

**Transcript from Virtual Revisit Chat on February 2, 2011:**

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The chat took place from 6:00 p.m. CST to 7:30 p.m. CST on Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Welcome everyone!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Where are you chatting from?

arielle: Thanks! NJ

rs\_satx: Thanks! San Antonio

cmmuller7: Chicago

skdenduluri: Thanks! Nashville

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Wonderful -- we are looking forward to your questions

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Darrell and I are chatting from our homes in Chicago and will soon be joined about 10+ of our students and faculty

rjsmit2: Atlanta!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): 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 ag

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Wherever we are tonight we know that Spring is around the corner! Happy GroundHog Day

jawori: Thanks! Little ol' Murray, Kentucky!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Jonathan -- I just know your children would love the snow

skdenduluri: I guess I'll start with a question

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Wonderful!

moderator(Pritzker Lee Brauer): Welcome to the Chat, everyone!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Hi everyone!

skdenduluri: I know you all have been giving a few students scholarships along with acceptances. How many students are awarded scholarships and in what amounts?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): We award scholarships at several points in our process

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Some are awarded at the time of acceptance

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Others are awarded when you apply for financial aid

moderator(SylviaPritzker): I hope you received an email from us this week about how to do that?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Hi, Dr. Montag is logged in

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Welcome, Dr. Montag!

rjsmit2: Jumping in with another: Will the details for Revisit weekend be available soon?

moderator(PritzkerBen): Hello from snowy Chicago everyone!

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): hi everyone! hope you're all enjoying the snow!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Yes! Mark April 8 and 9 on your calendar

moderator(Pritzker Lee Brauer): Hi Dr. Montag!

rs\_satx: Yup, I received the financial aid information! thank you for the info!

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Shoveled 2 hours, did not have to go to the gym

jawori: I received the email too (and yes, Sylvia my boys would love that white stuff!) Thanks.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): We have decoded names of staff for those of you participating on the chat. Pritzker Sylvia- Sylvia Robertson, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid PritzkerDarrell-Darrell Nabers, Director of Admission and Outreach Pritzker

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Two of our 4th years have accepted leadership and plans are under way -- it will include great food and time with our faculty and students

skdenduluri: Do accepted students normally fly in on the 7th for 2nd look weekend? And when should we plan on leaving?

goldie2828: I'm writing from Baltimore. Thanks for arranging this chat!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Pritzker's Revisit Days will be held April 8th-9th. The Revisit Days are a great opportunity to meet current students, faculty, see more of Chicago/Hyde Park, and get to know your possible future classmates! We will email each of

moderator(PritzkerBen): How about some more intros?

moderator(PritzkerBen): I finished my first two years of med school, and am now working on my PhD through the Growth and Development Training Program. I am from Illinois and went to the University of Illinois.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): And, Ben is Mr. Podcast

rjsmit2: Great! Can't wait!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Hi everyone! I'm Hannah, a first year at Pritzker. I went to Notre Dame for undergrad and came straight to Pritzker after graduating.

jpeace: Sounds great!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Needless to say, I love it here.

moderator(Pritzker Megan): Hi everyone! I am a fourth year student going into internal medicine.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): You will leave on Sunday morning and best to arrive on Friday morning if possible -- if now we will work with you but I hope you can stay for all day and evening Saturday

moderator(pritzker ashley): hey yall! im ashley, im a first year too

jessica.becker27: (I am here from Boston!)

skdenduluri: Thank you, Sylvia

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): Hi all, my name is Madeleine, I'm a first year. I grew up in Hyde Park, went to Harvard for undergrad, and took a year off to do social work in the Bronx for a year before coming to med school

moderator(PritzkerBen): Hey Madge.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): You are welcome -- keep asking questions!

jawori: Great food sounds good. Can still taste that great deep dish pizza from the interview!

moderator(Pritzker Marion): Hello all! Just like Megan, I am also a fourth year and also am going into medicine. Went to Yale undergrad and went straight thought to med school. Welcome!

arielle: Are the majority of the accepted students coming straight from college?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Marion and Megan are Pritzker Chiefs -- will you please explain what you do in that role

charlesliu: Hi, I'm Charles from Boston

jpeace: By the way, the pizza I had on my interview day was bar-none the best food on the interview trail!

moderator(Pritzker Marion): hmhhh in our class it was probably about 60% straight through, 30% one year off before medical school, and the rest multiple years in between

moderator(Pritzker Kevin): Hey Everyone! I'm Kevin, also a first year at Pritzker. I am from New Orleans, went to Yale for undergrad and came straight from college

moderator(SylviaPritzker): About 40% of our students have taken time in between college and med school

rs\_satx: Hi this is Robert. Had a quick question for students who took some time off before starting school: Any tips for someone who's been out of undergrad for a few years and getting ready to start school in the fall?

moderator(PritzkerBen): Anyone here interested in dual degrees? Or MD/PhD specifically? If so, there is an MSTP room just for that if you have questions.

zhermes: Hey everyone, I'm Zach from Wisco

jessica.becker27: I was wondering a bit about MD/PhD in social sciences, Ben

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): Hi Robert, I would say take some time to relax between working and coming to med school. I took a full month off to do nothing, and it was great preparation

angewang: Hi thanks so much for chatting with us! PritzkerBen, do you know how often students do MD/MPH, and at what institutions?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): rs-satx, first come to med school rested

jessica.becker27: Is it possible to pick up a PhD after my first year if I didn't apply MD/PhD?

jpeace: Megan (or any other 3rd/4th year students), what did you think of the clinical education at Pritzker?

moderator(Pritzker Marion): AMAZING

moderator(SylviaPritzker): YES, Jessica! This is a great place to do that

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): Hi everyone! Was just trying to catch up! I'm Rupali and I'm a first year!

moderator(PritzkerBen): angewang, I don't have specific numbers, but there are typically a handful in every class. The most common place in Chicago seems to be UIC.

angewang: thanks!

moderator(Pritzker Megan): Hi Jpeace, the clinical education at Pritzker was, by far, my favorite part. the faculty are exceptional, extremely accessible and excited about teaching

moderator(Pritzker Marion): the attendings are incredible intelligent, FANTASTIC with patient interactions, are so approachable...everything is organized well and you come out of third year feeling so well prepared

moderator(PritzkerBen): Jessica, YES. It is. I didn't start my PhD until after second year.

skdenduluri: Can someone please elaborate about the pass/fail curriculum? Is it true pass/fail and for how many years? Are there internal rankings, etc.?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): The feedback from students has been that the addition of Evanston hospital (Northshore University now) was a plus for clinical rotations

zlknight: Hi everyone - Zena here from San Francisco.

jpeace: Great to hear!

arielle: To follow angewang's question, how long does it take to complete the MD/MPH?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi angewang -- most of our MPHS either go to Hopkins or Harvard or Berkeley -- also take a look at our School of Public Policy options

moderator(PritzkerBen): There is a special program here called Growth and Development Training Program, or GDTP.

JacobLentz: Hi everyone - Jacob here from LA

moderator(pritzker ashley): The first two years are straight pass/fail... passing is usually scoring 65% or higher

jawori: Follow up to Jpeace's question. How involved do you feel as 3rd/4th years in the clinical experience?

rjsmit2: Do they typically pursue the MPH after 2nd year?

moderator(PritzkerBen): It's basically MSTP but something you apply into after starting med school.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Yeah, there are no internal rankings within the pass fail curriculum

justin@tentacle.net: Hello all, Justin from Oakland joining the chat

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Except for third year

wgarneau: Hello -- Will from NC here

skdenduluri: Can you explain 3rd and 4th year grading a little further please?

moderator(PritzkerBen): Re: MPH, it's usually 1-1.5 years. I believe UIC is 1.5 years. You can do it whenever you want, but most common seems to be between years 3 and 4.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): I've just added a room for financial aid, and another for MSTP related questions. Any requests for additional rooms?  
ansharp: April from DC, been catching up.

justin@tentacle.net: Hey Zena, I'm playing jazz at Cato's in Oakland tonight from 6-9 :)

moderator(SylviaPritzker): The P/F curriculum has a powerful and positive impact on our environment -- we know you are mature, internally motivated learners and we want you to focus on learning together and learning to work together

moderator(PritzkerBen): How about a room for Illini fans? Any Illini in here?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Will! Welcome

goldie2828: I have a question regarding financial aid. What is the deadline for receiving parental W-2's and tax returns? Can you submit the Pritzker Financial Aid Application without that information? My parents are, unfortunately, slow with this proces

zlknight: Hi Justin - That's awesome - what do you play?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Wow Justin -- wish we could be there!

bmikhael: Same here

moderator(Pritzker Marion): hi jawori, the further along in your clinical training, the more you feel confident taking on more responsibility yourself. You definitely are always involved...you will know your patients way better than anyone else on your t

yael.nobel@gmail.com: Hi! I'm Yael from New York. I am wondering about housing, transportation, etc. Are there areas to go out around Pritzker, and is it easy to get around to other areas of Chicago? Do most students live right by campus, or further out

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Hello everyone-current students and staff are referred to here with the 'Pritzker' label.

jessica.becker27: Thanks, Ben and Sylvia about the PhD info!

jawori: Thanks Marion! Great to hear.

mchollet: Hi everybody! Madeleine from Baltimore here.

