

2011 Accepted Student Chat

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The following is a transcript of our 'Accepted Student' chat from June 28, 2011. Sylvia Robertson, Darrell Nabers, and Cynthia Frierson were the Pritzker administrators on the chat. The Pritzker students on the chat are:

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(pritzkerSylvia): Hi Kevin, thank you so much for doing this

(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome Roseanne!

(Pritzker Kevin): no problem!

(pritzkerSylvia): We are having a beautiful summer day here -- it is glorious -- where are you Roseanne?

(pritzkerSylvia): Kevin, what are you doing this summer?

(pritzkerSylvia): Besides helping us welcome the class of 2011!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Hi everyone!

(Pritzker Kevin): I am doing SRP and also TAing one of our pipeline programs - CAMP

(pritzkerSylvia): WELCOME HANNAH our AMAZING ORIENTATION CO CHAIR

(pritzkerSylvia): Who are you working with Kevin?

(Pritzker Kevin): I am working with Dr. Liauw in the Radiation Oncology department

(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome Darrell! Is Darius helping you chat?

(pritzkerSylvia): sounds, great, Kevin

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello, Darius is seeing 'Cars 2' with Jen...i'm jealous 'not'!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Haha

(PRITZKER Hannah): Cars 2 can't be as good as Cars

(Pritzker Darrell): Welcome everyone...thanks for taking the time to be with us and our accepted students!

(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome Rob and Solomon! We are so glad you are going to be a part of the Pritzker community!

(PRITZKER Hannah): That's for sure

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Hi everyone!

(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome Cynthia, our Director of Financial Aid

(pritzkerSylvia): Sylvia is our Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

(pritzkerSylvia): I am the Director of Admissions and I will be moderating the meeting. Occasionally I will drop in links to help you with questions you may have. Feel free to explore those links and come back to the meeting with additional questions.

(Pritzker Darrell): I don't think they can actually respond to us until 6, they are registering early...good sign!

sgreenberg: Is that true?

sgreenberg: Or is it 6 now?

sgreenberg: Either way...hi!

rob_satx: Hi Sylvia, thanks for welcoming us!

(Pritzker Darrell): It is now 6, welcome!

(Pritzker Darrell): We have decoded names of students and staff for those of you participating on the chat. PritzkerDrMontag- Dr.Tony Montag, Associate Dean of Admissions PritzkerSylvia- Sylvia Robertson, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid PritzkerDarrell- Darrell Nabers, Director of Admission and Outreach PritzkerCynthia-Cynthia Frierson, Director of Financial Aid Pritzker Hannah- 2011 Orientation Co-Chair Pritzker Kevin-2010-11 SNMA President Pritzker Kim-2011 Academic Orientation Co-Chair Pritzker Sean-2011 Orientation Co-Chair Pritzker Vanessa-2010-11 LMSA President

(pritzkerSylvia): Glad you are here - prompt is a good thing for med school students

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Solomon, Rob, and Roseanne-welcome!

(pritzkerSylvia): Let us know your questions -- what you are thinking about the transition ahead

rob_satx: I definitely owe it to the reminders that Darrell sent out, thanks for those

(Pritzker Darrell): Are you excited for August to start!

(Pritzker Darrell): That was a statement not a question, i'll pose it as a question now...are you excited?!

roseanne: Hi everyone, thanks for setting this up!

rob_satx: absolutely, though still enjoying my summertime to relax here in san antonio =)
(PRITZKERkim): good !! enjoy your summer !!
(pritzkerSylvia): welcome Courtney and Brian!
(Pritzker Darrell): That's what summer is for, to enjoy! Quite a drought down south, eh?
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Rob are you a Texan?
Court Orsbon: Hi!
(pritzkerSylvia): Hannah, what are you doing this summer besides all of the orientation work?
(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Courtney and Brian! Welcome.
rob_satx: hi cynthia, yup! born and raised
(PRITZKER Cynthia): I'm a Texan, as well, and so is Darrell.
(pritzkerSylvia): Trent stopped by today -- one of our students from Texas -- he is loving our weather!
(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome Michael! We are glad you are here
(Pritzker Darrell): We can answer any questions you have about Pritzker, orientation, or whatever you'd like. Yes, i was raised in Houston...today was no Houston summer day... it is beautiful here!
Court Orsbon: Hah--I'm missing Chicago's weather, it hit the 90's today in the Carolinas
(PRITZKER Hannah): I'm doing SSP this summer here at Pritzker. SSP = Summer Service Partnership. I'm working on a community service project on teen stress in a neighborhood in the South Side called Woodlawn. Great times so far!
(Pritzker Darrell): Did the kitten save you some fingers for the chat, Courtney?
rob_satx: i'll be to be in good texan company. and i'm lookin forward to making the move to chicago, and catch a little bit of the summer there
(pritzkerSylvia): We are really looking forward to welcoming you all in a few weeks -- how can we help!
sgreenberg: Relative humidity's about 150% today on the Jersey shore
Court Orsbon: Haha, yeah
Court Orsbon: My forearms are pretty torn up though
(pritzkerSylvia): Hannah that sounds wonderful -- I would love to hear more about it
(PRITZKER Hannah): Get pumped for orientation, everyone!
(Pritzker Darrell): Sounds like a frisky kitten!
(pritzkerSylvia): What is the kitten's name
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Great Rob. We can't wait until everyone is here!
Court Orsbon: Cleopus Maximus
(pritzkerSylvia): And you call her/him
(Pritzker Darrell): Now that's quite a name!
Court Orsbon: Cleo--my friends thought it was a girl until they took it to the vet, at which point it aquired the "pus Maximus"
(PRITZKER Vanessa): Hi! I'm doing SSP too! Except I'm working in the South Chicago community and we're focusing on obesity.
(PRITZKER Hannah): Go, SSP!
(pritzkerSylvia): Courtney you are wonderful -- we had a dog once with the same confusion -- named it Norma and then he spent a life as Norman
(Pritzker Darrell): Tell us about your SSP work, sounds fascinating!
rob_satx: yeah, how is SSP going for folks who are doing it this summer?
(pritzkerSylvia): Explain SSP Vanessa and Hannah please -- it is such an important program -- you are making a real difference
Court Orsbon: How does the SSP compare to the summer research experience, or am I having a brain *****and they are the same thing?
(pritzkerSylvia): WELCOME SEAN -- OUR AMAZING ORIENTATION CO CHAIR!!!
(PRITZKER Sean): Hi guys, sorry Im late
(pritzkerSylvia): Hi Sarah, I am so glad you have joined us -- cannot wait to welcome you here!
(Pritzker Darrell): We offer a funded summer research program to rising 2nd year students. About 2/3 of the class will elect to participate in this program and will participate in a basic science or clinical research project of their choosing. The summer concludes with a symposium where participating students present their research. Check it out!
<http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/current/students/summerresearch.shtml>
Court Orsbon: hm....forgive me, I didn't know flatulence would get censored out :-/
sarahmurbur: Thanks!
(PRITZKER Sean): Like Sylvia said, I am also one of the orientation co-coordinators with Hannah, I am currently doing SRP work right now if you have any questions about that let me know
(PRITZKERkim): I'm also participating in SRP and can field any questions
(pritzkerSylvia): amylyk -- I need a clue

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Sean, please share what you're doing in SRP.

amylk: Hi, Sylvia! it's Amy Kaufman. Just got back to the US from Israel this morning so I am exhausted and jet lagged..but I wanted to listen in.

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Amy and Sarah...welcome!

sarahmurbut: Here's a quick question for current students -- I had some trouble using Safari to log on, and was wondering if Macs are still okay at Pritzker? I'm a big Apple fan:)

rob_satx: Quick question that someone also posted on the facebook group about furniture. Did students use the UChicago marketplace to get cheap furniture when they were first moving in? Or did folks just rely on Craigslist? I won't be getting to Chicago til July 22nd and wonder if there might not be much stuff there

(pritzkerSylvia): Absolutely!!! Amy, welcome back! Feel free to just list and dose off -- glad you are back safely and hope it was a wonderful trip. I would love any pictures!

Court Orsbon: I was wondering the same about apple

(pritzkerSylvia): YES -- many students use macs!

(PRITZKERkim): I'm a mac user, and find that most everything is compatible, but I use firefox as a web browser

(PRITZKER Sean): My SRP is geared towards medical education- I am currently mentoring a group of 4 high school students and 2 undergrads in the hospital while doing a study on how quickly pain medication is provided for patients. My main focus is on helping the students get more interested in the research

(Pritzker Kevin): Rob - I used UChicago Marketplace and was able to find almost all of my furniture in like 4 or 5 days

(pritzkerSylvia): I am on a mac -- I had trouble with Chrome though

(pritzkerSylvia): Right, I am on firefox now

(Pritzker Darrell): <http://groups.google.com/group/pritzker-ms15-housing?msg=new&lnk=gcis> for those of you who have not seen the housing forum started by students.

