

## ACCEPTED APPLICANT CHAT

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**Pritzker\_Charles:** Ok, it is 7:30, I know more people will be joining us as we move along...including Ben Ferguson and Dr. Anthony Montag

**Pritzker\_Charles:** but we want to go ahead and welcome you and thank you for joining us tonight :)

**Pritzker\_Darrell:** Hello everyone! Thanks for chatting with us tonight!

**Pritzker\_Darrell:** Hello Philip!

**PritzkerSylvia:** Yes, thank you!

**Pritzker\_Darrell:** How are things in Indiana, Philip?

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Already on the chat is Julie Mhlaba, our MS1 Revisit Co-Chair

**PritzkerJulie:** Hi everyone!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** and Allison Louis and Camille Cross, our SNMA Admissions Reps this year

**rortiz:** Hi Julie!

**PritzkerCamille:** Hey Everyone! Thanks for joining us!

**PritzkerAllison:** Hi everyone! So excited to chat with you all!

**Philip\_Asamoah:** Things are good, weather has been pretty hectic since you were here (then again I doubt it has been any different up in Chicago, or has it?) and I've been really busy but life is good

**PritzkerJulie:** Hi Rebeca! (I got the spelling right this time :-))

**deea\_star:** Hi everyone and thank you for creating this chat

**Philip\_Asamoah:** How about yourself Darrell? How have you been?

**PritzkerSylvia:** Life is good...so glad to hear that

**Pritzker\_Charles:** If you all want to jump in and introduce yourselves, go right ahead!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Hi Kate!

**PritzkerSylvia:** I am Sylvia Robertson, Assistant Dean for Admissions & Financial Aid

**PritzkerSylvia:** Welcome Kate!

**Pritzker\_Darrell:** Excellent! Thanks for asking. I am excited that we are at this point in the season. Longer days coming soon, Springing forward on Sunday. Looking forward to getting back to outdoor activities soon!!

**kkinasz:** Hello!

**PritzkerSylvia:** Right, everyone, remember to "spring forward"

**Pritzker\_Darrell:** Hello

**Pritzker\_Darrell:** welcome to the chat.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** I know more people will be joining, but let's get going with your questions!

**PritzkerSylvia:** Congratulations on your success in the admissions process! Let us know your questions as you make this important decision

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Welcome Bennett!

**PritzkerSylvia:** Welcome Bennett!

**bennettlane:** Hello - Thanks for organizing the event this evening.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** For all you joining us tonight, please feel free to introduce yourselves to us and to each other

**PritzkerSylvia:** Bennett, I made a checklist today and thought of you

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Hi Jeff!

**ortiz:** Hi everyone, I'm Rebeca Ortiz. Graduated from Stanford 2009, currently living in Boston.

**asmmed01:** Hello, my name is Adam Mayer and I am currently a senior at the University of Maryland Baltimore County studying Biology and German. I am very excited to learn more about the school and attend the upcoming revisit weekend!

**trackstar740:** Hi Everyone! I'm Funmilola Oladini (Lola for short) and I'm currently a senior at Wash. U.

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Rebeca! Good to see you on the chat. Hope you are not snowed in tonight.

**Inosbusch:** Hi! I'm Laurie Nosbusch. I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Can't wait to meet you all at revisit!

**Philip\_Asamoah:** Hello everyone! I'm Philip, I am in Bloomington Indiana right now studying neuroscience and Spanish at Indiana University, getting ready to graduate in a few weeks, pretty crazy that college has flown by so quickly but nonetheless exciting to be moving on to med school

**PritzkerSylvia:** Great news Adam! It will be wonderful to welcome you back!

**ortiz:** Hi Darrell! Nope, there has been a lot of snow, but no real issues yet

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Adam, glad to hear you'll be at the revisit!

**bennettlane:** Hi everyone, I'll introduce myself. My name is Bennett Lane. I lived in Boston for four years after graduating from college in 2008, and recently moved to Palo Alto. (So the reverse of Rebeca, I guess!)

**PritzkerSylvia:** Lola, I am looking forward to our dinner in St. Louis!

**jwatson54:** Hi everyone, I'm James Watson. I went to Davidson College in North Carolina, majoring in political science and graduating in 2011. I took my pre-med courses last year in Baltimore, and am currently living in DC.

**jenniferxu:** Hi guys. I'm Jennifer and I'm currently a senior at the University of Michigan

**kkinasz:** Hi all, I'm Kate Kinasz. I graduated from Notre Dame in 2010. I am from Chicago, lived there for two years after college, and am now living in Philadelphia. I'm super excited to get back to Chicago!

**PritzkerJulie:** go blue!

**PritzkerSylvia:** Hi Kate, We are glad you are coming back!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Hi Molly!

