

**The June 24th Chat for Accepted Applicants included members of the Pritzker admissions staff and current students. If you haven't already, please check out the Pritzker Podcasts, as well!!**

**To help “decode” the chat names, below is a key:**

PritzkerSylvia: Sylvia Robertson, Asst. Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid  
PritzkerJoni: Joni Krapec, Director of Admissions and Outreach  
Pritzker James: An MSII student who is one of the '10 Orientation Co-Chairs  
PritzkerJordan: An MSII student who is one of the Orientation Ambassadors

JoeyStatz: Hey guys!

(PRITZKERJoni): Hi Joey!

(PRITZKERJordan): Hey Joey!

(PRITZKERJoni):How is your summer so far!

(PRITZKERSylvia):Hi Joey, I am so glad you are joining us -- now and in August!

JoeyStatz: It's going really well!

JoeyStatz: Thanks Sylvia

(PRITZKERJoni): What are you up to?

(PRITZKERJoni): Hi Nina

(PRITZKERJordan):Hey Nina!

JoeyStatz: Well I'm back in SD, tutoring my lil bro a couple hours a day and volunteering down at the local Club for Boys

nrgupta2:Hi everyone!

JoeyStatz: besides that doing a lot of relaxing

(PRITZKERJordan): Sounds great!

JoeyStatz: Hey Nina!

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh that sounds great Joey! The relaxing is key :-)

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, you should definitely enjoy this summer and relax

(PRITZKERJoni): Nina what are you up to this summer?

JoeyStatz: yeah i'm sure I'll need it to get ready for these next few years lol

nrgupta2: Haha, trying to relax as well and volunteering

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, perfect

(PRITZKERSylvia): Glad to hear about the relaxing -- you want to be rested when you start medical school

JoeyStatz: where are you from, nina?

(PRITZKERSylvia): AND, I know your little brother will benefit from the summer help

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, I worked at a summer camp that summer, and it was wonderful

nrgupta2: I'm from a west suburb of Chicago called Wheaton

nrgupta2: where are you from?

JoeyStatz: lol thanks, Sylvia

JoeyStatz: Oh i know Wheaton! One of my friends from home goes to school there

(PRITZKERSylvia): Is that you Stephanie?

JoeyStatz: I'm from South Dakota, though

stepy: Yup. Hi everyone.

JoeyStatz: Rapid City, if you have any idea where that it lol

stepy: Just finished watching the epic tennis match!

(PRITZKERJordan): Hey Stephanie!

(PRITZKERJordan): oh did it end!?

stepy: Yes, 70-68.

(PRITZKERJordan): who won/

stepy: They did a presentation after for both players, almost like the championships. Isner won.

nrgupta2: Hi Sean

(PRITZKERJordan): oh good! i was pulling for him

stepy: Me too!

(PRITZKERSylvia): WOW -- I don't even think residents work that hard

mfenster: Hah, I switched to the World Cup for 5 minutes and missed the last game!

(PRITZKERJoni):Is anyone watching World Cup?

stepy: The match was something like 10 hours long. Italy lost 3-2.

(PRITZKERSylvia): When does the US play again??

stepy: So now they're out.

Swearingen10: yea, USA came through huge yesterday, they play ghana Saturday

(PRITZKERJoni): Hey Sean!

(PRITZKERJames): Hi, I'm James and I am a first-year student from California. I graduated from UC-San Diego and will be one of your Orientation Co-Chairs this year!

Swearingen10: hi Joni how are you? Its good to see you are back

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Sean! Welcome!

(PRITZKERJoni): Thanks! It's fun to be back!

(PRITZKERSylvia): We are all SO glad Joni is back!

Swearingen10: Hi Sylvia

(PRITZKERJordan): Hi I'm Jordan. I'm a rising second year and one of the Orientation Ambassadors. I am from Indiana and graduated from Duke University.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Jordan and James -- was first year what you thought it would be?

(PRITZKERJames):I guess I'm a rising second year as well! Wow, that's strange to say!

JoeyStatz: So, guys, besides the white coat ceremony, what all happens during orientation?

(PRITZKERJames):Joey - a ton of things!

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, it actually was a lot like I though, although I was surprised at how easy it was to get involved in things around the hospital and Chicago

(PRITZKERJordan): a scavenger hunt around chicago!!!

(PRITZKERJames):There are some standard session (introduction to the curriculum, etc), as well as a lot of social activities

(PRITZKERJames): It's going to be great!

(PRITZKERJoni): James what are some of the dinners this year? Can you tell I'm hungry?

Swearingen10:Do we have to take the Chicago health insurance or can I just stay on my own family plan?

(PRITZKERSylvia): There are some logistic things to take care of like ids, etc., but mostly it is a great time to get to know 87 other amazing people

(PRITZKERJoni): Sean, if you are covered by your parents that's great! You just have a waiver form to fill out--you have to prove you have insurance.

mishid07: i got kicked off my family plan a long time ago :-(

JoeyStatz: that sounds like fun!

(PRITZKERSylvia): And, I mean amazing! We have a remarkable set of classmates to join you

mishid07: when do we get our student ids?

(PRITZKERJoni): Just double check that you are still on your family plan--like Mishid07 just said :-)

mishid07: is that all during orientation?

Swearingen10: Sounds good Joni, would I fill that out when I get to school then?

(PRITZKERJoni): Yes, Mishid07--you get your ID during Orientation.

(PRITZKERJames): During orientation we have a ton of dinners lined up....we will have a BBQ with your societies (which you'll hear more about), as well as some other fun stuff around Chicago.

stepy: Is it a difficult process to opt out of the school healthcare?

(PRITZKERJoni): Sean, I think you actually do it before you get here. Let me time out for a sec and go grab the website.

(PRITZKERJames): mishid07 - You'll get both your UChicago ID and your hospital ID at orientation.

(PRITZKERJordan): no, its an online form. you have to provide a plan number so that you can prove you are insured

stepy: Thanks Jordan.

nrgupta2: Yea I had a question about student IDs. On the authorization statement for the student loan administration it asks for a student ID number- is that the AMCAS ID?

(PRITZKERSylvia): And, this July those under 26 may be able to get back on their parent's insurance -- its a piece of the new health care reform bill

(PRITZKERJames): No, I think that's your UChicago your student ID. If you don't know your ID you can just leave it blank

(PRITZKERJoni): Ok, the health insurance website is at: <https://www.uhcsr.com/uchicago>. Then all the way down at the bottom is the waiver form. The only problem is that they haven't updated it for 2010 yet! So we'll keep checking on that.

nrgupta2: Ok and then to sign up for direct deposit it seems like we need a cMORE ID- do we wait to do that until orientation?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Right, we are going to check on the whole cnet id process -- we will clarify -- but don't worry -- we can manage this

(PRITZKERSylvia): Mostly, don't worry about anything -- we always help

nrgupta2: Good to hear!

Swearingen10:Nina? Worry? I couldn't see that happening

JoeyStatz: Speaking of ID's, when do we get all of that stuff? I know that the spyware/antivirus protection provided by my undergrad university is about to expire mid july, and I don't want to buy new stuff if UChicago provides it for all their students too

nrgupta2: Sean is being sassy

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, they are super helpful, and all of these logistical things are taken care of once you get here

(PRITZKERJoni): I take it you two know each other?? Nina and Sean I mean :-)

Swearingen10: haha, you could say that

nrgupta2: we will have gone to school together for 12 years after Pritzker

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh wow~! That's crazy!

