker, the Huggins Society.

I grew up in northeast Wisconsin and then went to the University of Wisconsin – Madison for undergrad, where I majored in cheering for the Badgers and also mathematics. I enjoy running (the lakeshore path here is great), soccer, card/board games and piano among other things.

My extended family or non-medical student friends will occasionally say something like, “Oh, you’re a medical student, I bet you never do anything but study.” While medical school is undoubtedly difficult and requires lots of work, I want to assure all of you that medical school here is also so much fun! There is plenty of time to hang out with all your new Pritzker friends as well as get involved with extracurricular activities. During this past year, I was involved with South Side Science Scholars, Reach Out and Read, Chicago Youth Programs tutoring, the Anesthesiology Interest Group, and I served as the Huggins MS1 Co-Chair. I have also been involved in some of our intramural sports teams as Pritzker competes against the rest of the graduate schools for the Phoenix Cup. I hope to see many of you channel your competitive pre-med spirit and participate in intramurals next year!

I can’t wait to meet all of you soon! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about Pritzker/Hyde Park/Chicago!

Huggs,  
Michael (michael.hermesen@uchospitals.edu)  
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## ROWLEY: Olivia Shultz & Nikita Deshpande



Dearest Rowley,

I'm Olivia Schultz, and I'm so honored to be able to welcome you guys to Pritzker!! A little about myself – I was born and raised in downtown Chicago so please reach out if you have any questions about the city. I took a short trip away from the Midwest for college and went down South. I graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2018 (similarly, please reach out if you have any questions about Nashville. I could talk about it for hours. Anchor down!!) I got what seems to be the longest degree title ever- Medicine, Health, and Society with a minor in Corporate Strategy; basically, public health and business but Vanderbilt decided to get fancy.

My Pritzker experience has been nothing short of amazing. I am so excited (and jealous) that you guys are about to start your first year. It goes by so fast. In the past year, I've gotten involved with Washington Park Free Clinic, Feed1st Food Pantry, Medical Students for Choice, and the Ob/Gyn interest group – among other things! Some quick highlights from my first year include: brewing beer with my HOPS cohort (shout out HOperation), playing on the IM volleyball team, and so quickly becoming lifelong friends with my classmates. Sappy, I know, but it happens fast!

I can't wait to meet you guys, especially my fellow Rowleys! Feel free to let me know if you have any questions before orientation. I hope everyone is off to an amazing summer!

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I pen these lines to you, my dear new friend  
To choose Pritzker was very wise, indeed  
And this super dope sonnet does portend  
Your wondrous journey here, its guaranteed

From the deep South I came to Chicago  
Wide-eyed and nervous 'bout the big city  
O'er histo, classmate bonds began to grow  
Potlucks and picnics with friends so witty

Through DFA\* I press for what is just  
In HPIG\*, policy discussions brew  
These groups and more you'll soon enrich, I trust  
And if you are among the chosen few...

to triumphant Rowley I welcome you  
where wisdom, grit, and spirit grow anew

I am very much looking forward to meeting you  
all. Feel free to reach out with questions, literary  
criticism, or an essay on the relative merits of  
Petrarchan vs. Shakespearean sonnets.

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