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Bennett. No snow for you. Have you seen the light show on the Bay Bridge yet?

**PritzkerSylvia:** Great basketball schools on the chat!

**Steven T:** Hey everyone! I am Steven Tate, graduated from UC Irvine in 2012. I currently live in SoCal and I am excited to freeze in Chicago next year.

**PritzkerSylvia:** Hi Steven, don't worry, layers are the secret!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** haha Steven, one of our MS1s this year is from LA and she had never even made a snowball until this year...She loved it!

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Kate. We're happy to welcome you back to Chicago!

**Jack W:** Hi all, I'm Jack Weick. I graduated from the University of Michigan in December and am currently doing research at the UofM cancer center.

**ortiz:** Steven, I'm from the city of Orange, and lived in Chicago for 2 years before living in Boston - I am full of tips for adapting to cold weather!

**PritzkerAllison:** Hey Steven! I'm from a warm place too (Houston, TX) and don't worry about freezing! They key is a good coat and layers, like Sylvia said.

**PritzkerSylvia:** And, a sure and certain knowledge in the coming of Spring

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Jack.

**mmccary:** Hi everyone, I'm Molly. I graduated from Boston College in 2007 and lived in Chicago for the past 5 years. I did Teach for America, and now I'm finishing up a post-bac program. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone.

**PritzkerSylvia:** I love the seasons - after growing up in North Carolina, I love the rhythm of the year here

**Steven T:** haha good to hear! I am sure I am be soliciting tons of advice once winter rolls around next year.

**bennettlane:** Darrell- I haven't yet seen the lit Bay Bridge at night, but it's got tough competition with the Golden gate in the daytime.

**PritzkerSylvia:** Welcome Molly!

**trackstar740:** Sylvia, I'm excited for the dinner as well!!

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Steven. You're among many friends who hail from warm weather states at Pritzker. We'll help you out!

**PritzkerSylvia:** Me too trackstar740!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** So tell us your questions! We are eager to answer them!

**deea\_star:** Hi my name is Oana Andreea Raicu ...I graduated from UIC in 2012 with major in biology , I live in Chicago and work in a research lab at UIC.

**PritzkerSylvia:** Welcome Oana, it was great to see you today

**Pritzker Darrell:** Oana! Welcome.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Hi Oana! It was nice to see you today!

**deea\_star:** Hi Everyone ...

**jeffmorrison:** Hey everyone! I'm Jeff and am chatting from Bethesda, MD. Graduated from UNC last May and now am working at the NIH

**deea\_star:** :)

**PritzkerSylvia:** Welcome Jeff, another great basketball school

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Molly.

**PritzkerSylvia:** What do you think is the most important thing you need to do before starting medical school?

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Jeff. We should have a great intramural basketball team next year!

**deea\_star:** make a plan

**PritzkerSylvia:** Make a plan for what?

**Philip\_Asamoah:** Ok I have a question about taking undergraduate classes, I was wondering if med students do that a lot and how feasible it is to take just one obviously in addition to handling the medical school curriculum

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Hi Connie!

**asmmed01:** I second Philip's question as I was interested in that as well.

**PritzkerSylvia:** It is up to you and your motivation for taking classes

**deea\_star:** with a check list of what needs to be accomplished and how to go about it :)

**PritzkerSylvia:** Students who want to do it find a way and, from my observation, are energized by it

**jeffmorrison:** Definitely hope so Darrell!

**PritzkerSylvia:** Good idea Oana but remember to put celebrate and relax on the list

**jwatson54:** Are undergrad classes typically taken for credit, or are they audited?

**Pritzker Darrell:** I know that many students audit courses, too since it provides greater flexibility with their schedule.

**jwatson54:** Thanks Darrell, that answers my question as well

**Pritzker\_Charles:** I've seen them do language classes, anthro classes, policy classes...more often grad than undergrad

**PritzkerSylvia:** Undergrad classes can be taken for credit but again it is up to what you want from the experience - languages are the only ones which cannot be audited

**rortiz:** Can you give us an example of a typical MS1 week? How much time are people in class vs studying vs other projects or volunteering?

**Inosbusch:** Great question!

**PritzkerJulie:** Rebeca- I would say it definitely varies by quarter.

**connie:** Can any current students comment on whether they had a car for pre-clinical or clinical years? And whether it is recommended or necessary to have a car on campus (especially for clinical years)

**Philip\_Asamoah:** Cool thank you, the answers by Sylvia and Charles and the question by jwatson54 were all helpful!

**PritzkerJulie:** Summer quarter- you are pretty booked up with anatomy and health care disparities. Luckily, the second years are still running all the organizations so you can focus on studying

**PritzkerJulie:** Fall and Winter quarter- we usually have class for a few hours each morning, and then three afternoons per week completely free

**PritzkerAllison:** Connie, I would say about 80% of the first year class do not have cars and get around just fine! More students choose to get cars for 2nd and 3rd years for convenience, but you can definitely make do without one.