(PRITZKERJoni): Joey--James is looking up your question right now...

(PRITZKERJames): SO the university does offer free antivirus software for students:  
[http://findit.uchicago.edu/findit.home/action\\_briefs&recordID=410&mode=single&nextMode=list&column0=Redirector&sortColumn0=Whatwouldyouliketodo&comparisonType0=is+not+equal+to&value0=true&sortDirection0=Ascending](http://findit.uchicago.edu/findit.home/action_briefs&recordID=410&mode=single&nextMode=list&column0=Redirector&sortColumn0=Whatwouldyouliketodo&comparisonType0=is+not+equal+to&value0=true&sortDirection0=Ascending)

JoeyStatz: ok sweet

JoeyStatz: thanks, James!

(PRITZKERSylvia): The week of July 6 we will have more info for you re the cnet id process

JoeyStatz: that sounds good, thanks Sylvia!

(PRITZKERJoni): Does everyone want to take a second to introduce themselves? We've had a few people join in!

Swearingen10: Hi, my name is Sean Swearingen, I went to the University of Illinois

JoeyStatz: I'm Joey Statz (shocking from my User ID, I know). I'm from Rapid City, SD, and graduated from Notre Dame this past May.

(PRITZKERJoni): Ha ha Joey!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Ben, our podcast genius, went to Univ of Illinois -- great school

mishid07: Hi. I'm Michelle Desjardins, went to Northwestern, originally from jersey but

lived in chicago for almost 9 years.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Do you think Notre Dame is going to join a conference?

(PRITZKERJoni): So did my hubby...though I try not to call him a genius to his face :-)

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Michelle! Man, we have really been singing in the rain the last few days!

Swearigen10:I appreciate the U of I love Sylvia

stepy: I'm Stephanie Kazantsev. From Hawaii, went to Dartmouth, then UCSD grad school, and lived in LA for past 3 years.

mishid07: i know!!! did the sky turn green down there last night?

JoeyStatz: The only time I've been to U of I was when I drove through campus to pick someone up during Unofficial haha. It looked like a lot of fun

mfenster: I'm Mike Fenster from Green Bay, WI. I went to Grinnell College (in Iowa) and I worked at NIH for 2 years since graduating.

nr Gupta2: I'm Nina Gupta- I grew up in a suburb of Chicago (same one as Sean) and also went to U. Illinois

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, it was crazy, i got stuck driving through it

(PRITZKERSylvia): What's unofficial -- just have to ask

(PRITZKERJoni): Michelle it most certainly did! BUT there was a rainbow at the same time so that made me feel better :-)

Swearigen10: oh gosh, i dont know if I can tell you Sylvia

mnaylor: I'm Melissa Naylor. I grew up in Ohio. I work in Boston.

mishid07: well a beautiful day today to make up for it

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh Sean...better not then :-)

JoeyStatz: haha i can tell her if you want

(PRITZKERJoni): Yeah, it's really gorgeous here today!

(PRITZKERJoni): Melissa what part of OH are you from? My parents moved to Cincinnati a few years ago.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sure, you can -- I am very open and accepting and aware -- we were resident heads for 10 years -- I have seen it all

mnaylor: Wooster. It's in the middle of no where, closest to Cleveland.

(PRITZKERJoni): Ok, either Joey or Sean send Sylvia an email she's going crazy wondering :-)

JoeyStatz: it's basically just a huge party that they have to celebrate St. Patty's day. It's called unofficial b/c they can't have it officially on St. Patty's day. The U of I always schedules Spring Break so that kids will be gone during St. Patty's day

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh, okay Melissa. I've not heard of it but...

jtomal: hey everyone, I'm Justin Tomal, I went to high school with Sean and Nina in Wheaton, then stayed in town at Wheaton College

(PRITZKERJoni): Probably a smart plan by U of I :-).

JoeyStatz: haha definitely not dumb

mishid07: small world

(PRITZKERJoni): Holy cow! So now we have 3 peopel from the same high school?? Did you all plot this? :-)

(PRITZKERJordan): Hey Justin! crazy about the high school!

Swearingen10:pretty much

mishid07: Justin do you know a Caitlin Desjardins? she's my cousin and went to Wheaton

nr Gupta2: Wheaton is taking over

JoeyStatz: yeah no kidding, that's awesome u guys are all gonna be together

jtomal: I know, it's wild

(PRITZKERSylvia): Oh, that makes sense -- it would be awful to always miss St Pat's day -- I understand now We have an OFFICIAL huge party all over Chicago on St Pat's day -- it is incredible -- the bars open about the same time they turn the river green

jtomal: hmm, name doesn't sound familiar. when did she graduate?

JoeyStatz: I'm getting excited already lol

mishid07: i think within the last year or so, she was a music major i think

(PRITZKERSylvia): We are already excited -- it is so great to welcome you

jtomal: meaning she was in the conservatory?

JoeyStatz: music just runs it the family, doesn't it michelle?

mishid07: yes it does :-)

JoeyStatz: so where u guys all living?

(PRITZKERJoni): Hey Ben!! You made it!

(PRITZKERSylvia): River green, sky green -- I guess it is an Irish kind of town

mnaylor: Regents!

JoeyStatz: Irish people are the best! haha (I'm a Notre Dame grad)

JoeyStatz: regents will be sweet!

jtomal: gotcha, yea the conservatory is somewhat separated from the rest of the school so it makes sense that i don't remember her

(PRITZKERJoni): I actually saw a t-shirt the other day that said "I'm Chi-Irish" which I'm thinking means Irish because they live in Chicago...I think you "catch" the Irish here :-)

nrgupta2: I went and visited a ton of apartments in Hyde Park, but was ultimately convinced to live at Regents

Swearingen10:how bout that football team? Kelly gonna turn things around finally?

JoeyStatz: ABSOLUTELY!

mishid07: I'm living in Lincoln Park

mishid07: near the zoo :-)

stepy: I'm still trying to figure out housing, but staying with family friends the first month until my husband moves out. Is hyde park the best place to live?

JoeyStatz: I'm so excited for Kelly, it's not even funny

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh can we not talk football?? I'm dying with my Wolverines.

stepy: or do some students live downtown?

JoeyStatz: Weis just couldn't develop any talent

stepy: I love the wolverines too, but they always lose =(

(PRITZKERJames): I'm living in the south loop area, if anyone knows where that is

Swearingen10:haha, sorry Joni

JoeyStatz: i think Kelly is the exact opposite

(PRITZKERJames): So it's kind of in the downtown area

(PRITZKERJordan):Umm, stephanie, I would say yes, but I am biased

(PRITZKERJoni):Oh how fun Michelle! You have to go to RJ Grunts right across from the zoo. It's fantastic!

(PRITZKERJordan): i like that it is quiet and convenient

JoeyStatz: Joni, we can't talk about this...

mishid07: yes, i love their salad bar!