(PRITZKER Hannah): Sorry, did Vanessa answer the SSP question???

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Sean, that sounds fascinating.

rob_satx: Cool, good to know Kevin. It'd help with trying to find stuff on a budget. thanks

sarahmurbut: Thanks!

(Pritzker Kevin): yeah they actually often have free couches on there too - but I'd recommend investing in a couch cover for those

(PRITZKERkim): I don't think the SSP question was answered hannah

(pritzkerSylvia): Not yet, please talk about SSP -- it is often one of the most surprising things about Pritzker

amylk: Awh, thank you. I have a question about the orientation schedule. Will we have free time at all on Saturday to pick up relatives from the airport who may be flying in for White Coat?

(PRITZKER Sean): Thanks Cynthia- it has definitely been a good experience so far- SRP is really nice in that there is a wide variety of both clinical and basic science research projects available

Court Orsbon: Medical education reminded me...about the Scholarship and Discovery--what's it like learning about and choosing a track?

(pritzkerSylvia): Thinking about living on a budget -- I like that thought! We will soon be mailing you the Suze Orman book "Young, Broke and Fabulous!" It is a great resource for your planning

(PRITZKER Sean): all of the tracks will be presented to you guys during the first few weeks of class, but dont feel pressure to choose one right away- Even at the end of our first year we still did not have to make a final decision

(PRITZKER Vanessa): Well so far SSP going great! We have very dedicated high school students who are working on our team. We are working on obesity and have 3 separate projects that we are working on at the same time. The first project includes giving nutritional classes to kids and parents throughout the community especially targeting kids who are obese. We are also planning to start community gardens since the South Chicago neighborhood has many empty lots that are full of trash. The last project involves activism to try to raise awareness about the unhealthy school lunches that are being served in schools. For this we are setting up meetings with the alderman and to bring in media to get the word out. SSP also involves mentoring high school students and helping them prepare for college. We also try to expo

allainm: Hi all...any suggestions for the moving process from out of state? Do most students find a place remotely or move early and stay somewhere temporarily until they find a place?

rob_satx: just a follow up on amy's question about getting to and from the airport. i think i have some family wanting to take an early flight out of midway on monday after white coat. are taxis easy to come by around the regents area? or can they just plan to call one the morning of their flight?

(pritzkerSylvia): I know the first lecture about it is Aug 9 -- our admissions staff will join you so we can keep learning about this amazing program

(Pritzker Darrell): <http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/current/students/orientation/> Hannah and Sean did a great deal of work to get the information out to you regarding planning for the orientation. Since the chairs are on the call here, maybe they can give you some more detail...they have email access through the link provided. Hannah and Sean is the schedule set for the orientation days yet?

(pritzkerSylvia): Yes, it is very easy to get taxis from Regents -- let the doorman know in advance and he will have one ready

(PRITZKERkim): I can only speak from experience. I moved from California with my husband and we rented remotely. We've been happy so far. I can't speak for other students though.

(PRITZKER Hannah): Okay, great. SSP is a summer opportunity for rising second years. We partner with high schools in the South Side and develop a (hopefully) sustainable community project in your community. It's a great opportunity to work with high school students and get out in the community!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Sorry, way belated response to the SSP thing.

(pritzkerSylvia): Where are you living Kim?

(PRITZKER Hannah): And the orientation schedule isn't finalized yet!

(PRITZKERkim): I live in Hyde Park

(pritzkerSylvia): Right, Hannah -- you are a SECOND year -- how does that feel?

(PRITZKER Hannah): CRAZY!

(PRITZKER Sean): Rob- glad you brought that up, we literally decided today to switch some stuff around and give you guys monday morning of orientation off, activities will not resume until about noon on Monday- and yes, it is pretty easy to get a cab from regents to midway which is relatively close by

(PRITZKER Hannah): I can hardly believe first year is over. It was so much fun.

(pritzkerSylvia): Seems like yesterday you arrived

rob_satx: great, thanks for the responses Sylvia and Sean.

RichSchroeder: Hey, I had a question about laptops. What types of computers do most students have? Do many people use any type of tablets for lectures? Are there any computer discounts through the university?

(PRITZKER Hannah): I have a mac!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Go, macs!

(pritzkerSylvia): Yes, the computer store does have bundles -- I will go look for the link

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sgreenberg: I know Dell gives a UChicago discount

allainm: Huh? Didn't like my question.

Court Orsbon: The computer store has student pricing too--about \$100 off MacBook Pros

(pritzkerSylvia): <http://itservices.uchicago.edu/services/sales/> I cannot speak if the prices are the best or not but here is the link

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(pritzkerSylvia): Ben Ferguson, the podcast guru loves macs

(PRITZKERkim): Our class is split in terms of Mac and PC users.

(pritzkerSylvia): Thanks, Courtney!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Mac users are way cooler

(PRITZKER Hannah): I totally love my mac

yseesy: are there plenty of outlets in the lecture hall?

(PRITZKER Hannah): But anything you're comfortable with will work great for school!

(pritzkerSylvia): Ok Michael, I am trying -- any hints

allainm: Looks like I'm having technical difficulties...did anyone see my previous question?

RichSchroeder: are the exams on computers? I know at other schools they did that.

(PRITZKER Hannah): Exams are not on computers

(PRITZKERkim): My understanding is they're remodeling the lectures halls this summer...so I imagine there will be more outlets than previously

(PRITZKER Hannah): They're written

sgreenberg: Allain, I got "Normal 0 false false false EN-US X-NONE X-NONE"

sgreenberg: ...Probably not what you were intending to post

(PRITZKERkim): same here

(pritzkerSylvia): We have people here successfully on firefox

Court Orsbon: How can first years help out with the admissions office for the incoming 2012 class?

(pritzkerSylvia): I had trouble on Chrome

(PRITZKER Sean): you guys can start interviewing people starting in about november

allainm: My question was about housing: Why do so many students choose to live in Regents Park?

Are any other buildings particularly popular? (I don't think it liked my copy/paste. I'm using firefox).
rmcdern2: Hey all from Germany! Actually to piggyback onto Rich's question, has anyone jumped on the iPad train yet? I know schools are starting to switch/test them out, and that even UChicago's internal med residency is using them, just wondering if anyone has started yet
yseesy: Do any students recommend housing other than Regents. Regents seems kind of far from everything even with the buses.

(pritzkerSylvia): YES YES Please we will ask first years to help with lunches and tours and in November will ask you to start interviewing -- we absolutely value and need your help

sgreenberg: Regents is a lot closer than you'd think--walking is a bad idea in the Chicago winter anyway

(Pritzker Darrell): I think it would be a good idea for our accepted students to tell us their real names (not handles), and where you are coming from!

(pritzkerSylvia): WELCOME RYAN! Are you with your family?

(PRITZKERkim): there are a handful of students with ipads

bthurber: Regents gives a small discount to grad students

(pritzkerSylvia): I love my IPAD and with evernote (I make no money from it) I use it everywhere

(PRITZKER Hannah): Someone in our class has an ipad!

sgreenberg: Although MAC and Parker-Holsman will rent to you for sure

Court Orsbon: If none of the admins or current students have lived in graduate student housing, I could comment on it if anyone would like

(PRITZKER Hannah): Actually two people have ipads

rmcdern2: Yep happily back home visiting family for the summer!

(pritzkerSylvia): Please do Courtney

(Pritzker Darrell): http://rs.uchicago.edu/graduate_housing/locations.shtml here's a map of grad housing properties if anyone is interested.

rmcdern2: and thank you for the response on iPads. The option seems pretty interesting, plus new tech toys are always fun

allainm: Hi, I'm Michael Allain and I'm coming from Seattle. I'll probably be moving late, looking to sign a lease for August 1st.

(PRITZKER Sean): As far as the housing question is concerned I live in regents and yes there is a housing discount but you can probably find some cheaper housing within hyde park. The big plus to regents is that there is indoor parking, its safe, and the apartments are very nice. Hannah can probably comment on other living in hyde park

(pritzkerSylvia): finding a place in Hyde Park is not like Boston or San Francisco

(Pritzker Darrell): <http://groups.google.com/group/pritzker-ms15-housing?msg=new&lnk=gcis> Hello Michael, have you tried the student housing forum yet?