JacobLentz: I was wondering if i could ask about the research requirement: would we possibly be able to collaborate with, say, a Physics or Chem PhD student?

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Hello Yael. 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 ar

JacobLentz: or does it have to be solo work?

moderator(Pritzker Lee Brauer): Hi goldie2828 I'll answer your question in the financial aid chat room, see you there!

zlknight: I was wondering what students coming with significant others do for housing. Do they typically pair up with other couples or is it easy to find a decently-priced one-bedroom near campus?

justin@tentacle.net: Is most of the housing in Hyde Park apartments or are there students living together in houses?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Goldie -- right we understand about the parents and I think this year is even more complicated because of the delay in the itemizer issue -- We will get you a decision when you are able to get us the material -- don't worry -

moderator(PritzkerBen): Jessica, I'd highly recommend looking more into it: <http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/jointdegrees/gdtp/index.shtml>

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): zlknight, I'd say you can find a decently-priced one bedroom near campus

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): there are a lot of great options around

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Jake! Absolutely -- this is the place to do interdisciplinary work

JacobLentz: Ok thanks!

zlknight: Thanks Medeleine. Living in San Francisco has completely warped my sense of reality when it comes to housing. ;)

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): our chem department is also very strong, and has worked with our students in the past

JacobLentz: Awesome.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): i know, i lived in new york city for a year...WAY cheaper

JacobLentz: Thank you very much.

justin@tentacle.net: ha ha i hear that z

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Way cheaper here!

justin@tentacle.net: is it all apartments in hyde park?

cmmuller7: What is is like having a car? Is it possible to park on campus?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): here fro 3/4 of the price of last year I can have a legitimate one bedroom. Last year I lived with three other girls in a four bedroom one bath apartment

moderator(Pritzker Marion): Hi Justin...housing is totally up to you! I'd say mostly it is apartments (and I have had a Pritzker roommate for all four years of medical school), periodically people will share part of a house  
jessica.becker27: Perfect, thanks Ben! Could you tell me briefly about your process of deciding to/completing your PhD?

JacobLentz: When it's snowing like this and the city is shut down, do any of you wonder why you thought moving to Chicago was wise?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): I'm loving this snow, Jacob

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hey, Jake -- you are from MINNESOTA!!!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Your financial aid budget allows enough money for you to live on your own, however, a lot of our students like the financial and social benefits of having a roommate. U of C has a housing board where people can post their interes

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): SNOW DAY!

moderator(PritzkerBen): Jessica, do you want go over to the MSTP room? Might be "quieter" in there.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): i have a car. it's totally not necessary, but i like having it to get to the store and whatnot. it's easy enough to park on the street

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): When you are used to this climate, you accept a few days, just as Floridians accept hurricanes. Spring makes it worth the trouble

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Seriously, this has been a storm to remember but it has also been a snow day to remember!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): this snow day has been great :D

moderator(Pritzker Marion): I've had a car all four years...definitely possible to park on campus. There is a garage close by, however, I have always parked on the street. After 8:30 it gets a little more difficult to find a parking spot, but not imposs

rjsmit2: how many students typically go abroad after first year?

cmmuller7: Thanks Madeleine

cmmuller7: and Marion!

linah: Hi Lina from Houston here!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Megan and Marion -- will you tell us about the Pritzker Chiefs

jessica.becker27: Sure Ben -- do i just add more chatrooms?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Welcome, Lina!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Lina!

moderator(PritzkerBen): Yes, and then there should be an MSTP option.

jeffchen: Does being in the medical school improve one's chance of gaining acceptance into the business school? I understand that they are two completely separate applications. About how many students are MD/MBA in a given year?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Right -- would someone please give instructions for finding other chat rooms

linah: I have question--how involved are the medical students with the undergraduate and graduate communities at UChicago?

moderator(PritzkerBen): All, to get more specific attention on other topics, click Add More Chatrooms at the top, then select the room.

moderator(Pritzker Megan): Sure Sylvia! Marion and I serve as 2/3 "Pritzker Chiefs". It is a great position because we are involved in mentoring, teaching, and get to work closely with staff and administration! We love it.

JacobLentz: what kind of positives do the staff find in having a smaller class size? (and yes, I'm being a baby about snow, but I think I saw Oprah getting swept away on the news...it looks very windy)

moderator(SylviaPritzker): As much as you want to be really -- from orchestra to policy issue groups to international trips...

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): The windy city moicker refers to our politicians

zlknight: How do students feel about the lecture-based preclinical years? Do they feel that there's enough integration? Group work?

moderator(Pritzker Marion): Megan and I are two of three Pritzker Chiefs...this role is reserved for fourth year medical students and is similar to the role of a Chief Resident in the hospital...basically we coordinate many educational, social, and mentor

zlknight: I am right there with you, Jacob. It's warm and sunny in California - making the idea of being freezing a little less fun. :)

JacobLentz: I see.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): I'm a huge fan of the lecture-based preclinical education, zlknight!

JacobLentz: are the lectures all posted online?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): All the lectures are recorded and posted online, Jacob

zlknight: Do students usually attend class?

JacobLentz: Thanks! I wasn't paying attention during my tour, apparently.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): The smaller class size allows our graduating students to have a smaller debt (same scholarship, fewer students)

moderator(pritzker ashley): There is plenty of group interactions with our lecture based classes. For our CMG class we had two different small groups that met up about once a week to work on cases and do problem solving

ikore: Hi everyone! I'm Idil from Nashville, though chatting from Connecticut.

linah: Approximately how hours of classroom/lab times is scheduled per week?

JacobLentz: Oh that's smart.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): I think the smaller class size is appropriate to the institutional size and the mission. We are not University Illinois with 200+ students. The goal is to concentrate on the education of an academic clinician, in whatever

ikore: Is it a good idea to bring a car to Chicago?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): And, 88 is just the right size in terms of all of our resources

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Yes, zlknight, we do go to class!

moderator(Pritzker Marion): Hi jeffchen! There are currently two members of our original class in the business school. I think typically anywhere between 1-3 people are accepted per year (just a guess, though!). My guess is that being a part of Pritzker

justin@tentacle.net: Q for 4th years: Do you feel like you got enough of a chance to explore different career opportunities before choosing a residency? How many electives did you get to do before turning in residency applications?

zlknight: Thanks, Hannah.

moderator(pritzker ashley): Hi Idil! A car is not necessary, but its nice for when you have to take trips to the store and whatnot

yael.nobel@gmail.com: I know that someone was asking about apartments in Hyde Park, and I am pretty unfamiliar with Chicago "neighborhoods" -- does Hyde Park have restaurants, bars, etc., or do students go a little further into the city for social activit

moderator(Pritzker Megan): ikore, sometimes a car can be really helpful. However, i have lived in hyde park for 8 years now and have never had one.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): And, the lectures are searchable -- check out TIME on the website

jessica.becker27: Also, are there any dorms or does everyone live off campus?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Jessica, there are not dorms for grad students.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): There is grad student housing through U of C

JacobLentz: are we allowed to take language classes at the college or other graduate programs?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): But most of us live in off campus housing.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Idil (as in fiddle -- I loved that)

zlknight: I keep hearing things about the UofC area being unsafe (from non-students)...20 years ago. What is it like now in terms of safety both near and slightly-less-near to the campus?

moderator(Pritzker Megan): yael, there are many great restaurants in HP. However, the city offers so much that I think we find ourselves often leaving to explore some of the other interesting neighborhoods

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): You are enrolled as a student in the university. If you can work it in you can take anything in the college

ikore: Haha you remember!

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): zlknight, I grew up in Hyde Park, and I've always felt safe here, but you have to remember Chicago is a city...you always have to take precautions

estockert: Hi all...just catching up. Emily from Chicago (Pritzker people, Jack says hi :)

moderator(Pritzker Megan): Hi emily!!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Welcome Emily!

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): but it's safe here, and the school takes precautions to make sure you can be safe, such as providing shuttle services

arielle: Is it reasonable, Dr Montag, to find time to take other classes?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Please tell Jack we say hi -- Emily's husband is a Pritzker alum!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): hi Idil! if you don't have a car, you'll definitely have a friend who does! for me that's been enough to get by.

zlknight: I've been living in San Francisco for 6 years, so I'm used to city life...I'm just not sure if there's any real difference. Thanks for your response.

dnabers(Pritzker Rocks!): sorry folks, i tried to add another room but no can do-we've got a full house! You'll see another tab appear at the top if i can get this worked out.

moderator(Pritzker Megan): Emily, this is megan prochaska. Tell Jack that i was at loyola last week.