(PRITZKERJoni): Thanks guys :-). I'm trying to think positive.

stepy: Is the commute ok from south loop?

Vik\_Jag: Hello everyone, this is Vikrant from Downers Grove

(PRITZKERSylvia): Most first years live in Hyde Park but some, who are more familiar with the city, or who live here now are easily able to commute. I think it is just easier to be closer the first year. And the buses, etc. here help get around

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Vikrant – WeLCOME

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh yay Michelle! One of my friends and I do Zoo Lights every year then go to RJs for dinner!

(PRITZKERJordan): Hey Vikram!

jtomal: i'm living in a condo in hyde park...still need roommates by the way ;)

nrgupta2: Vikrant- Sean, Justin are I are just down the street in Wheaton

(PRITZKERJoni): Stephanie, the Commute is just fine from South Loop. It's an easy shot down Lake Shore Drive or busses are easy from there too.

Swearingen10: represent chi town suburbs

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, Lincoln Park is a very nice neighborhood, but it can be a trek every day

(PRITZKERJames):It's not bad at all. It's about a 10-15 minute drive. And there's a bus that goes directly from south loop to the Uof C hospitals!

Vik\_Jag: oh wow, sweet, that is amazing

mishid07: Joni, I have always wanted to go to the zoo lights so I'm hoping I'll finally go this year

Vik\_Jag: Love the Chicago suburbs haha

(PRITZKERJoni): It's fun and it's free! Just ask me what date my friend and I are planning--it will be the coldest day of December guaranteed so you can avoid it :-)

JoeyStatz: what are the zoo lights?!?

JoeyStatz: that sounds cool

stepy: thanks for the thoughts on south loop and lincoln park.

mishid07: yeah, i know Lincoln Park is a little far, but I live with my bf and he works in winnetka, wilmette, sometimes lake forest so hyde park and south loop just were not an option

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, that definitely makes sense for you, then

(PRITZKERJoni): Joey--the Lincoln Park Zoo does a fantastic lights display each year around the holidays. It's free and they have ice carving, all the lights, a lot of exhibits open (the inside animals), etc. Just a fun way to see the zoo!

(PRITZKERJordan): and we definitely have a few classmates who live up there

(PRITZKERJames):It's definitely a doable commute.

(PRITZKERSylvia):I commuted from Lincoln Park for years -- you just learn to avoid

the cubs home games -- really, it is fine and a wonderful way to start the day -- the drive i beautiful

mishid07: joey, we'll go to zoo lights together, they basically light up the whole zoo for the winter holidays

JoeyStatz: sweet! do they put lights on the animals too?

(PRITZKERJoni):Ha ha Joey--No :-)

stepy: I take it these areas are safer than Hyde Park too?

JoeyStatz: haha jk

mishid07: we can put lights on you though

(PRITZKERJoni): But watching the ice carving is awesome--I had no idea they used chainsaws and irons for ice carving.

JoeyStatz: lol ok

Vik\_Jag: So for probably the current students, did you find the transition from easy summer life to anatomy difficult? Any advice for us incoming?

(PRITZKERJames): I personally have never felt unsafe in Hyde Park (I lived in Regents the past year), and I think it's very safe as long as you're street smart

(PRITZKERJames):I think that's the case in the other neighborhoods too.

(PRITZKERJordan): its hard to say, stephanie, it is commonly thought to be more safe up there, but i think hyde park is very safe in most parts and have never had any problems in either

(PRITZKERJoni): Yeah, I think James is right. Urban smarts are important anytime you're around a big city.

(PRITZKERSylvia): I raised 4 children in Hyde Park -- never a problem -- you just need to be a responsible urban citizen -- that is true anywhere -- honest

(PRITZKERJoni): Vikrant--the students are typing an answer for you :-)

mishid07: yes i am nervous that i am in for a rude awakening with anatomy

mishid07: after doing literally nothing this summer

stepy: I'm excited to move to Chicago for sure - sounds like an awesome city.

mishid07: i started looking at my atlas...

(PRITZKERSylvia): Oh, Michelle, don't worry -- they will walk it through you and you will have great classmates -- its a group effort

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, it can be tough sometimes to hit the ground running with anatomy. You will have exams within the first two weeks. So, it can be hard to adjust and get all of the study habits worked out so quickly

(PRITZKERJordan): But, it is definitely doable, and there is so much great support and advice for studying

mfenster: when will our class schedule be released? I can only find the one from last year.

Swearingen10:so... your sayin we should get ourselves warmed up now if we can?

(PRITZKERJames): Transition to summer to anatomy- it was definitely challenging, but I got used to the fast pace. Plus, the faculty know that you need time to adjust, so they try to help out as much as possible.

JoeyStatz: my biggest problem i think will be waking up so early...

(PRITZKERJoni):Yeah, Chicago is awesome! And so fun in the summer. You have to check out metromix.com and look up "street festivals" -- there is at least 1 every weekend! So for those of you coming early, have fun :-)

(PRITZKERJordan): you will find that there are so many other students willing to help

(PRITZKERSylvia): Yes, Joey, that is likely the challenge

Vik\_Jag: thats good. Did you have any advice / tips to make the transition easier?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Last year is a good schedule to go from -- this year's will be out closer to August

(PRITZKERJordan): Michelle! No need to break out the atlas yet, but it is very exciting and probably hard to wait!

mishid07: there is supposed to be a Garden Walk and Festival near my apartment in July (17-18) i think if anyone wants to join me

(PRITZKERJames):My advice would be to make use of your time...take advantage of your break time.

(PRITZKERJames): And don't be scared of anatomy!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Be rested, be eager, be organized, do your financial aid in advance, eat well and come see us if you are freaked

mishid07: it was on the list of chicago events in the most recent mailing

(PRITZKERJordan): I would say just find a good balance between studying and all of the fun things going on. You want to have fun and meet everyone, but you also need to find those times to keep up and make sure you don't fall behind since it happens kind of fast.

Vik\_Jag: I especially like the eat well advice :)

Swearingen10: I like it Sylvia, thanks for the advice

JoeyStatz: I'll be in Chicago that weekend, Michelle

Vik\_Jag: thanks Jordan and James.

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, that's good advice from Sylvia, don't be afraid to use all the Resources

Vik\_Jag: Did you do anything in particular to prepare ahead of time? OR did you just arrive the first day of class cold turkey?

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh it's no problem to eat well in Chicago :-). I couldn't live in Little Italy for that reason--I like Italian food too much :-)

(PRITZKERSylvia):Hi Camille, Welcome!

mishid07: oh...italian food.....

camiepetri: Hi from Cape Cod!

(PRITZKERJoni):Oooh! Cape Cod! I'm jealous!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Wow - Cape Cod -- enjoy, send pictures

(PRITZKERJordan):Ya, I didn't have any books before I got here and moved in a day before orientation. But, I would say try to get your logistical stuff in place well in advance so that you don't have to worry about it when school starts. So, that means moving in early, getting your bank stuff worked out, etc.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Those of us here in Cape Hyde Park look forward to seeing you all

(PRITZKERJoni): Michelle have you been to any of the Rosebud's yet? MMMM.  
Homemade pasta.