(pritzkerSylvia): you will be able to find a place

Court Orsbon: I've been really happy with it--my husband and I had a 760 sqft 1BR apartment down the street from Regents, and the staff were super friendly and helpful, and paying rent and getting problems fixed was super easy. A lot of utilities are covered at most places except for internet.

Overall, we managed to live comfortably on my husband's student loans and a part-time job. Overall assessment: comfortable, not luxurious. A great place if you want a spacious 1BR without breaking the bank!

(Pritzker Darrell): Absolutely!

allainm: yes, I've looked at the housing forum, but since I'm moving with my fiance, I won't be looking for a roommate

(pritzkerSylvia): basically do not stress about anything about the move -- we will help

(pritzkerSylvia): CONGRATULATIONS Michael and I am so relieved those crazy email messages were not some code from you!

(Pritzker Darrell): Michael, grad housing is a great resource as well...

(Pritzker Darrell): http://rs.uchicago.edu/graduate_housing/locations.shtml

(PRITZKER Cynthia): One suggestion regarding housing, I'm hearing that some landlords are asking for documented income. Use your financial aid award letter for that purpose.

(pritzkerSylvia): This is a big move for you so let us know how we can help -- what does your fiance do?

rob_satx: For folks who lived in Regents first year, any advice for the move in process? It seems pretty straightforward, but any things incoming tenants should look out for?

allainm: She's doing research right now, but will likely take some time off when me move before looking for something in Chicago.

(pritzkerSylvia): Arrange the freight elevator in advance -- my husband and I moved here 3 years ago

when I needed to stop commuting for my back -- it is so easy here (and again, I make no money on this recommendation :)

(pritzkerSylvia): Let us know if we can help her

(Pritzker Darrell): There are a lot of housing options close to campus and throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. The University has a "Graduate Student Housing" office if you would like to be in a university-owned building. There are also many privately owned buildings throughout the neighborhood as well. Recently you should have received a guidebook called "Life at Pritzker" that gives a lot of great tips. Check the Orientation website which includes a housing board that can help you identify places for rent and also to find roommates!

(PRITZKER Sean): rob- definitely do what sylvia said and get that freight elevator on reserve

srgreenberg: Alright guys, it's dinner time. Nice talking to all of you, I'll see you in August!

allainm: Ok, thanks!

Court Orsbon: Enjoy dinner, see you soon!

(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks for joining us, Solomon

(pritzkerSylvia): Goodbye Solomon -- stay in touch

(PRITZKERkim): My husband and I live on 61st Street south of the Law School. We found our apartment on the u chicago site

rob_satx: Thanks Sean and Sylvia, I'll try and get that freight elevator reservation taken care of

rmcderm2: I was actually wondering about third year/doing rotations at the location north of the city (northshore if I'm not mistaken?). What do students do about housing when they rotate up there? do they live up there? commute? etc

(pritzkerSylvia): I'll be right back as well -- talk among yourselves

yseesy: Does regents have AC and dishwasher?

(Pritzker Darrell): Any other questions out there? It seems like the orientation mailings have been answering a lot of them, yes?

(PRITZKERkim): Some commute, but Pritzker puts students up in a hotel for the duration of the rotation

bthurber: the orientation mailings have been very helpful

(PRITZKER Sean): housing gets covered by the school during away rotations at north shore- they pay to put you up in a great hotel

Court Orsbon: oooo--that's cool!

Court Orsbon: what rotations do people do @ North Shore?

(PRITZKER Sean): other places though you have to commute that are not as far north

rmcderm2: wow that sounds so awesome!

amyk: the orientation mailings have been great! i am looking through the latest now... are there a decent amount of used books up for sale when school starts?

(PRITZKER Sean): but the vast majority of the time you will either be at the U of C hospital or northshore

(Pritzker Darrell): <http://www.regentsparkchicago.com/gallery.php> i don't work for Regents, but here are some fancy pictures of the property.

allainm: Does anyone have suggestions about cars for first year students? I probably could afford to have one but not sure if it's worth the money or hassle.

(PRITZKER Sean): yes- we are collecting books for the book sale right now- i assure you there will be plenty

(Pritzker Darrell): People do have cars on campus--probably about 60% of first-year students have one. Chicago does have a very accessible public transportation system, so you don't need to feel like you have to have a car in order to get around. When you look for housing, you will need to keep parking in mind if you do have a car. Some apartment complexes will charge extra for a space in their parking garage. There is free street parking around campus--but you usually need to be on campus pretty early in the day to find a spot. There is also a paid garage on campus that is about \$85 a month.

(PRITZKERkim): there will be a lot of books for sale, but we can't guarantee there will be enough for everyone.

(PRITZKERkim): you should know that second, third and fourth year students send out email throughout the year offering to sell their books at a discounted rate

yseesy: Hi, I just saw the request-- this is Josh Eassa from St. Charles, IL

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Josh!

allainm: Ok, thanks (@Darrell)

Court Orsbon: allainm--I moved up to Chicago from the Carolinas, and in the Carolinas we're more or less dependent on cars. That said, I didn't bring a car and haven't missed it--and the money saved is fantastic!

amyk: great! thanks sean and kim.

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Hi Josh!!

(PRITZKER Sean): good call kim- some books there will be leftovers of, but some might sell out
allainm: great!

(pritzkerSylvia): welcome JOSH!

bthurber: I'm planning on selling my car before I come

Court Orsbon: I have a question about cars during MS3 though...do most people need one for that?

I'm living on 51st, and will it be an issue getting to the hospital early if I don't have a car?

(Pritzker Darrell): Getting around Hyde Park is pretty easy, wouldn't you all agree??

rmcderm2: how secure is the parking garage on campus? and can students park there over night or not?

(pritzkerSylvia): Please remember to complete the Matriculating Student Questionnaire!

rob_satx: the mailings have been really helpful for sure, thanks for the work put into them

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Hyde Park and the University have great transportation and for the most part, it's free.

(Pritzker Darrell): The garages are safe and reasonable, in particular the garage on Ellis and 55th is a great option late...they don't charge you to park there after 4.

(pritzkerSylvia): And, the hospital parking lot has an overnight option for our students on call

(PRITZKERkim): I don't know of any MS3 who has purchased a car for third year.

yseesy: Do most notes from lectures consist of powerpoints? Do students generally take notes directly in powerpoing underneath each slide

rob_satx: following up on questions about textbooks: the info in the mailing about anatomy textbooks was pretty helpful. did any current students look to find the books before they got to campus? like on amazon to see if they could find them cheap?

(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome ELISE!!!!

(PRITZKER Sean): yes- most lectures are powerpoints you can take notes on on your computer

(PRITZKERkim): yes most lectures are powerpoints that are available for download.

(PRITZKERkim): haha...sorry sean

(PRITZKERkim): there are some people who take handwritten notes though

(pritzkerSylvia): And, have you completed the Matriculating Student Questionnaire? :)

(PRITZKERkim): most lectures are recorded too and available on a site called TimeSpace. There will be a presentation on how to access those during orientation

(pritzkerSylvia): If not, there is time but please make it a priority -- my last nudge for tonight

(Pritzker Darrell): <http://kakashi.uchicago.edu/timespace/>

(Pritzker Kevin): Rob - last year I waited to buy books second hand and then some of the books I couldn't find I order online but to be honest I didn't really use the text books outside of Gray's at all

bthurber: Are we going to receive our Univ. of Chicago ID numbers soon?

(pritzkerSylvia): And, timespace has a really amazing search tool that students help develop

yseesy: and ouchicago emails as well

(Pritzker Kevin): GGray's and Netter's*

(pritzkerSylvia): I think the info about ids and emails come in the next mailing -- is that right Sean and Hannah?

(Pritzker Darrell): i'm certain that is covered in a pending mailing, we have another one scheduled for mid-July

(PRITZKER Hannah): So, info on IDs and emails should be heading your way mid July, I do believe

(Pritzker Darrell): see the timespace link for more information about UC TIME

(Pritzker Darrell): <http://kakashi.uchicago.edu/timespace/>

allainm: Speaking of textbooks, did anyone do any studying before classes started? I've heard from most people that this is not advisable, but just curious if anyone found it helpful.

rob_satx: cool, thanks Kevin. yeah, that's the same feeling i got from the info mailing - Gray's and Netter's are clutch.

(pritzkerSylvia): Please Michael, enjoy time with your finance -- honest

(pritzkerSylvia): oops I spelled that wrong

(PRITZKER Hannah): I understand that you are officially registered as a student after July 16th, so you can access the athletic facilities with your ID numbers. Basically you just go up to the front desk and give them your name, and they'll be able to find you in the system. At least, that's what I've been told!