JacobLentz: I walked around Hyde Park at night during the break and it felt fine.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): 25 years ago it was a bit dicey. I live 4 blocks from campus and my 3 kids have grown up in Hyde Park. If you respect certain commonsense rules, it is no different than any urban neighborhood

JacobLentz: safety-wise

JacobLentz: i mean

moderator(SylviaPritzker): I have raised 4 children in Hyde Park -- they learned to be responsible urban citizens but never had a problem with safety and I AM SO GLAD they grew up here

moderator(Pritzker Marion): justin - yes, you definitely get enough time to explore. I was one of those people that liked WAY too many rotations, and ended third year completely split between medicine and surgery. Applications for residency are due in S

dnabers(Pritzker Rocks!): Hyde Park/Chicago requires the same "urban smarts" that any other city would require. The U of C is committed to student safety and has many resources in place to help our students, faculty, and staff. We even produce "Common Sense

jawori: How soon can one get involved with "Say Ah!"? (Outstanding name for a medical acappella group by the way!)

moderator(PritzkerBen): Emily, what is Jack up to these days?

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): jawori-- Say Ahh will probably have tryouts at the beginning of the year

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): You should definitely try out!!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): If I can keep up you all can!!!! Thanks for being patient though and if your question fall off ask it again!

moderator(PritzkerBen): I was in Say AHH first year...a lot of fun.

jawori: Warming up as we speak . . .

arielle: Are there other musical groups involving medical students?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Also, University Orchestra is open to anyone who want to try out

justin@tentacle.net: Thanks, marion. how many of your 3rd year rotations can you switch out if you know that you have interests that aren't in the core 3rd year curriculum?

arielle: Any chamber music?

rjsmit2: LOVE a cappella

zlknight: I love acappella groups!! I'm a terrible singer, but I'm a great audience member!

estockert: Will do! Jack is at Loyola doing a pre-lim in medicine...and can't say enough wonderful things about Pritzker. I swear I'm not a plant :)

jawori: Right there with you guys

justin@tentacle.net: any other jazz musicians thinking of attending pritzker in the fall?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Absolutely chamber music, we even have a harpist as a 1st year

zlknight: Is it possible to do away rotations in California? (I'm hoping to do residency in California, although that could change.)

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): And I just want to throw out that Pritzker Dance Group is an amazing time-- you get to learn different styles of dance from other students!

goldie2828: For the students, are you close with other graduate students? Do all the grad students go to meet and hang out at Jimmy's?

arielle: Oh cool, thanks Sylvia!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): <http://http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/current/students/organizations/>

zlknight: Now, dancing I can do. :)

arielle: I heard something about swing dancing?

moderator(PritzkerBen): I was in a very serious a cappella group in college, so it was a nice way to keep up with it and de-stress at the same time.

jessica.becker27: i was jsut about to ask about dancing!

jessica.becker27: Thanks Rupali

moderator(Pritzker Marion): justin - probably just one...you really don't want to miss out on too many of the core curriculum experiences third year...but there is ample opportunity for many surgical sub-specialty exposures during your surgery rotation...

jessica.becker27: Do you guys perform or just get together and dance?

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): yes, Pritzker Dance Group has had swing dancing sessions in the past and hopefully we can have more!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Justin, we are hoping a drummer joins us -- Chicago is a great jazz city

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): we performed last week at the first-year talent show!

arielle: Sounds great Rupali!

JacobLentz: Just dancing around in circles.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): There is University ballet, an active salsa group and swing dance club

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): I never really danced before, and Rupali taught me and 8 other girls this amazing Indian dance to perform

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Yes, the talent show was amazing, Jessica!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @jessica.becker27 we've done both! We used to just have weekly lessons in different styles, then in January, we started preparing for our 1st year talent show!

rjsmit2: At what point in the curriculum do you decide your concentration/track?

angewang: do most of the students match near the chicago area or is it a big mix geographically? (also interested in doing residency in CA)

jessica.becker27: oh, sounds great!

JacobLentz: that's a good question.

JacobLentz: about the matching.

moderator(Pritzker Marion): zlknight - you can definitely do away rotations your fourth year in california...I think about 5-6 members of our class did so!

moderator(Pritzker Megan): angewang, people match all over! many want to stay at U of C (bc we love it) but many people take off for the coasts

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Our students are able to "get back" to the coasts if they want to for their residencies -- we have a couple though from Florida who matched this year and decided to stay here

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Tends to be national, with some concentration in Chicago

zlknight: I've been swing dancing for years and would love to keep it up.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): The swing dance club has lessons and periodic dances

Alauer4: I would love to find some opportunities to salsa.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): One of our current 4th years took a year away from med school to do competitive swing dancing (and rock climbing) She is amazing

justin@tentacle.net: marion, does the surgical rotation cover optho, neuro, urology, plastics, ent, etc? sorry if i'm going too far into this q but it seems like an important topic to me right now and I'd love to know how many surgical subspecialties i'd

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Dr. Montag -- do you swing dance?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Salsa, alas is not possible for men of my age and body habitus

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): I do swing dance, it was popular when I was a resident

estockert: going back to a housing question, do you know what % of students live on campus versus off?

moderator(Pritzker Megan): Justin, you have an opportunity to rotate on the surgical subspecialties. i did plastics and it was great.

zlknight: Oh - I might know her. The competitive community isn't \*that\* large.

jag525: Hi Everyone, I'm interested in participating in clinical research. Are there structured programs for students to get involved with clinical research projects and is there additional curriculum opportunities in epidemiology or biostatistics?

Alauer4: On a different subject, though, does anyone have experience with global/international health issues? Does anyone know how possible it would be to find mentors at Pritzker who are doing work in those fields, or the possibilities of being able to d

rs\_satx: I'm a firm believer that anyone can learn to salsa

dararicher: Hi all-- I'm Dara from Chicago/Boston. Do Pritzker offer students any sort of longitudinal patient experience where you see the same patients periodically over an extended timeframe?

rjsmit2: rs\_satx: agreed

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Hi Dara!

dararicher: Hi Hannah!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Dara, we do have a longitudinal program with patients

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): For housing, probably the better question is in the near vicinity of the University vs out of Hyde Park. My sense is most live near, but the North Side is also popular

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): First years just got paired up with a physician whom we follow over the course of the year

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): jag525 we have this great program called the summer research program that essentially gives us a book with all kinds of research opportunities from basic science to clinical research to community based research

moderator(Pritzker Marion): I did general laporoscopic surgery, pediatric surgery, and ENT....other choices include neuro, urology, plastics, burn, ortho...I'm forgetting the rest! You can choose about 3 during your third year rotation

jessica.becker27: Thanks for all the dance info! Sounds great! I second the question on epi/biostats

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @Alauer4: Dean Ragin hosts a huge latin dance workshop every year and she has invited Pritzker Dance Group members to attend if interested!

JacobLentz: I know this came up, but what kind of community health experience opportunities are there and how quickly can we participate?

moderator(Pritzker Marion): Dara! It's Marion! Hi!

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): all of the first years also take an epidemiology and biostatistics class

JacobLentz: Oh that's cool.

dararicher: Hi Marion!

JacobLentz: do you randomly get a physician?

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): We are taking epidemiology right now!

ncemory09: Hello! So sorry I am late, I just got back from work.

JacobLentz: and they HAVE to put up with you?

rs\_satx: Could someone speak a little about mentoring groups for students? Between first years and other students and profs?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): You rank your choice of specialty, Jacob, and they match you

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Welcome

moderator(SylviaPritzker): They, love putting up with you -- our faculty are here because of our wonderful students

goldie2828: I don't have any bench research experience, but would like to gain some in my first summer at Pritzker. Are there researchers interested in taking on and mentoring students with little to no bench experience?

dararicher: Thanks, Hannah!

moderator(PritzkerBen): goldie: Absolutely.

JacobLentz: Thanks Hannah!

dararicher: Are there options to continue with those same physicians after first year?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): goldie2828 absolutely...i'm doing clinical research for the first time this summer, they understand and want to get you interested

moderator(SylviaPritzker): ABSOLUTELY Goldie!

moderator(PritzkerBen): Tons of opportunities, and tons of faculty eager to work with students.

moderator(pritzker ashley): @goldie2828, pritzker has plenty research opportunities

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Absolutely, people will welcome you if you are interested in their lab

zlknight: Can/do students start research projects during the first year, or do they wait until the summer after?

arr11: To tag along on jeffchen's question earlier about pursuing an MD/MBA and Pritzker Marion's estimate that 1-3 med students in every class are accepted to the business school, about how many med students in a given class are interested/apply for an M

melmerdewitt: is there a revisit weekend? (a real-live one, in addition to the virtual version)

moderator(pritzker ashley): @zlknight, most people wait until the summer

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): zlknight, some people do start during the first year, but most people wait

jag525: Madeleine, what type of clinical research project are you doing, and how did you find your mentor? Are most profs/doctors approachable at Uof C?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): No problem, Dara! You also get a lot of patient contact at the student clinics, and sometimes you see the same patients coming back each time.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Some start right off in first year. One student last year paired up with radiology very quickly for image analysis.

moderator(PritzkerBen): z, you can start first year...most do in the spring quarter as part of Scholarship & Discovery.