Vik\_Jag: I love Rosebud's! Thanks for the tip Jordan

mishid07: no i haven't i'll have to try it

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, we all are salivating over Rosebuds here

(PRITZKERSylvia): Now, we are all talking about Rosebud's -- somebody needs to bring  
a delivery

mishid07: hhahah

(PRITZKERJoni): Rosebud is definitely a place to have your parents take you, then YOU  
keep all the leftovers :-)

(PRITZKERJames):Joni has the right idea!

Vik\_Jag: a strategy I utilize all the time...

(PRITZKERJordan):haha

(PRITZKERJoni): Nice Vikrant :-). When you get to my age you'll likely have to take  
them out once or twice though :-)

JoeyStatz: I'm getting so hungry

(PRITZKERJoni): Sorry Joey. :-)

JoeyStatz: haha it's ok!

(PRITZKERJordan):and we have taste of chicago this weekend!

(PRITZKERJoni): When are people going to make the move?

JoeyStatz: I'll just have to go solve that problem soon

mishid07: I'm moving next weekend, aahhh!

camiepetri: I'm moving during the last week of July

mishid07: my apartment is a disaster right now

jtomal: I'm thinking August 1<sup>st</sup>

JoeyStatz: I'm moving in July 15th, then coming back home for a wedding before Orientation

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Dan! Welcome

(PRITZKERJoni): Don't worry Michelle--it will get done!

stepy: I'm driving in ~ August 1

Vik\_Jag: I am thinking July late 20's

mfenster: July 31 for me

dreynolds: Thanks! Hello from Saint Louis

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, those are all probably good times

JoeyStatz: Go cards!

(PRITZKERJoni): There's a Facebook group for this class so you all can be in touch when you get here!

Vik\_Jag: Oh no! I am a huge Cubs fan

(PRITZKERJordan): Boo! Go White Sox!

(PRITZKERJoni): Ok, I'd chime in with a "Go Cubs" but it's really not their year.

Vik\_Jag: :( I know Joni, but we just ignore that part...

(PRITZKERSylvia): All of you here early should get together -- it helps to have help unpacking and then celebrating unpacking

dreynolds: Go Cardinals!

JoeyStatz: Haha Joni, our sports teams really do not get along very well

(PRITZKERJoni): Yeah, we just stay focused on the Blackhawks :-)

Vik\_Jag: Which are awesome!

(PRITZKERJordan): Michelle, or anyone else who is getting here earlier, let us know if you are here and want updates on social things with the 2nd years!

(PRITZKERSylvia): I am a baseball fan -- any team really but Joni, when is it the Cubs

Year

JoeyStatz: yeah, that series was sweet

(PRITZKERJoni): No, Joey they don't! But that's okay. There's even a Buckeye fan here who is a student and honestly he's great.

JoeyStatz: haha yeah i think we can move past it.

mishid07: ok thanks Jordan!

mishid07: do we have your contact info?

(PRITZKERJordan): [you may in a mailing, but it's yoder.jordan@gmail.com](mailto:yoder.jordan@gmail.com) or you can [text/call 574-849-8941](tel:574-849-8941)

JoeyStatz: just don't get too upset after the ND/Mich game this year...

(PRITZKERJames): Feel free to e-mail me and Maureen as well:

[Orientation2010@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:Orientation2010@bsd.uchicago.edu)

(PRITZKERSylvia): Just a tip everyone -- if Michigan loses we trip Joni with care

mishid07: is there wifi in the bslc?

(PRITZKERJoni): I'll do my best Joey. Two years ago I was getting married in the fall so that was distracting me. Then last year we were expecting a baby so that was a fun distraction. This year we'll just enjoy our daughter I guess! My hubby is an Illinois grad so he hasn't been having a good season for a long time either.

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh yes, Michelle--wifi is all over the campus.

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, you just need to sign on with your cnet id

jtomal: does anyone have tips on securing bikes around bslc? Indoor would be preferred, but what do you guys do if you ride?

JoeyStatz: oh wow, Joni, that must have been crazy!

(PRITZKERJoni): Yeah, Joey, we now think that our personal life and our sports life have inverse relationships. And honestly we're okay with that!

(PRITZKERJordan): i ride my bike and secure it with a ulock. it is a very old, rusty bike so i have had no problems, but some bikes have been stolen around here, so be careful

jtomal: even with ulocks?

(PRITZKERSylvia): Any expensive bike is a problem in any big city so you may want to buy a cheaper one to have around the neighborhood. But, you can register it and there are many places to lock it.

Vik\_Jag: how did the students like the Health Care Disparities course?

mishid07: just make sure you also lock your tires with a cable

(PRITZKERJoni): Yeah, Justin. Even with U-locks. I know some people take their tire or seat with them.

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, i think i have heard of some, but most of the issues come from the cheaper locks

JoeyStatz: haha yeah it sounds like that's true!

jtomal: hmm, that's disheartening...may be sticking to the shuttle then haha

(PRITZKERJordan): I loved it! I am very interested in health care on the south side, so it was cool to be able to see a picture of medical care in a disadvantaged area

(PRITZKERJoni): I'm kind of hoping for healthy calm family with a 8-3 season :-). That seems like a good balance.

(PRITZKERJordan): it was also a very low-key type of course without any evaluations, just discussions and readings

(PRITZKERSylvia): Sounds like a great hope Joni

JoeyStatz: I would be content with that!

JoeyStatz: especially after the last 3 years at ND...

(PRITZKERJoni): Yeah, you're feeling my pain :-)

JoeyStatz: lol totes

(PRITZKERSylvia): Don't be disheartened - just realistic -- maybe nothing would happen  
■ but we err on the side of caution in our advice  
■

dreynolds: does anybody know anything about mac properties? i am coming up to chicago this weekend to look at apartments (i know im a little late haha) but i was wondering what people thought about their places...

Vik\_Jag: thats very nice- I like the idea of the course. like a nice mix with anatomy

JoeyStatz: speaking of football, when is the ms1/ms2 game?

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, im guessing you could ride your bike everyday and not have any problems, but there are always exceptions

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, that's a big one. intramural football starts in september, and we will be beating you at that time...

jtomal: gotcha, i may just have to buy a couple more locks

(PRITZKERJordan): haha, ya

(PRITZKERSylvia): There have been some concerns with mac properties in the past – maybe though things have improved....

JoeyStatz: ooooooooh dang! talkin \*\*\*\*\* already haha

(PRITZKERJordan): i have not been impressed with the mac buildings, they are generally more worn down and aren't always the most helpful

(PRITZKERJoni): Dan they get mixed reviews. I would say with any apartment it's good to see the inside of the building and your actual apartment not just a model you know?

Vik\_Jag: ouch. you betta look out for my crisp wide receiver routes

(PRITZKERJordan): but, if you find a place you like, i wouldn't let the name of the management company stop you

camiepetri: we used urban search realty, and our realtor was lee cook. she was amazing.

JoeyStatz: haha, did u play in hs/college vik\_jag?

dreynolds: ok cool, thanks for the advice!

(PRITZKERJordan): haha, vikram

(PRITZKERJoni): Yikes! Things are getting ugly with the smack talk!