(pritzkerSylvia): you know what I mean, right?

(PRITZKERkim): I don't know of anyone who studied prior to the first day of Anatomy

rob_satx: yeah, i was a bit thrown off when i saw that the anatomy advice said that it might be helpful to look over some of the embryology terms?

allainm: Haha, yeah. Thanks

(PRITZKER Hannah): Seriously no need to study now. You'll be studying enough during the year.

(Pritzker Darrell): Don't forget to visit www.aamc.org/msq and complete the critically important questionnaire -- the AAMC Matriculating Student Questionnaire (MSQ). The MSQ is a very important tool in our efforts to be certain we are meeting the needs of applicants and matriculating students. The AAMC will send you a link to this as well but, because it is so important, we are bringing it to your attention. This is your first responsibility as a future Pritzker student and we know you want your class to achieve the same 98% completion rate as the last 3 years!

(pritzkerSylvia): Rest, enjoy, get organized in all areas of your life -- and then look forward to medical school! honest our students are happy

yseesy: Do any students have jobs and how many hours per week do you work?

(Pritzker Darrell): You can fill out the MSQ instead of studying ;-)

(PRITZKER Hannah): Any other questions about orientation???

(pritzkerSylvia): great point Darrell

bthurber: are we going to get more details about what we're doing at orientation?

(pritzkerSylvia): I would encourage some study of the history of baseball as it relates to the Cubs and the White Sox

(pritzkerSylvia): Another series for the history books coming up this weekend

rob_satx: thanks Sylvia, looks like that'd be necessary seeing as how football and basketball will be in lockout modes this year...

(pritzkerSylvia): I am hopeful, always hopeful

(pritzkerSylvia): so you know I am a Cubs fan

(PRITZKERkim): I teach CPR, but only a couple times a month. I don't know of any students who have regular jobs. I do know that some tutor, but the vast majority do not have jobs. MS2s correct me if I'm wrong.

(PRITZKER Hannah): We're still finalizing the details of the orientation schedule, but there'll be a bunch of social events, food, and presentations from different members of the faculty and administration. I promise that it's lots of fun, but it's also definitely a jam packed weekend. Rest up for it!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Also, you have white coat to look forward to, and that was definitely one of my favorite things about first year!

bthurber: ok, cool

Court Orsbon: Are there any orientation events open to spouses/partners/significant others?

Court Orsbon: Aside from White Coat?

(PRITZKER Hannah): Yes, Court, there are. There's a nontrad barbecue being planned for the beginning of the year

(pritzkerSylvia): And prepare your family you will be very busy -- Pritzkerites -- how much time during orientation do they have for family -- what about before white coat, etc

(Pritzker Kevin): I tutored starting in Sept for about an 1 a week

(PRITZKERkim): Some significant others came to the evening events last year

(pritzkerSylvia): White Coat is a transformative event for you -- each year it inspires all of us

(Pritzker Kevin): an hour*

(Pritzker Darrell): Congratulations again on your acceptance to Pritzker, and welcome to the Chat! We are eager to answer any questions you may have, so please feel free to jump right in! If you see your question "fall off" the screen just ask it again!

(PRITZKER Hannah): So, there is a general schedule we sent out in the second mailing that gives you an idea of what time chunks are filled by orientation during that weekend. You'll have the morning of white coat off, I'm pretty sure.

(PRITZKERkim): Are there any more questions about academics/books/etc.??? I'll be signing out soon

(PRITZKER Sean): yea, and the following monday morning will be off as well probably

(Pritzker Darrell): Yes, we have a new crew coming aboard in a few minutes, so ask your questions of the orientation chairs and academic orientation chairs now...

(PRITZKER Hannah): Right, Sean! We just had a meeting today where we hashed out some scheduling stuff.

Court Orsbon: Attire for orientation?

(PRITZKER Hannah): ANything you're comfortable in

rmcderm2: Yes kim, actually I saw netter's atlas is recommended but does anyone get Grant's atlas? or is netters the thing to go with?

(PRITZKER Hannah): You might want to dress up for white coat though. I'd recommend it.

(pritzkerSylvia): White Coat is more formal

yseesy: when do students normally do their abroad experiences and is there funding available for them?

(pritzkerSylvia): For White Coat wear something without a jacket because you will need to have the white coat placed over what you have on

(PRITZKERkim): Most people use netter's or rohan's as an atlas.

rmcderm2: thanks kim

(PRITZKERkim): I'm sure Grant's atlas would work though

(PRITZKER Sean): and its gonna be hot in your white coat ceremony- there isnt any AC in that church

(PRITZKER Hannah): Lots of students go abroad during the summer between first and second year.

And there's funding around for it here at PRitzker

(pritzkerSylvia): The White Coat picture will last your lifetime -- think of grandmothers, aunts, etc wanting one

allainm: Does anyone know if the dates for SRP and the Pritzker Academic Calendar will be pretty similar next year to this year? I'm hoping to do SRP next summer and come home afterwards to get married (it looks like there are a couple weeks open between SRP and M2?) and my fiance is harping on me to figure out whether that would work...I know it's really far off.

(Pritzker Darrell): http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/current/students/advising/symposia_first.shtml some other details of the first year experience shared here.

(PRITZKER Hannah): I just noticed we have two Notre Damers in the chat! Hi, guys!!!

(pritzkerSylvia): right, we try to place fans but it is a very special chapel because it is very old -- extraordinary space -- you will never forget it

(Pritzker Darrell): Golden Domer alert!!

(pritzkerSylvia): ABSOLUTELY!

(PRITZKER Sean): haha, this is true sylvia

(PRITZKERkim): The dates should be similar. There is a break between SRP and the beginning of Second year

(PRITZKERkim): SRP is generally 10 weeks

madrie: Hi! I have a kind of random question, I am going to a wedding in September and I wanted to probably buy a flight before school starts, so I was hoping to get an idea of what the Friday schedules are, thanks!

rob_satx: quick question about the upcoming academic schedule - is there any idea when that might be posted?

allainm: great, thanks

(PRITZKER Sean): the academic calender from what I know has the same weekly schedule as it did last year, but obvioulsy the exact dates will be a little different

rmcderm2: haha hey hannah! ND love

rob_satx: i've been using last year's as a reference, but in case i wanted to book travel back home or have friends who might be interested in visiting

RichSchroeder: gotta love that notre dame

(pritzkerSylvia): Michael, I would encourage you to touch base with Dr. Reddy to talk about the plans for your wedding -- she will give you good advice about the dates -- I heard her doing this just today with a rising 1st year

rob_satx: cool, so i can expect exams like for anatomy and other classes to be around the same time?

(PRITZKER Hannah): Congrats on graduating! Wasn't graduation in the stadium awesome?!

allainm: Ok, I'll do that Sylvia

(pritzkerSylvia): I'm going to the Notre Dame and Maryland game in DC -- cannot wait! - Just for fun

(PRITZKER Sean): yes- you could probably expect the exams to be the same time- we have already figured out some scheduling stuff around that

(PRITZKER Hannah): So jealous, Sylvia!!!

rob_satx: thanks for the info Sean!

RichSchroeder: thats crazy, I'm definitely hoping to get to a couple games too

bthurber: how frequently do exams occur?

(pritzkerSylvia): I will send pictures and of course worship at the National Catherdal -- a very special place for me

(PRITZKER Hannah): Definitely doable, Rich. I went to two games last fall. Plus you can just grab the south shore and head out to South Bend no problem!

(PRITZKER Sean): about every week and a half during anatomy there is an exam

(PRITZKER Hannah): Minus head and neck.

(PRITZKER Hannah): Exam for h&n is after like two and a half weeks

(PRITZKER Sean): Rich- one guy in our class went to every single home ND game last year... so its doable if you really want to see them that bad every week

(pritzkerSylvia): please! minus head and neck -- what an imagine

bthurber: thanks

(PRITZKERkim): @madrie- the thing to be concerned about is a possible exam, but if it happens to conflict with your flight, Jim and Dr. Ross are good about rescheduling so people can make important events. Just let them know in advance. There will probably be lecture in the afternoon from 1-2 and dissection from 2-5, but don't hold me to that

RichSchroeder: sounds cool!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Any last questions for us orientation chairs???

rmcdern2: graduation was amazing, and yeah sounds perfect! I guess like someone else asked, how busy are weekends? If you were able to go to some games, hopefully not INCREDIBLY terrible

(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome PHILLIP!! It is so good to have you join us!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Yeah, weekend trips are totally manageable during anatomy if you plan ahead and use your time wisely!