**PritzkerSylvia:** And summer quarter you are getting to know 87 other extraordinary people

**asmmed01:** I had a question about housing. Where do Pritzker students normally live and what is the traditional timeline for acquiring housing accommodations?

**PritzkerCamille:** In the winter quarter your schedule lightens up and leadership positions in organizations transition to the first years

**PritzkerJulie:** Yes, anatomy is a lot of work but so much fun!

**PritzkerSylvia:** What makes anatomy fun, Julie

**PritzkerJulie:** Definitely getting to spend so much time bonding with your classmates and Teaching assistants (MS2s/MS4s)

**Inosbusch:** Did you like having anatomy right at the start?

**rortiz:** great, thanks!

**PritzkerJulie:** Also- if you are interested in surgery, we have surgeons give clinical presentations almost every day

**PritzkerCamille:** Most first year students live in Hyde Park. With each progressing year, more students tend to move outside of Hyde Park, some live in South Loop or downtown

**PritzkerSylvia:** Welcome Pam!

**PritzkerAllison:** Rebeca, after anatomy is over, we generally have Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays off and you can choose to spend that free time however you chose. Most students chose to get involved in various organizations or some of the lectures, seminars, and events offered by the greater campus community.

**PritzkerCamille:** I think most people began looking for housing after revisit weekend.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Adam - people will starting posting in the FB group looking for roommates near the end of April or sometime in May

**basto:** Hi guys!

**Pritzker Darrell:** There are many options in Hyde Park for housing. The University offers graduate student housing. Here is a guide to properties that is very helpful

[http://rp.uchicago.edu/graduate\\_housing/locations.shtml](http://rp.uchicago.edu/graduate_housing/locations.shtml)

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Hi Pamela!

**asmmed01:** Great! Thank you so much!

**PritzkerJulie:** I loved having anatomy first. It is great to start med school by focusing on one main course, instead of juggling several. Plus- you don't have to smell like formaldehyde all year!

**deea\_star:** thank you for the link Charles

**basto:** I was wondering how 3rd year clinical rotations are delegated? Is it by lottery? How's the new hospital

**mmccary:** If we have a car, is it easy to park on campus?

**Pritzker\_Charles:** I know people made trips out to look at apartments during the summer

**PritzkerSylvia:** We tell the truth, parking is possible but difficult, mostly because of the construction

**Pritzker\_Charles:** the Orientation co-chairs will create a roommate hunting group to also facilitate the process

**Inosbusch:** Thanks Julie

**PritzkerAllison:** I enjoyed having anatomy first as well. It was a great way to develop study habits for the rest of the year and is a great bonding experience with the rest of the class.

**Inosbusch:** Thanks

**PritzkerJulie:** mmccary- several of my classmates received a free spot in a parking lot on campus because they carpool. There is also street parking a few blocks away. Several of our classmates live downtown and drive to school every day.

**PritzkerSylvia:** Finding housing is not like Boston or San Francisco, it is easy and we will help - no need to worry (that will be a theme)

**Pritzker Darrell:** If you get to campus early parking is reasonable, but it gets tricky after 8. Most take the CTA buses and shuttles into campus since they are able to ride for free.

**PritzkerAllison:** The new hospital is amazingly beautiful! All patient rooms are singles and its truly state of the art.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Ben Ferguson has arrived! Welcome Ben

**PritzkerSylvia:** WELCOME BEN!

**PritzkerBen:** Hi all! Sorry I'm late. I'm Ben, a fourth-year and one of the Revisit Co-Chairs!

**PritzkerJulie:** Hi Ben!

**PritzkerBen:** What is the haps.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Ben is an MS4 and he can also speak to whether you need a car in years 3 and 4 during rotations

**deea\_star:** Hi Ben

**PritzkerBen:** At no point during your time at Pritzker do you NEED a car.

**PritzkerSylvia:** Ben is going to do a live podcast at revisit on Saturday morning - hoping you can all join us for that

**PritzkerBen:** But, if you live outside of Hyde Park, it is extremely convenient to have one during third and fourth year to get back and forth simply due to the odd hours you will be working.

**deea\_star:** I am super excited about the revisit weekend

**Pritzker\_Charles:** For our students on here, why don't you share where you live

**Pritzker\_Charles:** and how you get to campus each day

**PritzkerAllison:** Housing was one of my main concerns too. When deciding where to live, I took into account proximity of public transit, grocery stores, restaurants, and veterinarian/pet store because I didn't bring a car here. Its very easy to find an apartment that fulfills these requirements in Hyde Park.