JacobLentz: that's awesome.

zlknight: Ok, great.

moderator(Pritzker Marion): rs\_satx - lots of mentoring! Pritzker is split into societies, and each society has a faculty leader who is there to act as a mentor for all of medical school. As one of the Pritzker Chiefs, we try to have quarterly lunches w

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): jag525, I found my mentor through the summer research program booklet. I'm doing a project trying to assess a tool for measuring patient's level of health literacy

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Pritzker's Revisit Days will be held April 8th-9th. The Revisit Days are a great opportunity to meet current students, faculty, see more of Chicago/Hyde Park, and get to know your possible future classmates! We will email each of

justin@tentacle.net: The first few months of the schedule look pretty intense. Is that the hardest part of your preclinical years?

ansharp: I'm getting married on April 9. Is that the only time to revisit?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): arr11 -- it varies -- sometimes 1 student applies to the MBA - other years it might be 4 -- Emily -- did you interview any MD students when you were in the MBA program here?

moderator(pritzker ashley): pritzker has a Summer Research guide book that lists all of the projects and project descriptions...you can find a mentor that way

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Best wishes

KyleEricson: Hello everybody! Sorry I am late, just off of work.

zlknight: Congratulations, ansharp!  
ncaemory09: Congrats!  
arielle: Congrats!!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @justin: the first few months were AWESOME-- though intense, anatomy was a great bonding experience!  
Alauer4: Congrats too!

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): the cool thing is that i met with 4-5 different potential mentors and then one of them i really hit it off with, so I'm working with her  
ikore: Is it possible to do global health research abroad as part of the Summer Research Program during the first summer?  
melmerdewitt: thanks, darrell!  
moderator(PritzkerBen): Why not get married in the BSLC lobby?!  
ansharp: Thanks. :)

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): ansharp, congrats! you can call our office to setup an individual revisit.  
moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @ikore: yes! that is what i will be doing!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): I second that. The BSLC lobby would be a perfect venue.  
jag525: Just to follow up on summer research, what if you have your own idea for a project and it doesn't match one in said booklet?

moderator(pritzker ashley): @ ikore, totally! im actually going to nigeria for my research project!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): ANSHARP please focus on your wedding -- we will be happy to arrange another revisit for you and CONGRATULATIONS send pictures  
ikore: Cool! What are you doing Rupali?  
ansharp: Excellent, thanks a bunch!

estockert: arr11, I didn't directly interview any MDs, but I talked to several of them while they were applying.

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): I am going to be doing research in India on HIV in truck drivers  
moderator(PritzkerBen): jag, if you find a faculty member willing to work with you, then go for it. Totally doable.

linah: If we can't make it to the revisit weekend, is it possible to get the info packets by mail?

justin@tentacle.net: do you get funding from the school for international research?  
ncaemory09: o cool, i just got back from nigeria two weeks ago

moderator(Pritzker Marion): jag525 - you can meet with anyone and absolutely can set up your own project in anything that you are interested! You can find a mentor for almost anything here  
estockert: My gut feeling is that if you have a good reason for wanting your MBA, you will be a strong candidate

ikore: Hey Ashley, how long will you be in Nigeria and is your mentor going with you?

moderator(PritzkerBen): In fact, they'd probably love it. I feel like some have a difficult time coming up with additional projects for students...

arr11: thanks Emily, very helpful

melmerdewitt: rupali -- that's awesome. are you on the global health track? does everyone who applies for that track get it?

rjsmit2: ncaemory09: did you go to Emory?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Why HIV in truck drivers -- sorry -- always want to learn

zlknight: The first two years' schedules seem very full. Is it realistic to fit in a University class like Spanish?

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): linah, we can get you the information by mail. you can also call our office for an individual revisit.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): More frequently classes are done 4th year, but sometimes

linah: Thanks!

rs\_satx: for doing research abroad, are there certain countries that are more popular than others? I'd be interested in doing research in South America

JacobLentz: I may be bringing along a Colombian who can help anyone with Spanish.

moderator(PritzkerBen): Did you people love your scrubs or what?!

rjsmit2: ABSOLUTELY

moderator(pritzker ashley): i will be in nigeria for four weeks (i believe) and my mentor will be with me part of the time. there is also another student working on the same project as i am

moderator(SylviaPritzker): You could take Medical Spanish -- much more effective than a traditional reading class

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): rs\_satx, last year a girl went to Chile for the summer

arr11: awesome scrubs

jeffchen: i was wondering how many students serve on the admissions committee? are they allowed to be voting members?

ikore: YESSS! the scrubs were amazing. Can't wait to get the pants!

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Yes, they are interviewers and voting members, their input is very important

justin@tentacle.net: the scrub top was a nice touch. i'm wearing it in my facebook photo!

moderator(Pritzker Marion): 9 students on the admissions committee...my roommate joined this year!

KyleEricson: Do the scrubs typically come with the acceptance letter?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Oh, Jake -- that would be wonderful -- he is just what we need

arielle: Yes, definitely loved the scrubs.

JacobLentz: I wear my scrubs around constantly. It's embarrassing.

estockert: I skyped my parents to show them the scrubs....love them.

dararicher: love the scrubs!

JacobLentz: It's a shee

JacobLentz: she

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): 2 or 3 on each parallel committee, so 6 to 8 students I think

JacobLentz: sorry - but yes, she's a good Spanish teacher.

jeffchen: great to hear, im definitely interested in getting involved in the admissions process!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Yes, Kyle-you get the bottoms when you matriculate!

moderator(PritzkerBen): I'm jealous...the scrub thing is relatively new...

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): 9, yes, I am math challenged

moderator(PritzkerBen): I WANT SCRUBS TOO SYLVIA.

arielle: Hilarious.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Jeff - 9 4th years are on the admissions committee last year and they are full voting members -- we make better decisions with their input

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Some of you may not have received your scrubs yet, but they are on the way!

moderator(Pritzker Marion): jeffchen - students on the admissions committee are only fourth years, but you can interview/attend lunches starting half way through your first year!

linah: The scrubs are great! I was actually wondering if there are smaller sizes? Mine's waaaay too big on me.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Best snail mail I ever got!

jag525: what percentage of students take a 5th year?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Those scrub tops, I mean

justin@tentacle.net: so is there any funding for the international research or do you need to come up with the travel money on your own?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Kyle, our students send the scrubs in a few weeks -- did you get yours?

moderator(PritzkerBen): Jeff, in addition to the committee itself, obviously students are involved throughout the entire process with things like interviewing and revisit.

jessica.becker27: (loved the scrubs too!)

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): We spend a lot of time reviewing folders at committee meetings, the selection is taken very seriously. You will be spending time with each other for 4 years, and we will be spending time with you. We look for nice people th

jawori: Has Pritzker been involved in any medical trips/research in Kenya? And yes, the scrubs were a nice touch!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Many students will go abroad. The Remedy student group has a trip each year to take medical supplies to a caribbean country. Students will also do clinical or research experiences abroad in their first summer, during 4th year ele

JacobLentz: Speaking of the Colombian - she's applying to nursing school - are there a lot of nursing schools around Chicago and are they good?

jeffchen: great, so lots of opportunities and different roles to help out from 1st year to 4th year!

KyleEricson: Darrell, Oooh I was just accepted last week! I am so excited. Although the scrubs were not in the mail :/

moderator(Pritzker Marion): jag525 - I think we had about 6 people from last years class join our class after they took a year off!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Jake, that is wonderful! I thought you were teasing about bringing that man who is with the uncle

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): We sent a batch this week, Kyle. If you just got your accept, you should get them soon. ;-)

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Linah -- yes -- we will trade them -- bring it for revisit

JacobLentz: Oh no, sorry, Sylvia. I'm the worst.

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @melmerdewitt: we haven't chosen tracks yet (I think that may happen at the beginning of 2nd year), but I am definitely considering global health! I'm not sure about the process of getting into a track...

ncaemory09: Yeah, I didn't get them either but I got accepted end of last week too.

ncaemory09: That is so cool, I've never heard of that at another school

melmerdewitt: thanks rupali. anyone else know the answer?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Yes, Jake -- wow -- this is wonderful. Yes, check out Rush

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): There are a number of nursing schools. U. IL, Loyola, Rush, and others

moderator(Pritzker Marion): jacoblentz - I don't know too much about the nursing schools in Chicago, but I definitely know there are a couple...one of my classmates got married this past year to an amazing girl he met during his time in Chicago...and she

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): it's during the second year, in the fall. you do have to apply, but it's a pretty straightforward process

KyleEricson: I am almost as excited waiting for the scrubs as I was waiting for the acceptance. Haha.

ikore: I second justin's question about funding for international research? Do most students have to take loans/fund the travel themselves?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): (about the tracks)

melmerdewitt: (thanks)

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): anyone accepted last week is in the same situation with the scrubs-we sent out many early this week. Just a couple more days...

arielle: Question for any current students: do you interact with other graduate students at the university?

goldie2828: In terms of research opportunities, what are Pritzker's strongest fields? I've heard oncology research, for instance.