(Pritzker Darrell): I've been told that Dr. Ross gives you one re-schedule for an exam, so this may be the one for you @madrie.

(PRITZKER-Alan): Hi everyone! I dunno if I'm early or not, but my name is Alan Schurle and I'm a rising second year. I'll be here from 7-8, so I hope you left at least a few questions for me...

(PRITZKER Sean): if you plan ahead you can almost always manage to take a weekend day off

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Hi Phillip!

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Alan, right on time...the late shift has begun to arrive!

(PRITZKER Sean): Ok guys, im gonna head out, but if you have any questions email me at Swearingen10@gmail.com or the orientation email address, thanks!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Okay, I'm going to head out, everyone! Can't wait to meet you all soon for orientation!!! Happy summer!

(pritzkerSylvia): Taking a weekend day off is a practice I encourage for a lifetime -- not one I have entirely mastered but am trying -- you have to learn to have a balance and if you do not learn it in medical school you never will (sorry, my sermon for the day)

(pritzkerSylvia): THANK YOU SEAN

(pritzkerSylvia): THANK YOU HANNAH

(PRITZKER-Alan): Bye Sean and Hannah!

(PRITZKER Hannah): Thanks, Sylvia! Have a good night everyone!

Court Orsbon: Thanks Sean and Hannah!

(Pritzker Kevin): I am also heading out. Have a great summer everyone!

(Pritzker Darrell): Because we will have some new student joining and others departing, please feel free to re-introduce yourselves, some of you have rather mysterious handles ;-)

(PRITZKERkim): okay MS15, it's been nice chatting !! Congratulations again!! Enjoy your summer and I'll see you in August. If there are any academic/book related questions please email me at

kclinite@uchicago.edu

(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks, Kim!

(pritzkerSylvia): Thank you so much Kimberly!

rmcdern2: Thanks so much Sean, Hannah and Kevin!

rmcdern2: and kim!

(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks Sean and Hannah...great work with orientation!

allainm: Thanks everyone

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Thanks a bunch!!

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): Hey guys! Im Jon one of the MS14's

(Pritzker Darrell): You're welcome Michael!

roseanne: Thanks so much, everyone! I think I will have to head out as well...

(pritzkerSylvia): Thank you so much Jon -- what do you think about Chicago summer!

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Jon, welcome to the chat!

(PRITZKER-Alan): Hi again everyone! Along with Jon, I'm one of the MS14s and my name is Alan Schurle

(pritzkerSylvia): THANK YOU Alan!

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): Chicago summer is awesome! More than makes up for the winter!

(pritzkerSylvia): Are you all ready for the Sox and Cubs this weekend and the Taste of Chicago...

(Pritzker Darrell): Absolutely!

(Pritzker Darrell): Yeah, has anyone been to 'the Taste' this week?

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): Definitely, I'm planning on making a second round for the Taste of Chicago soon!

rmcdern2: actually I did have a question about summertime. How long is the summer more or less? and when do classes start back up for second years?

(Pritzker Darrell): This is truly the best time to be in Chicago! A lot is going on!

(PRITZKER Cynthia): I saw some folks on the train today coming from the Taste and they had definitely enjoyed it.

(PRITZKER-Alan): I'm sorry to pest you about this, rmcderm2, but would you mind just giving us your name? For the new guys?

yseesy: do you recommend taking the metra electric line or are CTA busses the best way to get downtown?

(pritzkerSylvia): I had a wonderfully civilized lunch at the Atwood Cafe last Saturday while I thought about the great fun I would have had 20 years ago at the Taste :)

amylk: this is a random question..but are there discounts or specials for uchicago students for car rentals? i know most places won't rent to anyone under age 25 (or maybe that is just a california thing).

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Either will work. I use the Metra trains.

rmcderm2: oops sorry, It's Ryan here! joining all the way from Germany

bthurber: what time is it in germany?

(Pritzker Darrell): What are you doing in Germany, Ryan? Work or pleasure??

(PRITZKERndang): Hi everyone!

(pritzkerSylvia): Ryan, summer is much like in South Bend -- it either starts in April or July

(PRITZKER-Alan): @amylk: I don't know of any specials for car rentals and such, but there are programs where you can rent cars for only a few hours at a time, for instance if you need to make a grocery run or something

Philcarullo: HI sorry for the late reply, I was observing all of this on my iphone but it wouldnt let me type anything. When you said hi i ran to a computer just to tell you that i wasnt trying to be rude by not answering! :)

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Where in Germany?

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): best way downtown from Hyde Park is the Metra, right outside of Regents Park, but it is a more regular schedule that you have to plan around. The CTA is also great, and takes just a little longer to get right downtown

(PRITZKER-Alan): @amylk: as far as the age limit goes, I think that you can rent cars here if you're under 25 but it costs a little more

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Phil, this would be a tough assignment on an i-phone!

(pritzkerSylvia): Zip cars are all around campus and Regents has a site

(PRITZKER jess): Hello everyone. I'm Jessica, a 3rd yr med student. I'm here as a representative of the Latino Med Student Association.

(PRITZKER-Alan): @amylk: and you can always borrow your friends cars...

rmcderm2: My parents live over here and I grew up over in Europe my whole life. I'm in the west part, about ten minutes from France. And it's about 2am over here

(PRITZKER-Alan): Ryan, you are a trooper

(pritzkerSylvia): No worry, Phillip -- glad you are with us -- listening or not -- hope all is well and cannot wait to welcome you

(Pritzker Darrell): Yes, there are Zip Cars parked all over campus...they have pretty decent rates by the hour or daily.

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Jessica! Welcome!

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): I agree with Alan, that is dedication Ryan!

Philcarullo: Haha, yeah it was tough but i am happy to have made the chat, im really looking forward to starting class! i know it will be awesome!

bthurber: I heard somewhere that med students can take the bus for free. What about the Metra or CTA?

(PRITZKER-Alan): It IS awesome Phil

(pritzkerSylvia): It will be - you have made the right choice

rmcderm2: No worries. And thank you Sylvia, glad to know that the summer will pay off for the brutal winters! I've never been around Chicago for summer time so I am really excited. However as far as school is concerned, when do the students end first year and start second?

(PRITZKER-Alan): @bthurber: there are a few buses that run between campus and a few sites on the south side that you can ride for free as a med student, but most of the chicago public transit won't be free for you

(pritzkerSylvia): The buses in hyde park are free but others are not -- reasonable though

(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks Ryan for staying up late with us!

(PRITZKERndang): Hi everyone. I'm Ndang a rising 2nd year. I'm a representative of the Student National Medical association

(PRITZKER-Alan): @bthurber: I have a public transit card that is about \$80 a month for unlimited rides

and I don't have a car

rob_satx: Hi Jessica, my name's Rob and I'm from San Antonio. I'm definitely interested in LMSA

(pritzkerSylvia): The school year ends about June 8 and begins again about Sept 20

(PRITZKER Cynthia): The Metra will require a fare, but it's reasonable.

Philcarullo: Thanks Alan, and thank you Sylvia for all of your help! So i actually do have a question.

When we take a test do we get a score back but only a P or F is recorded on our transcript?

(Pritzker Darrell): Hello Ndang. Thanks for joining us!

(pritzkerSylvia): But, will Pritzker students please talk about what you do in the summer between first and second year

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(PRITZKER-Alan): Phillip--most often you get a numeric score back on a test but if it is about 65, you passed

(PRITZKER-Alan): some classes even give you a distribution of scores and what percentile you made

(PRITZKER jess): Hi Rob! It's nice to meet you. I'm glad to hear you're interested in LMSA.

(PRITZKERndang): sure, Sylvia! Students are free to take part in many different activities.

Philcarullo: Do we compete with others for the grade, so if everyone does well is about a 65 still pass?

(PRITZKER-Alan): NO COMPETITION

(pritzkerSylvia): Yes

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): Ryan: our summer is actually very generous! Most students stay in Chicago for a ten week summer research project that gives you an opportunity to find an interesting field, connect with a faculty mentor, and write a real research paper. It is also a paid position! But our summer goes from early june to mid/late september, so even with the summer research it gives you three or so weeks of nothing planned

Philcarullo: Good stuff, thanks...thats how it should be lol

(pritzkerSylvia): We trust you -- we know you are ready to do this

(PRITZKER-Alan): So if everyone gets a 95% on a test, everyone passes and is extremely happy and all hangs out happily and peacefully together

(PRITZKER-Alan): In my opinion, any other way of running a med school would just be insanity

rob_satx: i know the orientation chairs left already, but just thought of a question about whether there'll be some time there to find out more about all the student orgs?