**PritzkerBen:** I live in South Loop, which is about 6 miles north of HP. I currently drive, but over the years I've also done bus, el, bike, Metra, and basically every combination of those.

**PritzkerJulie:** I live right off 53rd street, which is an awesome area with restaurants, shops and a new movie theater. It is about a 15-20 minute walk from campus, but I usually take the CTA (free with Uchicago ID), which is about a 5 minute drive.

**PritzkerCamille:** I live in graduate student housing in Hyde Park. I ride the local shuttle to school, but I have a car too

**Inosbusch:** Do most students live alone or with roommates? Does it change by year?

**PritzkerAllison:** I live in a high-rise building near the lake on 52nd street. Its about 1.5 miles from campus (20 minute walk) but close to grocery stores and the Metra. I take the 172 bus to school every day (10 minute ride).

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Welcome Shakeela!

**PritzkerBen:** Hey Shakeela

**PritzkerSylvia:** You can find a med school student roommate with the confidence that they are one of the carefully selected 88 Pritzker students

**rortiz:** for those people who live in hyde park and don't have a car: do you ever feel a bit disconnected from the rest of Chicago?

**PritzkerJulie:** With current first years- it is probably 50/50 or more skewed towards roommates? Not exactly sure. I live with two roommates that I found via Revisit/Housing Google Group. Whatever you prefer, you will be able to do it.

**Pritzker Darrell:** Hello Shakeela! Thanks for joining us!

**PritzkerAllison:** I live by myself, unless you count my dog as my roommate :).

**shakeelaf:** Thanks :)

**Pritzker\_Charles:** I didn't know you had a dog, Allison...what kind?

**Dr. Montag:** Hi everyone, Dr. Montag joining you, sorry I'm late

**PritzkerAllison:** Rebeca, I don't feel disconnected from the rest of Chicago because the Metra and the #6 CTA bus are about 2 blocks from where I live.

**PritzkerBen:** Hey Dr. Montag

**PritzkerSylvia:** Welcome Dr. Montag!

**rortiz:** Ben, where in the south loop do you live?

**PritzkerBen:** I'm at 9th and Michigan.

**Dr. Montag:** Trendy

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Rebeca, I have lived in Hyde Park the past 10 years...you can be in the loop if you take the metra in about 11 minutes

**PritzkerBen:** But lived at 16th and Indiana for several years when I started at Pritzker.

**PritzkerJulie:** Hi Dr. Montag- great lecture today :-)

**PritzkerAllison:** Coco is a 2 1/2 year old mix. I got him from the animal shelter, so I'm not exactly sure what he is, but he looks like a mix between a Yorkie and Miniature Schnauzer.

**Dr. Montag:** Thanks, early class

**PritzkerBen:** Anyone else here have dogs?

**bennettlane:** Another practical question for current students: any suggestions about technology? Laptop vs. tablet, Mac vs. PC?

**basto:** How much time in fourth year is continuation of required clerkship vs elective (sub-i, research for scholarship & discovery, away rotations, interviewing for residency)?

**rortiz:** thanks, all

**PritzkerBen:** My yellow lab is staring at me right now.

**trackstar740:** i second that question, bennettlane. I've been wondering if I should get a tablet!

**PritzkerAllison:** To clarify, Hyde Park is about a 20 minute bus or train ride from downtown.

**deea\_star:** I have a shih tzu ...she is 9 years old

**Pritzker\_Charles:** aww, cute. I have a black lab. Maybe one day we should arrange a Pritzker doggy play date at one of the dog parks

**PritzkerBen:** Bennett, we are an equal operating system opportunity school.

**PritzkerSylvia:** Dogs are one of the great joys of life - my Norman died a few years ago - still miss him - Allison and Ben, send pictures!

**jeffmorrison:** How do the current students feel about Pritzker's traditional 2 year preclinical phase? I ask because it seems some other schools are transitioning to a shortened 1 or 1.5 year one

**PritzkerBen:** I don't know about the younger folks, but a ton of us clinical students have iPads and use them quite frequently.

**PritzkerJulie:** Some of our exams are online, so I suggest having a Laptop (or a laptop in addition to tablet). But if you don't, there is a computer lab that can accommodate you. Mac/PC- either works for our programs!

**Pritzker Darrell:** 3 cats, licking themselves right now. wouldn't mind trading up for a dog, but my wife would object.

**PritzkerBen:** The minis are starting to pop up quickly since they fit in white coat pockets.

**Dr. Montag:** We introduce clinical exposure in the first year, integrating it into the curriculum, so not a 2 and 2 experience.

**PritzkerAllison:** I would say that most of the class has Macs, but there are a few die-hard PC users. It's honestly based on your preferences. I also sometimes use an iPad to take notes in class. The few times we have required software, its available on Mac and PC.