JacobLentz: ncaemory09 the scrubs are great. If you wear them around with a fake badge, you can actually practice medicine without a license.

zlknight: Do students have access to health insurance through the school?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Arielle, there are tons of grad student socials and other chances to meet grad students.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Yes, you can trust the curriculum to help you make a good choice about the tracks -- the second years just recently decided but they can still change if they want to

ncaemory09: hahahah

arielle: Thanks, Hannah!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): If you remember, I hosted you when you interviewed (I do believe)..and I live with a grad student in the genetics program.

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @sylvia: Dr. Schneider (who i'm working with) is very interested in studying social networks and the spread of disease, so one population he looks at is truck drivers- i think they have the highest prevalence of HIV among heter

arielle: YES!!!

wflavin1: Hi Darrell it's Bill. Thanks so much for sending the scrubs! I'm excited to get them. I'll be emailing the MSTP people to follow up with my application!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): So, short answer is yes!

arielle: ooops, caps, sorry, yes! Thanks for hosting me Hannah!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Also, huge congrats on the acceptance, Arielle!

arielle: I wasn't sure if it was you, but excited it is!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Haha, no problem!

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): We are strong in oncology, immunology, G.I., genetics, evolutionary biology.....

melmerdewitt: they're some cool studies in south africa that have shown the closer you are to a major road the higher your chances of contracting hiv are

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Great, Bill. Good to see you here!

arielle: Thanks so much, I was silly excited when I heard :)

moderator(Pritzker Marion): zlknight - yup you do get health insurance through the school...the student care center right on campus will act as your primary care giver, with UChicago hospital right here for all your subspecialty needs...

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Yes, zlknight -- absolutely we have a health insurance plan for you as a part of your financial aid budet

melmerdewitt: like, by the yard.

goldie2828: Thanks, Dr. Montag.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Also, Arielle, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE BAKED GOODS

moderator(PritzkerBen): I heard the pathology program is pretty strong here...

zlknight: Thanks.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): thanks, Rupali --

jawori: Is it possible to combine elements of two tracks, for example a project that compared medical education in another country to the US?

jag525: Does UofC get reviewed by the LCME? Is there a way to read that report?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Hey all, Arielle is the best baker ever.

arielle: hahaha, hannah, I'm so glad you got them!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Hands down.

goldie2828: Oncology and immunology would be my preferred research reas.

goldie2828: areas\*

justin@tentacle.net: Rupali, did you have to fund your travel to Nigeria or did you get any funds from the school?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): jawori, absolutely, mine is kind of medical education and community health  
moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Those truffles were to die for.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): We are a nationally ranked path program, our chair autors the most widely used textbook

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Jawori, We have had many future students ask whether it will be possible to pursue 2 or more threads through the Scholarship and Discovery requirement. One of the unique features of Pritzker is the opportunity presented to all of

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): but you choose one to be in, i'm choosing community health, because those are the skills i want to get

arielle: Aww, you're sweet. :)

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Yes, Jonathan -- we expect students will do that

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @justin: i'm not entirely sure since I haven't gone through the process yet, but we receive funding through SRP and can apply to other grants/scholarships to pay for going abroad (is that how it works guys?)

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): Rupali's right...there's also the Keith Edson Fund that helps pay for going abroad

justin@tentacle.net: what

justin@tentacle.net: is srp?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): OUr immunology is through a committee, and so is very multidisciplinary, also committee on cancer biology

moderator(PritzkerBen): goldie, I do cancer research here. Ridiculously strong.

moderator(Pritzker Marion): SRP = summer research program

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): last summer a second year went to China and Taiwan through the Keith Edson Fund and Innovation funding

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi jag525 -- Yes, we are accredited by the LCME -- I don't know if the report is public although it would be to our advantage if it was -- I'll find out -- would you email me tomorrow  
sroberts@bsd.uchicago.edu

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): totally outside of the summer research program

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): summer research program. sorry about that!

jag525: Thanks SylviaPritzker

JacobLentz: This a broader and more speculative question, I think, but has Pritzker found that the scholarships provided to students affected the kind of doctors they become? Do they feel freer to be the kind of doctor they want to be instead of beholden

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Right, Rupali -- we do all we can to help you find the money for international work and usually do

melmerdewitt: how do like the curriculum format? it looks like it's not a block system, which sounds kind of dangerous (as in you could end up having 4 exams in 3 days)

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): our exams our well spread out

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Excellent quesiton Jacob. We worry about debt forcing people away from primary care and other non-highly compensated specialties. Seniors?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Good question Jake but it is still the case the most students are making decisions based on their goals, values, passions rather than debt

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): are\*

jessica.becker27: Rupali, I'm doing research at my job now on HIV screening in India (focusing on the higher prevalence groups like truck drivers)! Do you know what you will be doing while you're there? (like interviewing or data collecting etc)

JacobLentz: Got it, thank you both.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): And now, with the Income Based Repayment and Public Service Loan Forgiveness programs we expect there will be less pressure to choose based on debt

melmerdewitt: good to hear madeline

JacobLentz: awesome. that's great news.

melmerdewitt: madeleine\*

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): and just to add, I loved having anatomy separately at the beginning

goldie2828: Sylvia, is the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program the same as the NHSC scholarship? Or is it something else?

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @jessica that is awesome! I'm pretty sure that I will be doing data analysis, and at the same time I will be working on other projects Dr. Schneider has going on in the slums of Delhi, dealing with tuberculosis, etc. which wil

moderator(SylviaPritzker): And both of those programs are available for nurses and there are also some GREAT federal loan programs for nurses -- I'd be happy to talk to her

rs\_satx: Around when does orientation start up in the fall btw?

KyleEricson: That seems to be a reoccurring aspect students say they love (anatomy)

moderator(Pritzker Marion): That is a really interesting question Jacob! However, I think Pritzker fosters an environment that truly supports people and helps them to go into any specialty...no matter the debt they have. I honestly feel that my classmat

moderator(PritzkerBen): Yes, anatomy being alone makes a huge difference...used to be anatomy + biochem + physio + some other stuff = very hard.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): rs\_satx we start the beginning of august

moderator(PritzkerBen): The new curriculum is much better now. :)

aboutagirl: What is the timeline for finding housing? Is there grad housing? Where do most med students live?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): last year we started august 5

rs\_satx: thanks!

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Anatomy is what starts the process of turning you from lay people into doctors, it is always special

zlknight: When do students arrive in Chicago?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): No, Goldie, this is a new program which involves 10 years of work in a non profit (most academic medical centers) check out the AAMC FIRST website -- it has great info - Cynthia, can you find that website and post it?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Aboutagirl, I found housing as late into the summer as July.

jessica.becker27: That sounds awesome, Rupali! How did you end up connecting with Dr. Schneider? Was it easy to get involved with research?

justin@tentacle.net: do most new students move in June?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): There is grad housing, but I live in a non U of C apartment a few blocks from campus

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): I'd say most people probably moved in July

aboutagirl: Hi Hannah, thanks for the info. do you live with another med student?

Alauer4: I know that some of you have already talked about housing, but is it true that there is an apartment complex in which the majority of people live? Is that the grad housing, or is that separate?

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): 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 p

moderator(PritzkerBen): FIRST: <https://www.aamc.org/services/48668/first/>

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Aboutagirl, I live with a grad student in the genetics phd program.

Alauer4: That sounds helpful.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell):

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=105486651758378238428.0004804c72ddc8c4f2fa&z=12>

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): She's a friend from my undergrad.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): a large number of people live in Regents Park, which is about 10 min by bus from where our classes are

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): just sent a housing map link

goldie2828: Wow, this sounds really interesting.

aboutagirl: thank you all!

moderator(PritzkerBen): South Loop w00t

kfgardner0228: hi everyone! I know research is big part of the experience at pritzker, but how do you think someone like me who currently doesn't think research will be their main focus as a career would fare at pritzker?

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): sorry, that wasn't the right link, try this:

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): I live in walking distance, which I'd say a lot of people do

moderator(Pritzker Marion): aboutagirl - I have lived with one of my classmates for all four years and have loved doing so!

justin@tentacle.net: my parents live in the south loop. woot

moderator(Cynthia): The AAMC First web address is  
[https://www.aamc.org/services/first/48682/first\\_for\\_students/](https://www.aamc.org/services/first/48682/first_for_students/)

moderator(PritzkerBen): kf, I was in your shoes. Now I'm doing a PhD. Go fig.

moderator(PritzkerBen): Where at, Justin?

justin@tentacle.net: michigan and roosevelt

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): kfgarnder0228 I was exactly the same when I came in, I said don't make me go anywhere near research. I'm very into community health, and there are lots of opportunities in that realm instead

JacobLentz: I'm going to live within walking distance. Trust me, I'm from LA and living close to things makes your life about 15% better.

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @jessica it was very easy! I heard about Dr. Schneider through students who had worked with him in the past (including one of my classmates who worked with him as an undergrad), and I met him one day after a Global Health Info

moderator(Pritzker Marion): kfgardner - totally fine!

melmerdewitt: i live in chicago now. enjoying snomageddon.