(PRITZKER-Alan): Rob there will indeed

(pritzkerSylvia): and they celebrate with a party

(PRITZKER-Alan): Hahaha or two parties Sylvia!

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): hahah yes, to echo Alan - there is no competition whatsoever, 65 is just a set grade and it is wonderful

(PRITZKER-Alan): Rob: during orientation there will be a lot of information thrown at you about student groups, as well as the inclusion of a bunch of flyers and information in one of the mailings you'll be getting soon

(pritzkerSylvia): Pritzker has an abundance of student organizations, ranging from a group to take medical supplies to an underserved country, to groups for those interested in salsa dancing. As part of the U of C, you will also have access to all of the student groups on campus. Information about our student organizations can be found at: <http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/current/students/organizations/rmcderm>

rmcderm2: Jon, my question is that next summer I have to do 6 weeks of Army Training but still would really like to participate in something, either research oriented or abroad. I just don't know if it will be possible for them to let me miss one or two weeks

(pritzkerSylvia): I know that sounds canned because it is but check out the link

(PRITZKERndang): @rmcderm, you should be able to do so

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): Ryan: the summer research project is very flexible and you can work out scheduling with your mentor and tailor a project to your desires and availability....ndang, do you feel the same?

(pritzkerSylvia): Ryan, we regularly have military students and are able to accomodate their needs -- we have great appreciation for what you are doing and support it

(PRITZKERndang): I agree

amyIk: for current students, do most people pack a lunch between classes? eat out?

(PRITZKERndang): if you're interested in international travel the REMEDY group usually goes abroad

during the summer after our summer research. the trip usually takes place in september
rmcdern2: that's extremely encouraging. I was very worried and was actually in the process of trying to get a waiver to cut my training short to be able to participate. Glad to know it's not necessary!
(Pritzker Darrell): There is always food in the office it seems!
(PRITZKER-Alan): @amylk: It varies, but many pack lunches and there are crews that go out to eat as well
(PRITZKER-Alan): Also, to echo Darrell, if you want you can almost eat free lunch somewhere on campus every day
(pritzkerSylvia): YES pack a lunch, save money -- your ability to pack your lunch is a symptom of you being able to stay organized so pay attention to it. This only applies to 1 and 2 year -- after that -- budget more for buying lunch
(PRITZKER-Alan): Second only to cultivating medical knowledge, the most important skill you'll learn at med school is finding cheap/free food
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Great advice, Sylvia!
amylk: haha thanks! i was planning to mostly pack lunches but i didn't want to be the only one.
Court Orsbon: there's an iphone app that will help you find free food :-)
yseesy: how long is the REMEDY trip?
(Pritzker Darrell): Ha! I agree, many of you already have earned advanced degrees in that area :-)
(pritzkerSylvia): Share it Courtney!
Court Orsbon: it's the official UChicago iphone app
(PRITZKER jess): Lots of students get something to eat on campus. There is a small store in the med school building for food and several choices on campus. Lots of other students pack lunches- that's what i always did. You definitely wont be the only one to pack a lunch :)
(Pritzker Darrell): There's an app for that?!
Court Orsbon: there's an option for searching events by "Free Food"
Court Orsbon: Oh yeah :-)
(PRITZKER-Alan): Whoa! That is amazing Courtney!
(PRITZKER-Alan): You pretty much should already be a on this chat...
Philcarullo: are the anatomy labs open late?
(PRITZKERndang): @yseesy I believe it's about 14 days long
(PRITZKER-Alan): Phillip--you'll have access to the building, including the anatomy labs, at all times of the day and night
(PRITZKERndang): you can check out the website for more information <http://www.remedyuchicago.org/about.php>
(pritzkerSylvia): i see chats in Courtney's future :)
(PRITZKER jess): Yes, you can go to the anatomy labs any time your heart desires.
rmcdern2: hahah that is so cool about the free food app! Apple found a way to speak directly to my soul
Philcarullo: Awesome, and does the school have a simluation center, if so, do we use it a lot
(pritzkerSylvia): Again, though I encourage balance --
Philcarullo: Of course :)
(PRITZKER-Alan): @Philcarullo: There isn't, to my knowledge, an extensive simulation center at the Med school but there were several student orgs who traveled to other hospitals in the area to play with their simulation stuff
(PRITZKER-Alan): Pretty much, in the rare case U of C doesn't have it, there will be myriad opportunities for you to go and do whatever it is
(pritzkerSylvia): You will not believe what is happening with our simulation center -- the most amazing man is leading this in cooperation with Argonne, North Shore...amazing things ahead
(PRITZKER-Alan): oooohhh
(pritzkerSylvia): Just wait -- simulation is about to explode here
(PRITZKERndang): @Alan, i think it's up and coming
(PRITZKER-Alan): That is so freaking exciting
(Pritzker Darrell): Agreed!
(PRITZKER jess): A lot of students do rotations at Northshore Hospital and they have a very extensive simulation lab. It's amazing.
Philcarullo: Okay awesome, i heard its a good tool to have.
(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): sounds great!!
(Pritzker Darrell): For those with student organization questions...
(Pritzker Darrell): we have some reps here to answer your questions.
(pritzkerSylvia): I have no doubt we will be a leader in this area in the future - exciting things happening

(Pritzker Darrell): And, in case you missed it...

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(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): Yes, for anyone with free clinic questions - I'm one of the clinic coordinators for Washington Park Clinic - pediatric clinic that is fully student run

bthurber: when can students start participating at the free clinic?

(pritzkerSylvia): Jon,that is such important work -- how many families do you serve each week

(PRITZKER jess): I'm here as a representative of the Latino Medical Student Association

(Pritzker Darrell): Pritzkerites, please share with us your student org experience. Thanks!

yseesy: What types of events/activities do Pritzker students do with the other med students in Chicago?

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): On busy nights we can see from 10-15 patients, which can range from individual kids to entire families

rmcdern2: Yes jess, what kind of activities does the LMSA do?

(PRITZKERndang): I'm hear representing the Student National Medical Association, but I also spend time with Mission Nutrition, Diabetes Prevention Management Group and HIV Intervention Prevention Corps

(PRITZKER-Alan): To be honest, the single most surprising thing I found about med school was the vibrancy of the student org involvement. If anything, it is even more intense than undergrad since everyone is incredibly motivated and talented, so the student organizations are even more influential and active. Really, it has astounded me

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): A nice feature of all of our student clinics is that MS15's will be able to start working right away!

Camil Correia: I was wondering if we would be able to volunteer at multiple clinics to decide which was the best fit and if we had to narrow it down to 1 how the scheduling works? Do students rotate weeks or are you expected every night of the month the clinic is going on?

amy1k: hi jon- regarding the Washington Park free clinic, what responsibilities would a first year have?

(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome Camil -- We cannot wait to welcome you!!!! We have been looking forward to this.

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): If you are on a board for our clinic at Washington Park you are expected to volunteer at least one night a month - and if you are not on the board you can manage to get one night each quarter or semester depending on scheduling

Camil Correia: haha same here - it's been a long road but i think it'll be that much sweeter because of it

Camil Correia: Thanks Jon.

(PRITZKERndang): @ Camil, for certain clinics, you have to be a board member to volunteer, most of the others have sign up sheets to volunteer like Jon has described

(pritzkerSylvia): I agree -- please let me know if I can help in any way

(PRITZKER-Alan): @yseesy: regarding your question about interactions with other med schools in the area, there are pretty frequent social events for students of all schools to mingle

Philcarullo: I have to get going, but thank you everyone for your answers i look forward to meeting and seeing everyone in a few weeks!

(PRITZKER jess): Every year the Latino Medical Student Association has a regional conference that we attend. Many other med schools in the midwest participate and we hosted the conference 2 years ago (has it really been that long... :)). I think the best part of LMSA are the quarterly dinners at our physician mentor's home. It's a great time to meet other Latino med students, residents, and attendings. Everyone is so helpful and encourage each other through the difficulties of getting a medical education.

(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks Phil. See you soon!

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Thanks for participating Phil.

(pritzkerSylvia): Take care Phillip -- all the best, I am so glad you are joining us

(PRITZKER-Alan): @yseesy: and there are certain city-wide councils and activities (the Chicago Dept. of Health has councils where med students sit) that increase your interactions with other students. Like everything, if you make it a priority to see other students, you'll find lots of ways to do so. But as far as day-to-day operations go, I don't see too many students from UIC, Rush, Northwestern, etc.