**PritzkerSylvia:** The clinical experiences really begin early in first year - not a traditional 2 year science/clinical curriculum

**PritzkerJulie:** Yep, several first years use iPads for taking notes during lecture.

**bennettlane:** Thanks for the replies. (And makes sense about the minis!)

**kkinasz:** I have a question about revisit weekend. Do you know what the evening schedule will be like? I am debating if I should stay with family who live in the Lincoln Park area or if it will be more convenient to stay in Hyde Park with a student

**PritzkerAllison:** Charles, a Pritzker doggie date sounds fantastic!!

**PritzkerSylvia:** The mini is the next purchase for me!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Allison - lets be in touch. I bet we could set something up :)

**deea\_star:** My dog is scared of other dogs ...but she loves every human that she meets :))

**PritzkerSylvia:** Always good to see family but there will be "unofficial" events after the scheduled revisit events

**Dr. Montag:** Lincoln park is not that far away, 25 minutes, but staying with a student gives you a better idea of who your peers will be.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** [http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/documents/Revisit2013\\_Schedule.pdf](http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/documents/Revisit2013_Schedule.pdf)

**kkinasz:** great thanks!

**PritzkerBen:** Jeff, once you do the first two years, you will seriously wonder how anyone could get away with doing it all in less time. I feel like it would be some combination of miserable and hasty.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** I wanted to come back to the question about clinical experiences

**Pritzker\_Charles:** in some sense our curriculum looks like a traditional 2-year pre-clinical program but that is really not quite right

**PritzkerBen:** And as others have mentioned, you're having clinical exposure throughout the first two years as well. It's a great mix.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** its really more of an integrated curriculum where your clinical experiences start right away in the first year

**PritzkerBen:** Yep.

**PritzkerAllison:** Jeff, we actually go into the hospital a few times during first year and interview patients as a part of our "Resident Experience" program. We also have a Longitudinal Program where 2 first years are paired with a physician (many different specialties included) and shadow them throughout first year. In addition, we have multiple student-run clinics where you can practice your skills.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** the idea is that you don't learn science in isolation from medicine and vice versa

**Pritzker\_Charles:** our faculty believe you always have to learn both of those together

**asmmed01:** When are the student clinics open?

**PritzkerJulie:** all year long!

**PritzkerJulie:** Usually students go one night per week

**asmmed01:** Sorry, I meant what days of the week? Or is it 7 days a week?

**PritzkerAllison:** The different clinics run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday nights. Am I forgetting a night when a clinic occurs?

**PritzkerCamille:** There are 6 student run clinics and each one is open on a different day of the week

**PritzkerJulie:** There are several clinics, each with different days of operation. Most clinics are open one night a week

**jeffmorrison:** Great, thanks for the responses everyone!

**PritzkerJulie:** Students are able to volunteer at as many or as few as they would like.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Can the M1s tell us about the longitudinal mentoring program and your experience?

**PritzkerAllison:** If you are a volunteer for a clinic, you can expect to go about once or twice a month. You can volunteer at as many clinics as you'd like to, so you can go every other week if you wanted to.

**rortiz:** yes, please, I would love to hear about the longitudinal mentoring program

**PritzkerJulie:** Ya! I'm doing mine with a Dermatologist. I go every few weeks with another first year, and we are able to interview and examine patients and then present to our Preceptor. We then see the patient with her, and sometimes are able to observe procedures etc. It is a great way to practice our "clinical skills," and it is so much fun!

**PritzkerAllison:** The Longitudinal Program is great! They try to pair you with a physician based on your preferences (most are primary care docs, but there are some Nephrology and Anesthesiology physicians too). You shadow them 6 or more times during the year. As you learn more about the patient interview and the physical exam, you can hone your skills under the mentorship of a great physician.

**basto:** Are there courses for medical languages: i.e. medical spanish, chinese, etc?

**Pritzker\_Charles:** What specialist are you with, Allison?

**basto:** thanks!

**PritzkerJulie:** Yep. We have a Medical Spanish spring elective. We also have a student organization (SAMS) that meets weekly to practice medical spanish.

**PritzkerAllison:** Yes. One of our electives is medical spanish this spring. Also, you can be trained as an interpreter at one of the student-run clinics.

**Jack W:** Are students able to stay with the same mentor/lab for summer research as well as the scholarship and discovery project?

**PritzkerCamille:** I am working with a family physician at a FQHC clinic in Calumet City. I go once every two weeks, and interview patients and do different parts of the physical exam. The doctor sees a large Hispanic population, so its a chance for me to brush up on my SPanish. I really enjoy the program! I really enjoy working with her. She is a great teacher. I am interested in working with underserved her patient population is predominately

**deea\_star:** So in the program the students stay with one doctor for one year ?

**PritzkerJulie:** Not sure about Chinese, but several of our classmates have been teaching a medical Chinese course so that we can volunteer at a Health Fair in April.