KyleEricson: how was the two feet of snow today?

melmerdewitt: awesome.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): kyleericson, snowball fights for the win!

arielle: Thanks for the links!

aboutagirl: how common is it for students to take courses outside of the med school? i know that it is possible and there are elective units to fill, but given the timing of the class schedule of a med student are students able to do that?

melmerdewitt: it was blowing horizontally for a few hours last night. i was convinced it was never going to settle.

moderator(Cynthia): You're welcome.

KyleEricson: It was 75 and humid today in Florida ;-)

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Yeah, Madge and I ran outside right before the chat to enjoy some of the snow. EPIC.

ncaemory09: good question aboutagirl

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Oh, I just hate humidity :)

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Just remember, the GroundHog did not see her shadow -- Spring is just around the corner

moderator(Pritzker Marion): aboutagirl - this happens periodically during 1st and 2nd year, but a TON of my classmates are now taking courses outside of the med school during fourth year! Towards the spring/summer of fourth year you definitely have plenty

jessica.becker27: Okay, thanks, Rupali! sounds great

KyleEricson: It was an odd feeling being warm in early February.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): sorry, that took way too long [http://rs.uchicago.edu/graduate\\_housing/index.shtml](http://rs.uchicago.edu/graduate_housing/index.shtml)

estockert: Unfortunately I have to go :( I look forward to reading the rest on the transcript! If anyone has questions about Chicago (I've been here 9.5 years) or U of C (My husband is an MD/MBA grad from Pritzker, and I went to U of C for undergrad and

Alauer4: Thanks!

moderator(PritzkerBen): See you Emily.

moderator(Pritzker Megan): Bye Emily!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): please use this link for help regarding graduate housing  
[http://rs.uchicago.edu/graduate\\_housing/index.shtml](http://rs.uchicago.edu/graduate_housing/index.shtml)

rs\_satx: I had kind of a specific question about housing: I heard a good amount of students live in the Regents apartments their first year. Are there any sort of discounts offered for Pritzker students living there?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Take care Emily -- hope to see you soon and give Jack a hug

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): there's also Regents! anyone here live at Regents Park?

goldie2828: I have to go. But thanks for an informative chat!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): yes i live at Regents! it's great!

moderator(PritzkerBen): See you goldie.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Yes, Regents just released its package for Medical Students next year -- still below market rate -- we will email it with the revisit info

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Take care, Emily!

KyleEricson: I remember one of the students at Regents mentioning it is cheaper for Pritzker students. Can anyone comment on that?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Goodbye Goldie -- stay in touch -- hope to see you in AUGUST be one of the 88

rs\_satx: Thanks Rupali and Sylvia for the info!

moderator(Pritzker Kevin): kyle, regents is cheaper for Pritzker students

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Goodbye Goldie2828!

KyleEricson: I thought it was too good to be true.

JacobLentz: I'd like to ask the students what their weekends are mostly like. Do you study or do you have free time to enjoy the city, life, shovel snow, wrestle polar bears, etc?

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): Overall, Regents may not be the cheapest option, but it is very convenient and safe and about 30-40% of your classmates will probably live there, plus upperclassmen

moderator(PritzkerBen): I build igloos, mostly.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Polar bears?!

aboutagirl: thanks marion. do certain schools (upper div bio, law, gsb etc) tend to be more compatible for doing so or is it on more of a class-by-class basis?

jag525: Do people continue to leave at REgents park after first year, or does it tend to be just a first year kinda place? If so, where do students live afterwards?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): There was a 300 person snowball fight on the quadrangle today

zlknight: And re: regents, can I have a non-med student live with me (sig other)?

rs\_satx: build igloos, build snowmen, eat an entire roll of Tollhouse cookie dough...

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): zlknight, lots of people do that

jawori: Are there any childcare facilities on or near campus and what is the quality of these centers?

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Yes, Regents is not restricted to U of C students

moderator(PritzkerBen): Yep. Typical Chicago things.

moderator(Pritzker Megan): Jag, i feel like most of our class stayed i regents (and hyde park) for the first three years and moved to other chicago neighborhoods for fourth yera

moderator(SylviaPritzker): yes, zlknight

moderator(Cynthia): Ditto on polar bears! There are Chicago Bears here!!

justin@tentacle.net: the chicago bears need a new quarterback...

jag525: How do people find roommates?

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @JacobLentz: we have a lot of fun on the weekends :D I find that there is a lot of free time, even during anatomy-- we would have a classwide celebration after every exam.

arielle: Good question jag525

moderator(Pritzker Marion): aboutagirl...kind of a class by class basis, but different schools obviously overlap a little more with medical school topics...for example, I think the divinity school and the medical school have a sort of ethics class togethe

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Oh my goodness, YES Justin!

JacobLentz: awesome

JacobLentz: thanks!

moderator(PritzkerBen): Don't feel limited to HP though. I always advise people to at least look into South Loop and other neighborhoods. It's a huge city with a lot of little unique areas.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): a lot of people find roommates at revisit or we created a facebook group for our class eople connected through

moderator(Cynthia): Well Justin you may be right!

JacobLentz: Thanks Rupali.

rmorshed: Hey everyone! Do most out of state students move to Chicago begin of July?

aboutagirl: i remember hearing about the options of where we can do rotations during my interview, but the details are a little hazier now. is it easy to get one's preference for rotations-both in terms of order as well as location?

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Jag-hrough the Orientation Website is a housing board where people can post their interest in having a roommate and find other people who are interested in having a roommate, too.

JacobLentz: I heard a rumor that the Most Interesting Man in the World went to Pritzker. Does anyone want to confirm this?

KyleEricson: PritzkerBen - how is the travel from south loop to Pritzker?

moderator(PritzkerBen): True Jacob.

rmorshed: Is everyone invited to the revisit weekend or just a select few acceptees?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): No, jake -- that will happen next year when you arrive

jawori: Jacob, he is often questioned by police, just because they find him interesting . . .

moderator(PritzkerBen): I don't want to spill the beans, but his name might also be Tony Montag. Just a guess though. Hypothetical.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): All accepted students are invited to revisit

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): All are and will be formally invited within the next week or so-i'll be sending your invite by email!

JacobLentz: That's nice of you to say Sylvia, but my beard growing skills are lacking.

moderator(PritzkerBen): Kyle, it's awesome. Tons of buses, tons of el lines, and LSD very close.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Sorry , not a pritzker grad, alas

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Ok folks, it

moderator(PritzkerBen): 15-20 min door to door, which is actually faster than many who live in Hyde Park itself.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): is the home stretch...30 minutes left in our chat...

zlknight: What sort of computers to students use? I can't remember if they are issued or if there is a PC vs. Mac requirement...

moderator(PritzkerBen): \*\*\*\*\*it.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): get your questions out there!

moderator(PritzkerBen): Oops. Guess you can't say the D word here.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): no computer requirement...lots of people have macs, I use a netbook

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): Pretty much everyone has some kind of laptop

moderator(PritzkerBen): Some with iPads only, no?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): and netbooks

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): oh yeah, there are 2-3 ipad people

aboutagirl: i remember hearing about the options of where we can do rotations during my interview, but the details are a little hazier now. is it easy to get one's preference for rotations-both in terms of order as well as location?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): One of our classmates uses an ipad exclusively

moderator(PritzkerBen): Or at least iPads as a mobile computer with a desktop at home.

Alauer4: (For students): Why did you choose Pritzker, and has your reasoning proved true?

rmorshed: Quick questions about scholarships: even if we didn't get an offer to begin with, is there a chance that more scholarship money will be given out to acceptees as the months go on?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): alauer4, I chose Pritzker bc of the people, and the people have turned out to be even more amazing than I thought at revisit

moderator(Pritzker Marion): aboutagirl - you definitely get to put in your preference for rotation location and order...you don't always end up getting your first choice, but typically things work out great anyway! We rotate through Northshore in Evansto

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Yes, rmorshed -- we do give scholarships at the time of accepted and at the time of the financial aid application

KyleEricson: If there was a re-tweet button I would be pressing it: rmorshed: Quick questions about scholarships: even if we didn't get an offer to begin with, is there a chance that more scholarship money will be given out to acceptees as the months go o

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): rmorshed, you will need to complete a financial aid application to be considered for need based scholarship

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): the admissions office is so friendly and helpful, the small class size makes for a really nice community

arielle: What schools were you deciding between and why did you choose Pritzker?

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): I chose Pritzker because it is an amazing place that cares about you as student and as a person. And the people here are wonderful. And if I had to choose again, I'd definitely make the same decision. Pritzker all the way!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): And, there is also merit money given at the time of the financial aid application

moderator(PritzkerBen): The Pritzker Podcast is on Twitter if you people ever have more questions! We're @pritzkerpodcast.

jag525: How does receiving a merit based scholarship affect need based financial aid?

moderator(PritzkerBen): And Pritzker itself is @UCPritzker\_Adm.

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @alauer4: i had a gut feeling that Pritzker would be a community where i would feel supported and listened to and where there would be a lot of commitment to working with underserved communities: both ended up being absolutely

JacobLentz: I have to say that the Admissions Office at Pritzker really does a great job. I felt guilty going to other interviews.

dnabers(Pritzker Rocks!): That's right, Hannah!