(PRITZKER-Alan): Bye Phillip!

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): a first year volunteer at Washington Park actually gets the most patient interaction of the bunch - you will be the data collector and first person to speak with the patient and

find out more about them. Not to fear - there are attendings, residents, 4th year students, and second years around to guide you through every step and electronic medical records to make sure you ask the right questions and get all of the information. It's a great way to practice your communication skills in a clinical setting that is a unique combination of a learning environment for students as well as a rewarding and necessary service to those who need basic health care

(Pritzker Darrell): http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/current/students/organizations/deans_council.shtml if a student org does not currently exist, students can start one of their own!

(Pritzker Darrell): Congratulations again on your acceptance to Pritzker, and welcome to the Chat! We are eager to answer any questions you may have, so please feel free to jump right in! If you see your question "fall off" the screen just ask it again!

(pritzkerSylvia): Welcome Stephanie!!

(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks Jessica for sharing your experience of LMSA.

yseesy: Are students able to get UPasses?

(pritzkerSylvia): This is an important transition ahead -- what are you thinking, ,feeling -- we what you to feel ready

amylk: thanks jon!

(Pritzker Darrell): Jon, how often do you volunteer?

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): of course, amylk!

(pritzkerSylvia): can anyone help with UPASS? What is that?

(PRITZKER jess): The Latino Med Student Association (LMSA) is a very nurturing environment and I'm happy to answer any more questions about it.

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): As a coordinator, I volunteer roughly once or twice a month depending on availability. We require two board members there every tuesday night.

(PRITZKERndang): @yseesy, UChicago does not have the city bus pass deal with the city, however there are two buses in Hyde Park, 171, and 172 that students can ride for free by showing their university IDs

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Jessica, can you share informatiion about the LMSA Conference?

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): I think the student clinic experience is such a unique feature of our school, it is real clinical training right off the bat!

(PRITZKERndang): those buses will only provide transportation for free in hyde park

Camil Correia: This is a bit off topic but for the orientation schedule - does anyone know if the evening activities are open to significant others?

yseesy: can students also ride 170 for free?

(PRITZKERndang): @yseesy, unfortunately, they cannot

(PRITZKER-Alan): @Camil: The evening activities during orientation would be open to your significant other for sure

(Pritzker Darrell): The White Coat, yes. @Camil

allainm: Hi, this is Michael. I asked this earlier, but for the newly arrived, do you have any suggestions on specific apartments in Hyde Park? The mailings were helpful, but I was wondering if anyone has any more advice. I'm not eligible for Grad Housing since I'll be living with my fiance.

(PRITZKER-Alan): @Camil: And many of the other evening activities are pretty informal so it'd be a great idea to bring you sig. other

(PRITZKER jess): I'd be happy to, Cynthia. The conference was really a lot of fun. There were so many things to do! There were opportunities to get advice from older students, to practice surgical suturing, and to network with residency program directors.

(pritzkerSylvia): The Univesrity Student Government has been exploring the UPASS option -- but 171 and 172 are free and then the University offers an extensive system of buses after 5:00 PM

(PRITZKER Cynthia): How many student do you have in the local LMSA organization?

(PRITZKERndang): hey Michael, just to answer your question: there are several options for apartments in hyde park

(Pritzker Darrell): Michael, apartment in Hyde Park are mostly owned by the UC or MAC properties...Regents you've heard of but i would check the MAC properties listings for those not provided already.

(pritzkerSylvia): Michael, I do think you can live in University Housing with your significant other -- i do think that is an option

(PRITZKERndang): regents park is a common option for the 1st year class

allainm: Ok, great. It looks like a lot of students live in Regents Park. It seems a little pricey, but maybe that's just because I'm coming from a smaller/cheaper city

(PRITZKER jess): There seems to be about half a dozen or so participants from each class in LMSA. Its a great opportunity to give and get peer mentoring.

(PRITZKERndang): okay. there is a medical student discount, but i don't live in regents so i don't know the price difference

allainm: Ok, @Sylvia, it looked like it had to be a spouse or domestic partner but I'll look into it.

(PRITZKERndang): most people in a studio paid around 1k a month

(PRITZKERndang): studio or 1 br

Court Orsbon: Are there any opportunities for students to learn spanish starting from scratch? I haven't had any classes since 5th grade :-/

Camil Correia: Michael - if you register your fiance as your domestic partner with the University than you can apply for grad student housing - you can just change it to spouse once you get married.

(PRITZKERndang): another great website is the u chicago market place

allainm: ok great. I've seen lots of adds for places that look nice, but since I'm looking from out of state, I might just go with regents since it's more of a known

(Pritzker Darrell): There is a medical spanish elective, Courtney.

(PRITZKERndang): <http://marketplace.uchicago.edu/index.php> there are alot of great listings on here

allainm: ok, thanks I'll check that out

Court Orsbon: cool

(PRITZKERndang): but regents is a nice location. you'll have many classmates around there so i hope this helps you

(PRITZKER-Alan): @Court: Just this past quarter we had a spanish elective for people of all levels of proficiency and I know a few people who were on the "rusty side" who really enjoyed the elective.

Furthermore, there is a group every week that meets at lunch simply to converse in Spanish to keep your skills sharp or even to learn the language

allainm: @camil, thanks that's great

rmcdern2: Hey Darrell, when can students take electives (like the medical spanish you mentioned)?

(PRITZKER jess): @allainm: If University housing doesnt work out, you can check out MAC property management. They own 80 properties in the Hyde Park area. I live in a MAC building. It takes me 10 min to walk to school- I love that!

(Pritzker Darrell): Space for elective courses is carved out in the 1st and 2nd years. Many of our students will take Pritzker electives, but many will also wish to explore classes throughout the university in various disciplines. Other elective options are available in years 3 and 4.

allainm: Great, I think I'll probably end up there, I just wanted to investigate other options :)

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Courtney, the LMSA members could be a great asset for you with brushing up on your Spanish.

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): If any are interested, I took the Radiology elective this past quarter and loved it! We had Dr Straus, your future anatomy radiologist, show us all sorts of cool stuff on imaging and gave us great teaching tips

(PRITZKERndang): Courtney, there is also a students for the advancement of medical spanish group which had weekly meetings over lunch where students could practice their spanish speaking skills

(pritzkerSylvia): And, stop in the admissions office at any time and talk to Juana and Maria to brush up your Spanish

allainm: @jess: cool, I'll look into that, too.

(pritzkerSylvia): Ask them any question -- they love to help

rmcdern2: that's awesome Jon! how many times a week was that class?

(PRITZKER-Alan): @rmcdern2: As Darrell mentioned, there are lots of opportunities to take courses from the University as well--I plan on taking our Pathology professor's course on James Joyce that he teaches through the English department. Really, Pritzker does a fabulous job of encouraging and directing you toward lots of varied classes to make you a more well-rounded human being

(PRITZKER jess): There is a student organization called Students for the Advancement of Medical Spanish (SAMS). If you're interested in learning spanish, they're a great group!

rob_satx: Going to have to sign off now, but just wanted to say thanks to everyone for answering questions tonight. Have a good evening!

(PRITZKER-Alan): You too Rob! Have a great night

(PRITZKER Cynthia): Take care Rob!

(PRITZKERndang): Bye, Rob!

(pritzkerSylvia): Rob, cannot wait to welcome you here!

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): it lasted the month of may and meet each tuesday and thursday from 5-7pm. It was a nice review of anatomy that we all were rusty on after 8 months and it was so great to have a physician spend so much time with us - something you'll find that is not unusual at our school :)

(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks Jessica, SAMS is a group with a mission to reduce language barriers in the health care system by helping future physicians develop a working understanding of medical Span

(pritzkerSylvia): I agree, our faculty are here because of you -- you inspire them
amylk: i'm going to sign off as well (exhausted from a 15 hr flight). thanks to all for answering my questions. i can't wait to be there in august!