**PritzkerBen:** Jack: Yes.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Right, Ooan - the longitudinal mentoring program is meant to give you experience with one physician over the course of your first year

**PritzkerSylvia:** Bottom line, if you want to learn something you will be supported in figuring out how to do that

**PritzkerAllison:** Charles, I am paired with a Family Medicine physician. Its been great to see how varied the practice of a Family Medicine doc can be. Some even do gynecological procedures and OB care!

**PritzkerJulie:** It is 6 required sessions, usually over the course of 2 or 3 semesters. But you are able to do as many as you decide!

**basto:** thank you!

**PritzkerBen:** Or, if you're crazy, you can do a PhD with the same mentor.

**PritzkerJulie:** quarters\*

**Pritzker\_Charles:** \*oops Oana, sorry for the typo :)

**PritzkerSylvia:** Ben, we don't think you are crazy - just curious :)

**Pritzker\_Charles:** These are all great questions

**mmccary:** Do you have any recommendations for what we can be/should be doing this summer?

**PritzkerJulie:** relaxing :-)

**Dr. Montag:** Ben had been a fixture, but departure is looming

**PritzkerBen:** As little as possible :)

**PritzkerSylvia:** ENJOY IT!!! Whatever that means to you

**PritzkerCamille:** and celebrating =)

**Dr. Montag:** Some travel sounds good.

**PritzkerBen:** I am getting kicked out on account of old age.

**PritzkerSylvia:** You want to begin medical school relaxed and eager

**Pritzker Darrell:** Rest and relaxation this summer.

**PritzkerSylvia:** You are getting kicked out because we need you to start taking care of people

**Pritzker\_Charles:** You will definitely never have a summer like this again... once you start medical school everything you do is preparing you for residency. so make the best use of your time to enjoy yourself and then arrive in August feeling refreshed and ready to go

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Ben, excited for Match Day next week?

**Dr. Montag:** Not much of a break between med school and residency, this is your best chance for a breather.

**PritzkerBen:** Match Day is next week!?!?

**mmccary:** Thanks for the feedback!

**PritzkerBen:** Um, yes.

**PritzkerJulie:** Hahaha

**Pritzker\_Charles:** its definitely an exciting time

**deea\_star:** Any of the current students involved in the global health scholarship?

Anythoughtsthat you wanna share about that ?

**Pritzker\_Charles:** does anyone have questions about student organizations or general campus life?

**PritzkerSylvia:** This summer? Remember those books you have wanted to read....

**Philip\_Asamoah:** What kind of organized social activities do you guys participate in?

**PritzkerJulie:** Not personally, but two of my friends are going to Bangladesh this summer to do research!

**deea\_star:** thank you Julie

**PritzkerJulie:** It is very easy to go abroad during first, second and fourth years

**PritzkerAllison:** I'm not involved in the Global Heath Scholarship and Discovery track, but my classmates who are will be doing some amazing things. One is going to Bangladesh this summer.

**PritzkerBen:** What are you most looking forward to getting out of your revisit weekend?

**PritzkerJulie:** Philip- do you mean social activities organized by students?

**basto:** probably meeting the future class

**PritzkerBen:** Meeting people? Making friends? Tours? Getting more info?

**deea\_star:** same here:)

**Philip\_Asamoah:** yeah sorry I should have been more clear, that's what I mean Julie

**basto:** obviously bowling

**PritzkerBen:** (Goes without saying.)

**Inosbusch:** Meeting the incoming class and talking to current students

**Steven T:** Definitely excited to meet the future class

**PritzkerAllison:** I think Pritzker has as many student orgs as students. Anything you're interested in, you can find here. If you can't, you are fully supported in forming a new org.

**deea\_star:** good to know that :)

**PritzkerJulie:** The Facebook group is an amazing way for the whole class to stay connected. Someone is always posting something about events, concerts etc. One example: there are about 20 first years doing Tough Mudder in May!

**Dr. Montag:** The first year's have weekly pot lucks, there is an a cappella group, a dance group, other people participate in campus sports or extracurriculars.