(PRITZKERJoni): Good advice Camille!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Oh yea, Lee Cook is amazing - her husband was the dean of students for the university for many years and they were resident heads too -- back when we were all younger

(PRITZKERJoni): The Societies also do a big "field day" in the fall where they all square off against each other in all kinds of crazy events--3-legged races, kickball, tug of war, water balloons, etc.

(PRITZKERJames):Field day is a ton of fun

mishid07: what's a 3-legged race?

Vik\_Jag: lookin' forward to that!

JoeyStatz: are you american, michelle?

(PRITZKERJoni): Michelle--you have to grow a 3rd leg. We have an experimental procedure.

mishid07: hahaha

(PRITZKERJames): We are at the forefront of medicine.

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh we'll quit teasing. Two people work together and each of them has their interior leg tied together--so you have 3 legs between the two of you if that makes sense?

JoeyStatz: lol jk michelle!

mishid07: haha ok, i think we used to do those on easter....

(PRITZKERSylvia):Welcome pcw64

(PRITZKERJoni):You probably did Michelle! It's big with kids :-)

pcw64: thanks! just lurking here for a bit while i take care of some things :)

(PRITZKERSylvia):I am certain you are busy -- when are you moving

(PRITZKERJoni): We also have great arts in Chicago -- students are able to go to some of the art museums for free and we have the "Ulmann Fund" which provides free tickets for Broadway, Opera, etc. You enter a lottery to win the free tickets--offered about 1X each month if not more frequently.

JoeyStatz: so when can we start to get involved with the free clinic?

mishid07: oohh! free opera tickets!! that's awesome

pcw64: august 1! but not before some vacay

Vik\_Jag: how are the anatomy exams (for the students)?

dreynolds: thanks for the help everyone, but i should probably get back to work...

JoeyStatz: i've never been to an opera before lol

(PRITZKERSylvia): Great Peter, good idea to get some rest before school starts

JoeyStatz: cya dan

jtomal: See ya Dan

mishid07: i guess it doesn't fall under one of those "american" things to do, then does it

(PRITZKERSylvia): All the best Daniel, Stay in touch with questions - all the best

mishid07: i think i'm going to head out too, get back to packing (sigh)

(PRITZKERJordan): Vikram, that anatomy exams are pretty difficult especially since they are your first taste of medical school, but you will find them very fair and pretty predictable. They ask you straightforward questions about the things you were taught. But, there is a lot to learn, so it can take some time to learn it all.

(PRITZKERJoni): Oooh...hang in there Michelle! It will get done :-)

(PRITZKERJames): You can start getting involved in with clinics basically as soon as you get here! We'll have a clinic training session, then you can sign up to check out some of the clinics.

(PRITZKERJordan): Good luck, Michelle!

(PRITZKERJames): We have 4 clinics, so a wide variety of choices.

JoeyStatz: that's awesome!

JoeyStatz: thanks

(PRITZKERJordan): I am on the board for the Maria Shelter, which is an amazing, amazing opportunity. We provide care for women in a homeless shelter.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Number your boxes and have them correspond to the room number of your new place -- then the movers can put them in the right place or you can

camiepetri: James and Jordan, do you recommend getting a set of flash cards ahead of time just to get started? I'm a little nervous about getting back into school after taking a year off.

(PRITZKERJames): Not ahead of time...

(PRITZKERJames): But the flashcards are definitely a good tool.

(PRITZKERJames): I would recommend enjoying the summer as much as you can!

(PRITZKERJordan): Camille, don't worry! Anatomy will be so fun, and you will easily get back into the groove. If you want to buy them now, that's fine, but don't worry about studying ahead of time!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Dear Camille, Rest, relax, enjoy -- don't worry about studying this summer -- Dr. Lombard just arrived -- he says, if you can come up with 10 anatomical body parts that only have 3 letters you will be fine -- he gives you a head start -- "arm"

Vik\_Jag: thanks Jordan- I was actually going to ask since they suggested to look at some Flashcards

(PRITZKERJoni): Ok, now we're all distracted trying to name the 10

camiepetri: yeah, the most recent packet sort of made it sound like we're supposed to get started now!

jtomal: leg

mfenster: eye ear hip lip toe

(PRITZKERJoni): You guys rule. We also had rib

(PRITZKERJordan): i actually didn't even have flashcards. i just read grey's and took notes on that. i love grey's!

(PRITZKERJoni): So we have--toe, ear, eye, arm, lip, leg, rib, hip. Need two more.  
Hm

(PRITZKERJames): I didn't prepare before classes started, and I never had any experience with anatomy, but I made it out!

stepy: Good to hear James. Thanks for sharing - makes me less worried.

jtomal: hmm

(PRITZKERJordan): Also, you can get books from the library here for free, which is what i usually did

Vik\_Jag: thats comforting to know jAMES

Vik\_Jag: do they have a lot of copies of books at the lib?

(PRITZKERJoni):Honestly, don't worry. Part of what the admissions committee is doing is reviewing your past academic history. If we didn't KNOW you could do this, we wouldn't have accepted you! So you CAN do it!!! None of you are at risk here!

(PRITZKERJames): And rememeber that the preclinical years are pass/fail

(PRITZKERJoni): Can lib be a body part? That would help. We still need 2.

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, they have lots of copies, but some of them are older editions.

nrgupta2: jaw, gum

(PRITZKERJoni): THANKS Nina!!! You rule! We're done!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Way to go!

jtomal: yes, WWS represent

nrgupta2: haha

(PRITZKERJordan): Passed our first anatomy exam!

(PRITZKERSylvia): You just passed your first anatomy exam

(PRITZKERJoni): And we've just demonstrated why it's important to work in teams and rely on your classmates!!

JoeyStatz: haha

JoeyStatz: did u use google??

jtomal: i definitely was tempted haha

nrgupta2: nope

(PRITZKERJoni): Impressive.

nrgupta2: it took me a while though!

Swearingen10:nina is an impressive individual

JoeyStatz: I'm impressed!

JoeyStatz: good for you

nrgupta2: haha, thanks for the flattery Sean

(PRITZKERJoni): Does anyone have questions about cars in Chicago?

nrgupta2: yes!

stepy: Can you make appointment online for registration and license?

Swearingen10:no problem gupta

nrgupta2: do students normally keep a car in the city?

mfenster: if you live in Hyde Park, do you ever need a car?

(PRITZKERJames):The website for Illinois transportation isn't that great...

(PRITZKERJoni):Oooh...good question Stephanie. I'll go research that...hang on...

(PRITZKERJames): so I'd recommend calling or going in person.

stepy: James - I see that now! Is it crazy crowded? LA DMV sucks! I had an appointment last week to get my name changed and it still took 2 hours.

stepy: I hope Illinois is better!

(PRITZKERJames): [here's teh website: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/)

(PRITZKERJordan): So, I did not have a car for the first 3 quarters, and made it work pretty well. But, I wanted a car so that I could more easily go to church and get groceries. I live in a walk-up and can park from free on the street.

stepy: awesome. thanks.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Go to the one of the less crowded places -- I went to a small one downtown and there was no line at all -- good thing to do before

school starts

JoeyStatz: as far as parking on the Uchicago campus if we have a car and commute every day, how does that work?

nrgupta2: For anyone who lived at Regents- did you have a car? Parking there is pretty pricey!