JacobLentz: Sylvia, I'm looking at you.

KyleEricson: The Pritzker Podcast has been extremely helpful to both myself and my parents. THANK YOU BEN!!

dnabers(Pritzker Rocks!): You rock, Ben!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): The merit scholarship is seen as a financial resource -- if you have a specific questions email me tomorrow at sroberts@bsd.uchicago.edu

moderator(PritzkerBen): Sylvia has this weird strategy of pulling people in that is called "being ridiculously nice".

moderator(Cynthia): All scholarship funds are included as a part of the financial aid package.

moderator(PritzkerBen): It kind of throws you off at first.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Thanks, Jake

JacobLentz: It's unfair.

moderator(PritzkerBen): Woo, Pritzker Podcast!

tyler.e.mains@gmail.com: Do any of the students do any volunteering at the local high schools around Pritzker? Or are there any mentoring programs available?

jawori: Have to go cook for the fam. Thanks for a great session everyone!

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): a lot of students do chicago youth programs, which matches med students up with high school students to mentor them

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @tyler i tutor with chicago youth programs, where we work one on one with a high school student

dararicher: Thanks to everyone for answering our questions! This has been very helpful.

moderator(PritzkerBen): Tyler, there's a local science fair that some people judge in occasionally...

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Take care Jonathan! Remember, they would love the snow

rmorshed: For the students: what were your favorite parts of Pritzker's curriculum? Do you know if any aspect of it is changing in the coming years?

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): there is also ASAP (adolescent substance abuse prevention) and Mission Nutrition who work with local youth

moderator(SylviaPritzker): You are welcome Dara -- hope to see you in April and August!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Go, ASAP!!!! I'm one of the presidents.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): rmorshed, we're only a little over halfway through the year, but my favorite class has been anatomy, and it's not changing any time soon

moderator(pritzker ashley): there is also the Chicago Youth Program that pairs you up with local high school students for mentoring

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Agreed, Madeleine. Anatomy was hands down my favorite.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): anatomy is an incredible learning experience and bonding experience with your lab group

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Right, the Pritzker Initiative has been rolled out -- although there is always responsiveness in the curriculum if changes are needed

rmorshed: anatomy is during august and september right? Was it kind of hectic starting out with it or do you think it was actually beneficial?

jawori: You too Sylvia and yes, they would!

justin@tentacle.net: is there something different about pritzker anatomy? i've heard people at other schools say anatomy was definitely the worst part of the preclinical years.

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): And in second year your favorite course will be CPP&T

moderator(Pritzker Marion): tyler- Also, the fourth year family medicine rotation has incorporated an opportunity to volunteer to teach contraceptive and relationship advice at a local highschool

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Rmorshed, yes anatomy starts in august!

angewang: Are there student-run clinics to get involved in? Can you get involved right away?

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): yes there are a lot of student run clinics!

ansharp: That's great to know, Marion.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): justin, we do it all at one time, that's a little different

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): And I think it was great to start off with anatomy. Great foundation for building the rest of your knowledge base with CMG and physio.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): (anatomy)

tyler.e.mains@gmail.com: Sounds great! I'm currently a TFA teacher and would like to stay involved in education somehow next year

moderator(SylviaPritzker): That is very sad -- i know students here who cannot stand still while they tell me about their anatomy experience -- they love it

JacobLentz: can you join a student-run clinic immediately?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): tyler, where do you do tfa?

tyler.e.mains@gmail.com: baltimore

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Anatomy has an interdisciplinary approach, which makes it more relevant

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): you do start working with the clinics right away, right?

moderator(PritzkerBen): Hey Kyle, do you parents have more questions? We want to make sure we cover everything for them.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): that's awesome, i have a bunch of friends in dc

moderator(Pritzker Marion): jacob - yup! You can volunteer almost immediately, and then first years start to run the clinics and take over clinic boards in November\

JacobLentz: thank you Marion

yael.nobel@gmail.com: Thank you all very much for your help!

JacobLentz: much appreciate

zlknight: Who typically does the teaching in anatomy? Do multiple physicians get involved? Residents? 4th years?

KyleEricson: I am meeting up with them this weekend, I will be sure to ask. Can I email them to you at the podcast email?

JacobLentz: I gotta go get yelled at by my boss, but thanks to all of you!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Students are REALLY involved in community service here. There are countless ways to get involved, from free clinics to school-based health programs to mental health or AIDS awareness groups. You can check out the many student gro

moderator(PritzkerBen): Absolutely.

moderator(Pritzker Kevin): tyler there are several ways to get involved with education, first they have a group CYP where several students tutor and mentor highschool students on a weekly basis

jessica.becker27: have you had opportunities to shadow (for the first years)?

JacobLentz: Give Sylvia a raise!

JacobLentz: ciao!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): You are welcome Yael! I hope you are having a great start to 2011

moderator(PritzkerBen): Or heck, give them the email and they can send stuff directly too.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): zlknight: most of it is taught by two professors, with occasional lectures from two postdocs

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @jessica: yes, we have the longitudinal program where we are paired with a physician all year

moderator(PritzkerBen): Peace Jacob. Stay classy.

KyleEricson: Okay, thank you Ben. It has already helped clear some of the mysticism that surrounds the application process.

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): zlknight: then there are sessions where drs come in to talk to us about anatomy, like a cardiothoracic surgeon came in to show us videos and things of heart surgery

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Organismal biology has the primary responsibility, but it is also taught by radiology, surgery and pathology. The pathology residents teach the histology labs

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Take care Jake! Hope to see you in April and August!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Also, zlknight, we get specialists who come in to lecture in each anatomy module. Amazing stuff we get to see from them.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Your clinical experience will begin the first week of medical school. Our students also frequently shadow our physicians at the UC hospitals, and volunteer in one of our three student-run free clinics. The majority of your clinic

justin@tentacle.net: Gotta get to my gig. Thanks all! [www.justinhellman.com](http://www.justinhellman.com) for anyone who wants to have a listen to what I do out here in Oaktown!

ansharp: My faculty interview was with the radiologist who is one of the anatomy professors, and I have to say, he was awesome.

moderator(Pritzker Kevin): in addition, as Ben mention, you can also help students with science projects, and then go and grade the entire classes

dnabers(Pritzker Rocks!): Love Oaktown, it's kickin'!

moderator(Pritzker Marion): also, 4th years and I think also 2nd years get to TA anatomy...so if you really love it you get to keep on smelling that classy formaldehyde :-)

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): mmm

jessica.becker27: Okay, thanks Rupali and Darrell!

zlknight: Ha. I love formaldehyde. ;)

moderator(PritzkerBen): Yep, people from basically every level help out with anatomy. It's amazing.

dnabers(Pritzker Rocks!): your

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Oh I hope to TA anatomy next year for sure! It's that great.

dnabers(Pritzker Rocks!): you're welcome, jessica

rmorshed: Do many students take on research projects during their first year or do they leave it until the summer?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Take care Justin -- have a great night -- I will go and listen! Thanks for joining our chat

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): rmorshed, one of our classmates is already working in a lab. He'll continue with it over the summer with SRP.

AustinWesevich: Is it possible to get a research project the summer before M1?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Some jump right in to research, but anatomy is a lot of time. Most wait till summer

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Hi Austin, We really encourage you to do something else in your LAST summer

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): 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 s

moderator(PritzkerBen): Seriously. Go travel the world.

rmorshed: any input on what u of c's strongest research areas are? ...there's probably a lot I'm guessing

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Yes, Austin, the summer before med school should be all about fun!

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Hmm summer before med school, you could contact a lab, but self-reflection on a beach would also be good.

AustinWesevich: Those are very good points! Do you know of any research in music therapy going on at Pritzker?

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Strong research areas would include non-clinical sciences, so Immunology, cancer biology, G.I., Genetics, evolutionary biology, molecular biology

moderator(PritzkerBen): rmorshed, oncology, immunology, GI, genetics are all very strong here.

jessica.becker27: Can all students get funding for summer research, or is it competitive?

jessica.becker27: (after M1 year)

angewang: Do most students do either clinical or basic science research, or is it a mix?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Austin, I don't know about the music therapy research but we will ask

moderator(Pritzker Marion): I think everyone in my class that applied for the summer research project were able to participate and receive funding!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @jessica: i'm under the impression that everyone who applies for SRP gets funding-- is that right?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): angewang, there's a good mix. some also do community-based research

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): mix of research. epidemiology, ethics, genetics

rmorshed: Kind of early for me to start thinking about this, but do most people feel that they have enough time to study for step 1. Is there any class prep time or are any of the tests based on step 1 questions?

moderator(Pritzker Marion): also there is definitely plenty of projects in translational research in you want a mix of clinical and bench

rs\_satx: is there are a lot of support for students interested in community-based research? (i know folks have promoted some of the other research areas quite a bit)

AustinWesevich: Dr. Robertson, that would be great. I think I may have e-mailed you about this, but I wasn't sure if I sent it to the right e-mail.

ansharp: Speaking of tests (everyone's favorite!), how often are you getting examined?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Students get more time than they need to study for Step 1 (4-5 weeks) and there are opportunities for taking the old exams throughout the year

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): We do not specifically teach to the boards, but here is time built in to second year to study.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Ansharp, with anatomy, we have exams every week or so.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Sorry, Austin to have missed your email!