(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): take care! congrats once again, see you soon!!
(PRITZKER jess): thanks for joining us amylk
(Pritzker Darrell): Thank you, Amy. Thanks for hanging in this long!!
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Rest and we'll see you in August!
(pritzkerSylvia): I am so glad you are home, Amy Please stay in touch with questions -- rest, eat well, drink fluids and then look forward to Pritzker!
(PRITZKER-Alan): Bye Amy!
(PRITZKERndang): Bye, Amy!
(Pritzker Darrell): We have about 15m left, if you have questions you wish to ask please do!
(Pritzker Darrell): Don't forget to visit www.aamc.org/msq and complete the critically important questionnaire -- the AAMC Matriculating Student Questionnaire (MSQ).
rmcdern2: Yeah I've gotta get to bed as well. It's almost 3am and I've gotta be up at 7 sadly. Can't wait to see you all in August!!
allainm: One last housing question: a lot of the craigslist postings for Hyde Park are listed by "Lease Link". Anyone renting from them or know if they're legitimate?
(pritzkerSylvia): I cannot imagine a 15 hour flight -- I do not think I will do that in my life -- wow -- that is a long time on a plane -- I am glad you are back Amy
Camil Correia: Thanks for everyone's time, I also will have to get going but I am looking foward to seeing everyone soon!
(PRITZKER-Alan): Whew, go get some sleep Ryan! Thanks again for joining
(Pritzker Darrell): Oh, Ryan...if we had an ironman chatting award you would get it!!
(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): bye ryan! get some sleep! see you very soon, thanks for the questions
(PRITZKER-Alan): Sounds great Camil! Enjoy the rest of your summer, see you soon!
(PRITZKER jess): I've tried to get in touch with Lease Link and havent had any luck
(pritzkerSylvia): Ryan, please take care!!!!
(pritzkerSylvia): Take care Camil!
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Bye, Camil and Ryan!
(Pritzker Darrell): Thank you Camil. Take care, we'll see you soon.
(PRITZKERndang): Bye Camil and Ryan!
(Pritzker Darrell): Did everyone get their questions answered?
(PRITZKERndang): @allainm, i'm not familiar. they also update very frequently so it's hard to tell true legitimacy
allainm: @jess: Ok, thanks. Their units look nice and pretty affordable, but since addresses weren't listed I was suspicious.
(pritzkerSylvia): Wow -- you have to see the addresses!
(PRITZKER-Alan): Location, location, location, right Sylvia?
(pritzkerSylvia): When you "gut" is feeling concerned go with it
allainm: Yeah, don't worry I won't sign a lease for a non-existent place :)
(PRITZKER jess): @allainm: I know! Their units look so good...
madrie: thanks for all the information everyone, I have to go. Looking forward to August!
(PRITZKER jess): There are some beautiful gut rehabs close to the lake that are very affordable. I just like being closer to school and around more students.
(pritzkerSylvia): I moved here from a village with fewer people than live in Regents -- I learned to ask questions until I am comfortable
(Pritzker Darrell):
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=105486651758378238428.0004804c72dddc8c4f2fa&z=12> this is a 'general' guide
allainm: @jess: maybe a little too good (like out of a magazine)
(pritzkerSylvia): Elise, all the best -- cannot wait to welcome you here
(PRITZKER Cynthia): See you in August, Madrie!
(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): have a good night madrie! we're looking forward to seeing you for orientation!
(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks madrie, take care.
(PRITZKERndang): Bye, Madrie!
bthurber: Bye, Madrie
bthurber: and goodbye to everyone else too, I have to run
(PRITZKER jess): @allainm: I know... lol. Too good to be true I guess.

(pritzkerSylvia): I am so grateful for you all for joining us -- thank you all
(pritzkerSylvia): Take care Brian!
(PRITZKER jess): Goodbye Brian & Madrie!
(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks Brian.
(PRITZKER-Alan): Bye Elise! Have a great night
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Bye, Brian.
(pritzkerSylvia): Is this the goodnight JohnBoy part?
(PRITZKER-Alan): Adios Brian!
(PRITZKERndang): Take care, Brian
(Pritzker Darrell): Goodbye, Elise!
(PRITZKER Cynthia): I think so, Sylvia.
(Pritzker Darrell): they're all too young to remember that, Sylvia ;-)
(pritzkerSylvia): Oh
(PRITZKER Cynthia): There's cable, Darrell.....
(PRITZKER jess): and youtube
Court Orsbon: But is it on Netflix?
(pritzkerSylvia): THANK YOU JESS
(PRITZKER jess): :D
allainm: Thanks again everyone, I think I'm saying goodbye, too. Very excited for the coming year!
(Pritzker Darrell): Ok, with 10 minutes left the lightning round on questioning begins. Anyone have another?
(PRITZKER jess): Goodnight!
(Pritzker Darrell): Thank you, Michael.
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Great to have you joining us Michael.
(pritzkerSylvia): All the best Michael, This is an important moment for you and your partner -- just keep talking to each other -- stay in touch with questions
(Pritzker Darrell): Thanks Jessica!
(PRITZKERndang): good night, Michael!
(PRITZKER-Alan): Bye Michael!
yseesy: can we buy scrubs elsewhere for anatomy
allainm: Goodnight!
(PRITZKERndang): @yseesy yes you can
(PRITZKER jess): yeah, theyre not picky about what you wear to anatomy lab
(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): yes you can, if you have scrubs bring them in! just don't expect to keep them clean haha
(PRITZKERndang): nice piece of advice, Jon!
(pritzkerSylvia): SNMA will do a sale in the autumn -- a great way to support a good cause -- if you want them before then contact Lee at lbrauer@bsd.uchicago.edu
(Pritzker Darrell): Some students keep the scrubs we send them and get others for anatomy.
Court Orsbon: Will there be jackets (disposable or otherwise) or is it just our scrubs?
(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): ndang and I were old lab mates....we did not stay very clean haha
(PRITZKER jess): Just scrubs
(PRITZKER jess): you can also get scrubs that older students leave behind for you to use
(PRITZKER--Alan): @Court: Our anatomy profs wore paper aprons and arm guard things, but I'm not sure where they got those... most people just rock their scrubs
(Pritzker Darrell): i'm pretty sure they clean them first ;-)
(pritzkerSylvia): but your White Coat will be a long one -- a very important fact you will come to understand in the years to come
Court Orsbon: Ah--all those warnings about never wearing anatomy scrubs again make perfect sense
(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): you'll have scrubs and two lockers, one clean and one dirty. scrubs are enough, things don't get too wild
(PRITZKER jess): oh yes yes they clean the hand-me-down scrubs first
(PRITZKERndang): also bring a pair of shoes you wouldn't mind giving up after anatomy
(pritzkerSylvia): great advice -- sometimes you all change your clothes but not your shoes and we can tell :)
(pritzkerSylvia): Love you anyway
(Pritzker Darrell): Lol!!
(PRITZKER jess): hahahaha
(PRITZKERndang): too funny
(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): hahah

(PRITZKER Cynthia): I'm going to be watching out for those shoes.
(pritzkerSylvia): Seriously, no matter what -- we are here to be with you in this journey -- even in anatomy shoes
(pritzkerSylvia): Ok, that was a Sylvia thing to say
(PRITZKER jess): ladies should also keep another bra to change into in their anatomy lockers.
(pritzkerSylvia): This is why we have chats -- that is great advice
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Ok, now how far are we going with this????
(PRITZKER jess): I'm really glad someone gave me that advice before we started anatomy :)
(PRITZKER jess): No, I'm serious Cynthia! It will really stink.
(pritzkerSylvia): it really does permeate (sp?)
(PRITZKER jess): yes
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Ok, I'm all for cleanliness and sanitation.
(PRITZKER jess): haha, sorry if that sounded crazy. I'm just really glad I did that and other girls did that too.
(pritzkerSylvia): I only did brain cuttings as a speech pathologist and while I remember being entranced I also remember the bra after 4 weeks
(pritzkerSylvia): Sorry Rich
(Pritzker Darrell): Well, i would like to thank all of you for chatting with us tonight. You learned some of the behind the scenes of Pritzker tonight, you won't find some of this kind of info anywhere on our website!! Thanks to all our busy and awesome students for helping out. I am so excited to see all of you new students in August!
(Pritzker Darrell): Take care everyone. Good night!!
(pritzkerSylvia): Thank you all -- all the best -- godspeed
(PRITZKER Cynthia): Thanks to everyone!
(PRITZKER jess): Thanks for chatting! Goodnight!
(PRITZKER--Alan): Thanks for facilitating, faculty! It was a pleasure to chat, if for no other reason than hearing from Sylvia...
Court Orsbon: Thank you!
Court Orsbon: See you in August!
(PRITZKERndang): Good night everyone! Congrats and I can't wait to meet MS1 in august!
(PRITZKER Jon Garneau): Glad to help in a small way! Thanks Darrell, Sylvia, and Cynthia for organizing this awesome session. Incoming MS15's - ENJOY the summer and CONGRATS once again! See you all soon!
(PRITZKER--Alan): Goodbye e'erybody! Have a lovely summer, and get real pumped for the Fall
(Pritzker Darrell): The transcript of this chat will be up within the next few days...and i promise not to edit out the good stuff ;-)

End of Chat