(PRITZKERJordan): If you live in Regents, parking is expensive or hard to find on the street, and there are great public transportation around there

(PRITZKERJames):I lived in regents this past year and did not have a car  
(PRITZKERJordan):You definitely don't need one there

Swearingen10: nina, check out the tandem parking, that's what ryan and I are doing this year, its cheaper

Vik\_Jag: yea i was going to ask about parking in Regents? / having a car at regents?

(PRITZKERJames):The bus to campus stops right in front of regents, so it's really easy!

stepy: Is it possible to get 2 parking spaces for a 1 bedroom apartment?

(PRITZKERJoni): Stephanie, no, they don't do online appointments unfortunately!

(PRITZKERJames):You have to pay for parking, so you'd have to pay for 2.

(PRITZKERJordan): Right, you will have free transportation to campus all day from regents and very convenient cta access to downtown

stepy: Joni - thanks for looking into that. I'll just go in when I get to Chicago.

(PRITZKERJordan): If you live in the south loop or anywhere more north, you will probably need a car

stepy: How bad is traffic during rush hour?

(PRITZKERJoni): The other possible idea is to get a space in the campus garage at 55th and Ellis for \$90 a month. Then you could leave your car there and bus back and forth (for free in Hyde Park) then grab your car when you need it.

wordswisdom: Hey guys, my name is Kunmi Sobowale. I am at work, but wanted to say hi

(PRITZKERJames):Hi Kunmi!

nrgupta2: Chicago traffic during rush hour = bad, bad, bad

(PRITZKERJordan): Traffic is bad on the freeways, but lake shore dr which will take you from downtown to hyde park is never that bad

Vik\_Jag: oh wow, thanks for that info Joni

(PRITZKERSylvia): Great Kunmi, welcome! I hope all is well -- when are you moving

(PRITZKERJoni): Stephanie, if you are zipping up and down from South Loop it's not bad at all. If you have to get through downtown it's a little brutal.  
stepy: If you drive to school, is that where most students park?

(PRITZKERJames): I'm from LA, so my ideas of traffic are very different.

stepy: Me too!Â LA took forever to get used to.

Vik\_Jag: do you have to apply for that parking spot at 55th and Ellis ahead of time?

(PRITZKERJoni): Yep Stephanie, or you can find street parking if you are here before 8 a.m.

camiepetri: Any thoughts on the metra? Apparently I'm going to be living right next to one of the stations.

(PRITZKERJames): Most students park on the street on 55th and Ellis, which is free parking.

wordswisdom: I am moving August 2<sup>nd</sup>

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, you don't need that parking lot

(PRITZKERJames): You have to go to the parking office, which is in the Ellis parking structure to get a parking permit

nrgupta2: the metra is mostly for going to suburbs

(PRITZKERJordan): there is plenty of free parking on the street, and that garage opens up for free after 4

JoeyStatz: I'll be in South Loop, and I'm planning on driving to school every day right now. What route would u recommend taking?

(PRITZKERJoni): Metra is great! Many of our staff members take it and the stop is less than a mile from campus so it's decent to walk from there to BSLC.

(PRITZKERJames): You can take lakeshore dr south from the south loop.

wordswisdom: I also am planning on living in the South Loop...

JoeyStatz: cool, thanks james

(PRITZKERJordan): lake shore dr to 55<sup>th</sup>

(PRITZKERJoni): Joey, you can either take Lake Shore or you could take Michigan Ave back and forth if Lake Shore is backed up for some reason (like a Bears game).

(PRITZKERJordan): that should only take 15 minutes

JoeyStatz: oh gotcha thanks guys

(PRITZKERSylvia): and maybe kunmi and joey can think about carpooling.....there are a number of students in the south loop. It is also easy to sometimes take Michigan Ave over from the south loop if the drive is crowded

camiepetri: Can you use the metra to get downtown?

(PRITZKERJordan): yes!

JoeyStatz: where in south loop r u living kunmi?

nrgupta2: do metra trains run within Chicago? I was under the impression that all the lines went out radially from the city to the various suburbs.

(PRITZKERJoni): The Metra isn't as popular as the El (subway) downtown, but you can definitely get in and out with it.

wordswisdom: That I do not know yet. My friend is apartment hunting, but of course somewhere convenient

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, the metra runs further out from the city to the suburbs, the El (the cta lines) run radially out, but provide access to most place downtown as well

(PRITZKERJordan): the metra is closer to hyde park, though

JoeyStatz: cool dude

wordswisdom: Carpooling would probably be cheaper than the bus though

(PRITZKERJoni): The city has a great website at <http://www.transitchicago.com/> where you can put in where you are and where you are trying to go and it will give you the best bus, El, or walking routes.

JoeyStatz: yeah definitely

(PRITZKERJordan): also, google maps has a wonderful public transportation function

JoeyStatz: my email is jstatz@alumni.nd.edu if you wanna keep in touch about it

(PRITZKERJordan): that we use a lot

(PRITZKERJordan): it uses metra and cta  
wordswisdom: thanks. ill send you an email

(PRITZKERJoni): CTA= Chicago Transit Authority (busses and El)

JoeyStatz: awesome, no problem

(PRITZKERJoni): What other flurry of questions can I stir up? We got the car thing down, and the bikes and sports. OH--how about "do you actually get to sleep or have work/life balance?"

Vik\_Jag: haha good question Joni

(PRITZKERSylvia):what should they wear to orientation?

JoeyStatz: yeah what's the dress code

(PRITZKERJames): There's no dress code for orientation, except for the White Coat (dress to impress!)

Swearingen10:Pritzker scrubs maybe?

(PRITZKERJames): But also know that the white coat ceremony is in rockefeller chapel, which gets VERY hot during summer

(PRITZKERSylvia): What have you learned about the scholarly project so far?

JoeyStatz: so would it be frowned upon to wear like gym shorts and a t-shirt

Swearingen10: I actually had a question about that, how quickly do we have to pick one of those tracks for the scholarly project?

(PRITZKERJames):Ya that might not go over so well Joey.

JoeyStatz: ok cool

(PRITZKERJames): You don't have to pick a track until 2nd year.

(PRITZKERJordan): about the work/life question, i sleep plenty! and i have gotten involved in a lot of stuff outside of school

JoeyStatz: if you're doing a dual-degree program does that count as your scholarly project?

(PRITZKERJordan):yes

(PRITZKERJames):Ya, it's all about managing your time well.

JoeyStatz: that's cool

Swearingen10: and how often are we working on those projects?

(PRITZKERJoni): Joey--yeah, that gets worked out. It's finagled so that they count together!

JoeyStatz: awesome, thanks, joni!

(PRITZKERJames): You don't really start working on these projects until spring or summer of 1st year.

(PRITZKERJoni): First two quarters are working with broad research concepts and learning more about the tracks, then 3rd quarter you can do electives in the tracks you are interested in. Then people start on their project then or during the summer or even fall of 2nd year.

Swearingen10:sounds good, thanks Joni

(PRITZKERJames): And if you participate in the Summer Research Program (summer after 1st year), you can use this as part of your scholarly project.