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): rs\_satx: there are a handful of opportunities in community based research in the summer research program we were talking about and a number of people not in that doing research in the communities

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): But with our cells, molecules, and genes class, only a midterm and final.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): [http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/current/students/summerresearch\\_fact.shtml](http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/current/students/summerresearch_fact.shtml)- jessica, try this site for some additional details on SRP

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): And with physio, exams every week or so again.

moderator(Pritzker Marion): You get at least 6 weeks of time to study for step one which is PLENTY! I think now there is a class that was started at some point in the last 2 years (before my time) run by Dr. Sattar (who is AMAZING) to cover key points of

jag525: Can students get involved in on-going clinical trials in terms of data collection or data analysis? Or is most of the clinical research projects that students get involved with retrospective in nature? (ie chart review)

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Austin, would you please email me tomorrow about this -- and I want to be certain you are not getting spammed out -- sroberts@bsd.uchicago.edu

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): i just got in touch with some people doing community based research and they were incredibly helpful in directing me to lots of different projects

rs\_satx: sounds good, thanks Madeleine!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): i actually love the frequent testing... it helps me to keep up with things

rs\_satx: I'm pretty interested in the community-based research so that's great to hear

moderator(PritzkerBen): We don't teach to the boards here. We teach to practicing medicine.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): But you do not have a test every Monday -- that would be just awful

KyleEricson: How do Pritzker's USMLE Step 1 scores match up nationally?

AustinWesevich: Dr. Robertson, that would be great. Can I send the e-mail now?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Sure, Austin!

moderator(Pritzker Marion): jag - definitely can help with clinical collection...I think there is going to be a sleep/circadian rhythm type study going on in the medical ICU over the next few months that is all clinical data collection

moderator(SylviaPritzker): our Step 1 scores are off the charts -- really impressive -- but, even more impressive, are our students as leaderships and clinicians

bmikhael: Thanks everyone, but I have to go!

jessica.becker27: Thanks for the site, Darrell!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): By bmikhael! Hope to see you in April and August!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): bye!

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Thanks for logging in

rs\_satx: (for students): just curious, what are some of the things students do for fun? is it focused mostly in Hyde Park or do folks head into the city?

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Ok, it looks like we are heading into home-great job with the questions. And the answers from our current students, can't say enough about them. You are all wonderful!!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): rs\_satx, we do a lot of fun things around the city, both in HP and downtown.

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Before more people start to leave I want to stress that we are here as resources for you as you make this important decision -- we honestly are about helping you find the best fit SO, stay in touch with questions

AustinWesevich: E-mail sent. Also, when will we know the schedule for Re-visit Weekend? I have another Second Look offer on the same weekend, and I'm trying to see if I can split my time between the two schools.

moderator(Pritzker Megan): rs, we do all sorts of things. Often that means hanging out in hyde park. but more often it is out exploring the city

zlknight: I'm in the same boat as Austin.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): A lot of kids in my class like to run, so we get together and hit the lakeshore trail. BEAUTIFUL.

rs\_satx: Sounds cool, I've visited Chicago several times in the past couple of years, and there's always so much to do

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Moving forward I will send you details for the Revisit. You will be able to link to a site with all the details. Look for this in the coming week.  
rmorshed: Thanks for putting this together! Bye!

rs\_satx: nice, i recently got a bike from a buddy, there are plenty of bike trails too right?  
moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Absolute, rs.  
zlknight: Thank you, everyone!  
jag525: Thanks for the chat everyone! Very helpful!

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @rs\_satx: it's really easy to get to downtown Chicago- we're there a lot!  
moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): biking along the lakefront is great

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Great city for biking, I do 14 miles a day

moderator(PritzkerBen): Chicago is among the most bike-friendly cities in the US.  
rs\_satx: Nice!

moderator(Pritzker Marion): And if you have a car, there are a ton of bike trails just outside of the city that are very accessible!  
arielle: Thank you all so much for your help!

rs\_satx: alright, well yall have been great answering questions. thanks again for all of your help and taking time out of yall's schedules

AustinWesevich: Darrell, so we will be receiving an e-mail soon with links to where to see the schedule?  
moderator(PritzkerBen): See you rs. Thanks for coming.

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Everyone, thanks for your participation tonight! There will be a transcript of the chat available on our website soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dnabers@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:dnabers@bsd.uchicago.edu)

moderator(SylviaPritzker): I know about needing to split the weekend -- this is tough -- either day you can stay will give you great information and opportunity to meet great people -- Friday is the faculty day and Saturday is more the student day

moderator(SylviaPritzker): THANK YOU PRITZKER STUDENTS -- YOU ARE REALLY WONDERFUL

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Now, i would recommend skies!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): AND, DARRELL AND LEE AND CYNTHIA - what a team  
dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): But yes, bike paths galore in the spring.

emm924: Hi everyone. I'm Beth! This question may have already been answered but I have heard that many first years live in Regents. What is the rent like there?

moderator(SylviaPritzker): AND, MOST OF ALL, Dr. MONTAG! How was your first chat?

AustinWesevich: Also, Dr. Montag - thanks for your interview. It was my very first one of my path to med school, and I felt very comfortable. So thanks!

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): It's like trying to listen to all the conversation at a cocktail party at once

wgarneau: This has been very helpful -- I really feel like I know Pritzker. Thanks for all the additional online materials (and the scrubs!)

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): @emm924 at regents, the rent is ~975 for a studio and gets cheaper the more roommates you have, getting as low as the 600s i think

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Hope we see you in the Fall, I help in anatomy

moderator(PritzkerBen): Does anyone here have other questions that might be best answered on the podcast?  
emm924: Awesome. Thanks, Rupali.

moderator(Pritzker Marion): Hi Beth! Rent at Regents is totally doable...especially with a roommate. Not necessarily the cheapest option, but it is incredibly safe, has a little coffee shop, a gym, a mini market, and is very close to campus...making it a

KyleEricson: Does UC have a gym accessible to Pritzker students?

emm924: Sounds great! Thanks, Marion.

moderator(Pritzker Marion): Yup! 2 of them!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Yes Dr. Montag, without the cocktails!

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): kyleerickson, yes, it's really nice

moderator(PritzkerBen): Try TWO gyms.

moderator(Pritzker Marion): Both on campus

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): Great gym, olympic pool 2 blocks

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): But gym's not open today.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): What up with that?

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): it's so close i often go between classes

ansharp: Speak for yourself on the cocktails! :)

KyleEricson: Impressive. Thank you everyone, very helpful session. Look forward to seeing some of you in April.

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): and a dance studio available to anyone!

ansharp: (Just kidding.)

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Yes, Ratner is a very fancy gym.

arielle: This has been incredibly helpful (and fun), thanks!

moderator(PritzkerBen): Thanks Arielle! Good luck!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Bye, Arielle!!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): Thank you Arielle -- I am glad you joined us!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Good luck, Arielle

moderator(Pritzker Rupali): bye!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Thanks Kyle.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Arielle, we need to bake together soon by the way.

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Teach me your ways.

jessica.becker27: Thanks, everyone! This chat has been really helpful!

moderator(SylviaPritzker): I am willing to do taste tests on any baking

moderator(Dr. Montag, Prof.): I'll see you tomorrow Sylvia, bye

moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): me too me too on the taste tests!

moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Okay, Sylvia, you're on.

KyleEricson: Hannah - let me know when this bake-off is going on! I can be a very objective tester.  
arielle: Hannah, absolutely!! Oooh, guinea pigs haha! Thanks again!  
moderator(Pritzker Marion): It has been great to talk with all of you!  
moderator(SylviaPritzker): Bye, Dr. Montag! Thank you for joining us  
moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): bye all!

ansharp: This was a great refresher course on Pritzker. Thanks a bunch!  
moderator(Pritzker Megan): Have a good night everyone!  
dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Thanks Madeleine!

emm924: Thanks everyone. It was nice meeting you all. Hope to see you all soon. Take care!

moderator(PritzkerBen): Give me some good bread and I will award you an MD myself.  
dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Take care emm924!  
moderator(Pritzker Rupali): thanks jessica! g'nite!  
zlknight: Goodnight, everyone - and thanks!  
moderator(PritzkerBen): Bye Jessica.  
moderator(Pritzker (Madeleine)): Stay warm everyone!  
moderator(Pritzker-(Hannah)): Bye everyone!  
moderator(Cynthia): Have a good night everyone.  
angewang: Thank you again so much for taking the time!

dnabers(PritzkerDarrell): Signing off...good night to all. Thanks for your participation! Stay warm!!  
moderator(Pritzker Rupali): Good night everyone!  
moderator(SylviaPritzker): All the best! Thank you all.  
ikore: Thanks so much everyone! This was incredibly helpful! Bye!