**PritzkerSylvia:** REALLY! I want to see pictures but honestly I do not want to get too close, sorry

**Pritzker\_Charles:** there is also a Pritzker book club

**Pritzker\_Charles:** are any of you in that?

**basto:** nice!

**basto:** yes

**PritzkerJulie:** Yes, book club is so fun!

**PritzkerSylvia:** The dance group danced an amazing rhumba last night at Rosita's retirement celebration!

**PritzkerBen:** For anyone wondering whether I am a 300-bowler: I am not. I am closer to a 30-bowler.

**PritzkerCamille:** We also have social rounds every Friday, which is a social gathering for all the Pritzker students and every week a different physician or Pritzker Faculty member attends. Its a great time to hang out at the end of the week

**deea\_star:** dance group sounds like a lot of fun :0

**PritzkerSylvia:** ME TOO -- I am so glad you said that -- once I bowled a 33 (I was 11 but still obviously remember it - rather traumatic)

**PritzkerJulie:** It is...we also have an MS1 talent show and an All-School Talent show :-)

**basto:** finally getting a reservation at girl and the goat

**PritzkerBen:** I don't think I've ever broken 100.

**PritzkerSylvia:** i have not yet been to girl and the goat but went to the diner -- great food!

**PritzkerAllison:** Yes, Social Rounds is great! There are also grad student nights at The Pub on campus where you can meet students at the other grad schools.

**PritzkerJulie:** Always wanted to go there!

**PritzkerBen:** Mmmm...so good.

**Dr. Montag:** quizbowl at the pub is fun

**PritzkerSylvia:** Chicago has remarkable food

**PritzkerSylvia:** It is a foodie's heaven

**PritzkerBen:** So many Michelin stars up in here.

**basto:** yes

**Pritzker\_Charles:** For our students, I am curious what thing about Pritzker surprised you the most after you got here...something about the school that you loved that you were not expecting?

**Dr. Montag:** We have a michelin bib gormand restaurant in Hyde Park, run by a UC grad

**PritzkerSylvia:** Are you referring to Harold's Chicken?

**PritzkerBen:** No no, Valois.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** a two-star michelin restaurant up north is getting ready to open a new place here in Hyde Park...very excited

**PritzkerSylvia:** Sorry Charles -- students - what surprised you???

**PritzkerJulie:** hmm.. this isn't exactly about Pritzker, but I was definitely surprised by how much I would grow to love Hyde Park. Even after just a few months, it felt like "home".

**Pritzker\_Charles:** i was asking our students what surprised them about the school...maybe something they didn't know back when they were deciding where to go

**PritzkerCamille:** During the application season, I was very impressed by the support of the faculty and administration for the students. Once the year started, I was surprised to see how much Pritzker values that its student have a balanced life and works to support students maintaining a balanced life

**PritzkerJulie:** Valois might have something to do with it ;-)

**PritzkerAllison:** I was drawn to Pritzker for a number of reasons, namely the amazing support we get from the administration, faculty, and fellow students. One thing that has pleasantly surprised me is every time I think, "Man, it would be great if Pritzker had X

program or activity", the next thing I knew, we were getting information about that exact activity (ex - our Longitudinal Program and great clinical experiences).

**Dr. Montag:** Petit folie on 55th is a bib gourmand, there are two in Bridgeport around 31st street as well. But I love Valois

**Pritzker\_Charles:** we still have time for more questions!!!

**PritzkerBen:** The most surprising thing to me was (and still is) how darn smart and hard-working people here are, and yet they still have personalities and interesting lives outside of school. It's just...incredible. I am amazed by my fellow Pritzker students constantly.

**PritzkerSylvia:** You should all come here and go to Valois, once - it is an experience...Charles, maybe we should work it into revisit?

**Pritzker\_Charles:** now there is a thought

**PritzkerAllison:** Agreed, Ben. Our classmates are amazing!!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** did anyone have any other questions about Revisit? travel plans?

**PritzkerJulie:** Sunday morning breakfast stop! That's what I did after Revisit with my current roommate.

**Dr. Montag:** Valois is a haunt of the president, order the egg white omelette.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Julie - that is a great idea!

**PritzkerSylvia:** It is honestly an honor to work with our remarkable students - everyday I learn from them and am inspired

**Pritzker\_Charles:** they inspire me too, Sylvia

**deea\_star:** speaking of the revisit ...is it just for the students or can we bring like a family member with us in one of that days?

**Dr. Montag:** our students: intellectually curious, socially engaged.

**Pritzker\_Charles:** most of the time at Revisit you will be getting to know your future classmates

**basto:** met many great physicians and friends coming from pritzker

**Pritzker\_Charles:** but there some events that would definitely be suitable to bring a significant other to if you wanted

**PritzkerSylvia:** Revisit is to help you get to know your future colleagues but there are events which make sense for significant people in your life to attend - Charles has more information

**Pritzker Darrell:** Our students are our greatest inspiration and ambassadors!

**deea\_star:** ok thank you

**Pritzker\_Charles:** yes, email me and we can talk about it

**Pritzker\_Charles:** we understand that making this decision often involves more than just you

**PritzkerSylvia:** I agree Pamela, our alums are great people and great physicians at the same time

**Pritzker\_Charles:** I hope we have answered everyone's questions

**rortiz:** yes, thank you!

**Steven T:** Thank you! The chat was very informative!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** I think its hard to express just how excited we all are to welcome you to Pritzker