Vik\_Jag: i remember students learning a little of stats, when does that get thrown in to the curriculum?

(PRITZKERJames): Which would then continue throughout med school.

JoeyStatz: so if i'm interested in the MD/MBA program, how do i get involved with that?

wordswisdom: Do many people go abroad during the first summer?

(PRITZKERJoni): Vikrant, stats come in the scholarship and discovery courses in winter quarter.

nrgupta2: yay for MD/MBA- Joey did you do business as an undergrad?

Vik\_Jag: thanks Joni :)

(PRITZKERJoni): Joey--you would apply to the MBA program in-between 3rd and 4th years. If accepted, you do the MBA after 3rd year full time and then return to Pritzker for 4th year (and by "return" I mean you're oh so far as 7 minutes across campus!)

JoeyStatz: no, i was a science kid lol, but a took a few business classes as free electives and really enjoyed them

JoeyStatz: were u a business major?

(PRITZKERJoni): Actually, one of our MD/MBA students was just named a White House Fellow! He graduated in '05.

nrgupta2: yea I did finance

JoeyStatz: okay, thanks Joni!

nrgupta2: yup, thanks for the info Joni

(PRITZKERJames): People definitely go abroad during the first summer...we have a classmate in Chile, India, China, among other places

(PRITZKERJoni): Kunmi, yes, many people go abroad during the summer. Either for the whole summer or they do the REMEDY program which is for 2 weeks. Jordan and James are recalling now the stories of who went where

(PRITZKERJordan):Peru, Nicaragua are some others

JoeyStatz: and that's cool nina!\

(PRITZKERJames): And you can get funding for going abroad if you're working on a project related to medicine.

(PRITZKERJordan): One of my classmates is learning acupuncture in Taiwan this summer and got it funded

wordswisdom: great, sounds good. it is definitely something I am considering

(PRITZKERJoni): You can check out the info on our White House Fellows--we actually have TWO Pritzker grads who were just named fellows.  
[http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/about/news/White\\_House\\_Fellows.shtml](http://pritzker.uchicago.edu/about/news/White_House_Fellows.shtml)

Vik\_Jag: wow that is really awesome, sound like awesome international experiences

(PRITZKERJoni): There really are! It's an amazing focus here.

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, it's basically limited by your own initiative and imagination

jtomal: i've gotta go everyone...picking up those immunity lab reports, almost done with that beast! Nice talking to everyone, see you in a month!

JoeyStatz: cya dude

(PRITZKERJordan):Good luck! See you soon!

(PRITZKERJames):Bye!

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh awesome Justin! Have fun!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Bye, Justin! All the best -- stay in touch with questions

stepy: Enjoy the rest of your summer!

(PRITZKERJoni): What other questions do people have? Stuff you're worried about?  
Curious about?

Vik\_Jag: hey same here, unfortunately I have to leave. But I look forward to seeing you all in August!

(PRITZKERJoni): Bye Vikrant! It was good to "see" you here!

(PRITZKERJordan): See you soon, Vikrant

(PRITZKERSylvia): Take care Vikrant! All the best

(PRITZKERJames): Feel free to e-mail us with questions!

Vik\_Jag: Nice as always to virtually meet with you !!

(PRITZKERJoni): We'll see you in "real life" soon! YAY!

JoeyStatz: do many kids get involved with research during the school year?

(PRITZKERJordan): Good question, I would say somewhere around 10% do

(PRITZKERJordan): it's not real common to do research before the first summer, but some people who absolutely know that is what they want to do start earlier

JoeyStatz: alright, why is that number so low?

(PRITZKERJames): I would say that most people wait until spring or summer to get involved with research (especially with the SRP program), but some people got started before that.

(PRITZKERSylvia): We encourage you to wait until after first year to really get started – get settled first and into a routine.

(PRITZKERJoni): That's in the first year. Then in 2nd and 4th year that number increases substantially. I think about 85%-90% of our class total will have done research by the time they graduate.

JoeyStatz: ok i gotcha

(PRITZKERSylvia): Research though in terms of clinical, community health, teaching.....as well as basic science

JoeyStatz: thanks

(PRITZKERJordan): I would say because everyone just kind of banks on SRP to get started then, but there is nothing stopping you from starting early

JoeyStatz: alright that sounds cool

(PRITZKERJoni): You also have the option of taking a year to do full-time research. Some of you may have met Eric Wagner on your interview day— leading the lunch and tour--he did research full-time (and funded) all this past year and is now getting back in for 4th year.

JoeyStatz: that's awesome that there are so many opportunities

(PRITZKERJoni): Not to sound too much like the old lady here, but I always recommend people get their classes under control, make great friends, figure out Chicago, and THEN start branching out with research, clinical work, volunteering, etc. You don't want to spin out early!

JoeyStatz: that's really good advice

(PRITZKERJames):I agree with Joni. You don't want to get burned out too quickly!

JoeyStatz: yeah fa sho

pcw64:so is there much interaction between pritzker students and the law/business/other grad students at u chicago?

(PRITZKERJordan): Ya, it can be very easy to sign up for everything at the start of the year since it's so easy to get involved and very exciting. But, many of us got overextended when things got harder in school and you still had those responsibilities

(PRITZKERSylvia): There are organized events for grad and profession students on campus and you can decide how much to take advantage

abhatia: hey guys

(PRITZKERJames): The grad council has a bunch of mixers for all grad students, which are fun.

(PRITZKERSylvia): Hi Ankit! Great to see you

abhatia: I'm Ankit from Syracuse, NY and I am incoming MS1

(PRITZKERJoni): PCW, there are definitely opportunities to meet people in other divisions. There is a grad student council, and even speed dating events across campus!

pcw64: cool, thanks!

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, for sure. there are interactions during intramural sports, they have frequent social events only for graduate students like bbqs, and REMEDY has a grad student speed dating

(PRITZKERJoni): Hi Ankit!

(PRITZKERJordan): Hey Ankit!

(PRITZKERJames): We also have the opportunity to meet med students from other universities in Chicago.

pcw64: great

(PRITZKERSylvia): This time next year we hope you will be helping us with chats!

(PRITZKERJoni): Chicago is an amazing place for younger adults and professionals! So many universities, business head quarters, etc. I have no idea if it's right but from what I see I think like 50% or more of the city is

between 25-35 years old!

JoeyStatz: speaking of age, just out of curiosity, what is the average age of our class?

(PRITZKERJoni): About 23 years old. Typically 40% have taken time between undergrad and med school, too!

JoeyStatz: oh nice

abhatia: I just had a quick question about academic schedule for next year. For the first few semester, are all 5 afternoons per week from 1-5pm usually spent in class like it is shown on past schedules or is that just possible times that there could be class?

(PRITZKERJames):Anatomy lab is every day, until 5pm...so ya.

(PRITZKERJordan): But, we often got done early

(PRITZKERJames):It's from 1-5 I think, then there are some lectures before that.

stepy: When anatomy is done, is it still all afternoon?

(PRITZKERJordan):I was usually out of lab by 3:30-4

(PRITZKERJordan): But, you should plan on 5

(PRITZKERJames): And that's up until early October (when anatomy ends)

(PRITZKERSylvia):but not once the other classes start -- then there are afternoons free

abhatia: oh ok thanks!