**Dr. Montag:** Hope to see you at revisit

**Pritzker\_Charles:** I want to encourage you to use the Facebook group to chat with each other and get to know one another

**PritzkerAllison:** Agreed! Can't wait to see you all at Revisit!

**PritzkerJulie:** Also- feel free to post questions in the Facebook group!! I'm getting lonely in there :-/

**deea\_star:** A quick last question for the current students: is there anything that you wished you knew before starting med school /

**Pritzker\_Charles:** don't be afraid to jump in!

**PritzkerBen:** Facebook.

**PritzkerBen:** Science-wise?

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Good question, Oana

**deea\_star:** notnecessarily

**PritzkerSylvia:** Please do know we are here to help - we want you to find the right school - we hope it is Pritzker but will celebrate with you when you decide you have found the right place

**Pritzker\_Charles:** What do you think Ben? Anything you wished you had known?

**asmmed01:** Thank you so much for all the helpful information! Can't wait for April 12th!

**deea\_star:** that is reassuring and I am in awe with the support that is available for students

**PritzkerJulie:** Oana- I will have to think about that one. Ask us again at Revisit!

**PritzkerSylvia:** But, also know, we will DANCE IN THE SUITE, when you come to Pritzker!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** lol we definitely do a dance when you tell us you are coming :)

**deea\_star:** I love to dance : ) one of my hobbies

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Oana, there are more of our students in the FB group...I would recommend posting that question there and seeing what they say :)

**PritzkerSylvia:** From my perspective students wish they had been better organized when they start - you will be off the ground and running pretty fast!

**PritzkerSylvia:** Make a budget

**PritzkerBen:** Nothing that I can think of right now. I felt incredibly well-prepared and also welcomed by the entire institution.

**deea\_star:** ok sure things and thank you for this it was very helpful

**PritzkerJulie:** Oh, yes. Good point, Sylvia! Move in early!!

**PritzkerJulie:** and never underestimate how long it will take you :-)

**Pritzker\_Charles:** thanks to you all for coming tonight. It looks like we are about out of time.

**Inosbusch:** What do you consider "early"?

**PritzkerJulie:** I would say give yourself at least one week

**Inosbusch:** thanks!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** and I will post the transcript tomorrow so you can review it again

**basto:** thanks so much for your time and effort it really shows! you guys are hands down the most welcoming and organized of the schools I visited. Very honoured to have a chance to be with you guys! I'm checking out though... I'll leave you with this thought: disco glow-in-the-dark bowling. (maybe it's only an Austin thing) thanks again!

**PritzkerSylvia:** We can do that!! There is a Chicago place just for you

**ortiz:** thank you so much for everything - I'm still not sure if I'll be able to come to revisit weekend so this was incredibly helpful. very much appreciated!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** unless there are more questions of course ;)

**Philip\_Asamoah:** Ok awesome thanks a lot, this chat was encouraging and beyond helpful!!! I look forward to seeing you (Charles and Sylvia) here at IU in a couple of weeks and I'm also stoked to meet you all at Revisit!

**jwatson54:** Thanks so much, everyone! I've been quiet tonight, but the info you've provided has been extremely helpful. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at revisit!

**Inosbusch:** Thank you for hosting the chat-it was very helpful. See you at revisit!

**Pritzker Darrell:** Thanks, what a thought! See you in April!

**deea\_star:** when do you think we can find out the date for the white coat ceremony ? in the schedule that we received is just a tentative one

**PritzkerAllison:** It was great chatting with everyone! See you at Revisit!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** we would be happy to host another chat anytime...

**PritzkerJulie:** Yay! Cannot wait to meet you all at Revisit!

**bennettlane:** Thanks for organizing the chat - helpful to have the chance to ask some practical questions.

**PritzkerSylvia:** And, everyone, remember to CELEBRATE your accomplishments!

**PritzkerCamille:** Great talking with you all! See you at Revisit!

**kkinasz:** Thank you! See you in a few weeks!

**Dr. Montag:** Thanks for joining us, see you in April.

**PritzkerBen:** For now, use the Facebook group as a 24-hour chatroom. Ask anything you want. :)

**Pritzker\_Charles:** definitely use the facebook group :)

**Pritzker Darrell:** Keep the questions coming on Facebook!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Please know that we are here as a resource for you

**deea\_star:** Thank you to all the moderators for taking the time and see you at revisit

**PritzkerSylvia:** We are looking forward to welcoming you back and giving you more information to help you make this decision

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Thank you, Oana for coming and asking your questions!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Thanks, Steven!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Thanks James!

**Pritzker\_Charles:** Thanks, Shakeela, Kate, and Jack!

**deea\_star:** Have a good night

**PritzkerSylvia:** All the best to each of you -- take care