(PRITZKERSylvia): not all afternoons but some -- sorry I mistyped

stepy: I know it's been asked in previous online chats, but are the lecture notes/ powerpoints available online for morning lectures?

pcw64: so the "extra" time spent in labs, besides the daily 1-5, is that to keep up with dissection on a regular basis, or more just for review for practicums and whatnot?

(PRITZKERJames):Yes, the lecturers try to post the lectures/notes beforehand and

(PRITZKERJames): they also record the lectures in real time and post those.

stepy: Good to know.

(PRITZKERJordan): the labs are pretty open time, there are recommendations for things

to find/dissect every day. so, you can quickly get through those dissections and leave, or you can stick around the whole time and study with your lab group

(PRITZKERSylvia): and the TIME project is a big help

(PRITZKERJordan): you can also come in after hours to work if you dont want to spend as much time in the afternoon. i actually really liked doing dissections at night with the radio on. kind of weird, i know

camiepetri: so it's really self-directed?

(PRITZKERJames): We also had practice practicals to get ready for the actual practical exams, which were outside of scheduled lab time.

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, in a way. there are lots of TAs and professors there during the 2-5 time, so you should take advantage of them to learn

(PRITZKERJordan): but, you can pretty much work on it whenever you want

pcw64: nice, sounds good. thanks!

(PRITZKERJordan): yup

wordswisdom: Alright everyone, I need to get back to work. Thanks for all your help! I look forward to seeing you guys in August.

(PRITZKERJames): Take care!

(PRITZKERJordan): See you soon!

(PRITZKERJoni): Bye Kunmi!!

(PRITZKERSylvia): Everyone, it was great to talk with you. I have to go start a meeting so need to leave. Please stay in touch with questions and know we are celebrating every day that you are coming here! Sylvia

JoeyStatz: cya

(PRITZKERJoni): This whole chat wraps up in about 10 mins so does anyone have other questions?

JoeyStatz: bye sylvia!

camiepetri: bye Sylvia!

nrgupta2: Bye!

abhatia: Bye Sylvia!

stepy: I have to go as well. Thank you all for the helpful thoughts and advice. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

(PRITZKERJoni): Bye Stephanie!!

(PRITZKERJames): See you soon Stephanie!

mfenster: what are the anatomy exams like?

(PRITZKERJordan): You're welcome, see you soon!

JoeyStatz: yeah, i think i'm gonna peace out too

(PRITZKERJoni): They are questions like "Name 10 anatomical parts that are 3 letters long."

(PRITZKERJoni): Bye Joey!

JoeyStatz: thanks for doing this again

mfenster: hah, nice

camiepetri: time to go work on my sunburn

JoeyStatz: byeeee

camiepetri: thanks for all the help!

(PRITZKERJoni): Oh Camille! Take care of yourself!

(PRITZKERJordan): They had a 2 hour written portion with questions about the different organization and development of structures (like draw the branching of the brachial plexus, or list the parts that come from the 2nd pharyngeal arch), that portion also had radiology pictures to identify.

(PRITZKERJordan): Then there is a one hour practical where you walk around the lab where bodies have pinned structures for you to identify

mfenster: Thanks Jordan

(PRITZKERJames): Any other last minutes questions we can answer?

abhatia: Also, although is a long ways away, how are our 3rd rotation schedules/locations determined? Do we get any say in the order/locations that we want?

abhatia: 3rd year\*

(PRITZKERJames): I believe there is a lottery system and you get assigned a schedule after ranking preferences.

abhatia: oh ok, thanks! yeah a friend was asking me so I was just curious.

(PRITZKERJoni): There is a lottery system for the 3rd year where you rank your preferences and then are assigned accordingly. Some of the rotations are a standard time duration (for example anesthesia is 2 weeks) and others you can elect more time for. Like if you want to do 2 rounds of surgery for example, you can request that.

(PRITZKERJoni): The locations work kind of the same way. Like all in-patient psychiatry is in one hospital, so you have to go there for it. But then if you wanted to try out surgery both here and at our North Shore affiliate, you can request that too.

abhatia: oh ok, great! I have to head out as well now. Thanks so much for your help!

(PRITZKERJordan): You're welcome, see you soon!

(PRITZKERJoni): Bye Ankit!

(PRITZKERJames): Bye!

(PRITZKERJoni): Alright peeps! 5 min left. Anything else we need to talk about?

nrgupta2: I need to head out as well. Thanks for all the info everyone!

(PRITZKERJoni): Wow...silence descends.

pcw64: anyone been to costa rica? any suggestions on places/activities?

(PRITZKERJoni): Ok, bye Nina!

(PRITZKERJames): I went for spring break!

(PRITZKERJordan): yes, ive been!

(PRITZKERJames): It was awesome.

pcw64: we're thinking cerro chirripo, followed by dominical and manuel Antonio

(PRITZKERJames): We went to Monteverde for a couple of days then to Manuel Antonio for a week.

(PRITZKERJordan): I was in San Jose for a month. I went white water rafting, went to Manuel Antonio, went to Poas Volcano, and to Arenal Volcano

(PRITZKERJames): Definitely check out the national park in Manuel Antonio...we saw sloths!

pcw64: nice!

(PRITZKERJordan): But, I liked Nicaragua a lot more than Costa Rica

(PRITZKERJordan): ya, manuel antonio is good

pcw64: good good

mfenster: I spent a semester in Costa Rica

(PRITZKERJordan): i'd also recommend spending some time around arenal volcano, there are great waterfalls, ziplining, and hot springs around there

pcw64:great

mfenster: I hear the Osa Peninsula is pretty amazing, but we didn't make it down there

(PRITZKERJordan): tortugero is really nice as well

(PRITZKERJoni): Wow. Now I'm thinking I need to go to Costa Rica one of these days :-)

pcw64: i've heard that too...we've got 11 days so will have to prioritize, but thanks for the suggestions!

pcw64: glad to keep the conversation focused on med school :)

mfenster: Osa is hard to get to though. Make sure to check out some wet rainforest. There's nothing else like it

(PRITZKERJordan): haha, we have fun here!

(PRITZKERJordan): its not all about school!

(PRITZKERJames): Ya enjoy your trip!

pcw64: thanks!

(PRITZKERJoni): Honestly, Kunmi, part of what I love about the students here is that they are not all med school all the time!!

(PRITZKERJoni): Have a great trip!

pcw64: thanks, will do!

(PRITZKERJoni): Ok, this site will close in a second (wow, that sounded Mission Impossible-y) so let's all say bye! Email if you need us!!

(PRITZKERJoni): See you in August!!!

pcw64: bye, thanks so much! see you all soon!

[mfenster: http://picasaweb.google.com/fenstermike/CostaRica#](http://picasaweb.google.com/fenstermike/CostaRica#) some photos

(PRITZKERJames): Feel free to e-mail me with any [questions...jiwaz@uchicago.edu](mailto:questions...jiwaz@uchicago.edu).  
See you at orientation!

mfenster: thanks everyone. See you in a few weeks

(PRITZKERJordan): See you all soon!