Dear Incoming Medical Student,

We are pleased to welcome you to the Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM). Your selection to the Class of 2019 marks the start of an exciting, lifelong relationship between BUSM and you. We are proud of our history of academic excellence and our longstanding mission to prepare young physicians to become leaders in health care.

Boston University School of Medicine students share the Medical Campus with students from the School of Dental Medicine, School of Public Health, and the Division of Graduate Medical Sciences. The medical school offers a dynamic and patient focused curriculum that includes direct patient contact early in the first year. This, along with a well thought out basic science curriculum, leads to one of the best clinical training environments in the nation. The clinical training occurs in diverse settings that include a network of affiliated community health centers from surrounding neighborhoods, the Boston VA Healthcare System, private offices and other hospital sites, all adding to the richness the BUSM educational experience. The School of Medicine’s chief clinical affiliate is Boston Medical Center, the largest safety net hospital in New England, which provides a full spectrum of pediatric, obstetrical and adult care to a multi-ethnic patient population.

BUSM also houses a number of administrative offices devoted to enhancing student life at the school. The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs is committed to fostering diversity on our medical campus. We believe that by training our students in a vibrant and heterogeneous environment we create synergy in learning and we train physicians to care for all patients under the broadest range of circumstances. We strive to create an environment that demonstrates our conviction that diversity adds value not only to patient care but also to intellectual development, academic discourse, and research. Please visit our website at www.bumc.bu.edu/oma to learn more.

The Office of Student Affairs supports student life here at BUSM, promoting our students' individual and professional growth. We encourage students to engage in school life and activities, stay healthy, and explore new interests. Staff and faculty work with students throughout their time here to enhance each student’s experience, guiding career planning, connecting students with mentors, and working with students to develop creative solutions to their concerns. Please visit http://www.bumc.bu.edu/busm-osaa/ for more details.

Finally, you may wish to take a first, early glance at the website for the Office of Academic Affairs, which provides an overview of our courses and clerkships as well as a link to the Barnes & Noble Textbook Search tool, where students can view listings for required and recommended texts for our courses. This can be found under the Academic Program section of our Office of Academic Affairs website through the following link: http://www.bumc.bu.edu/oaa. A current academic schedule for each year can also be viewed on our webpage under the Academic Calendars section.

We look forward to meeting you in the upcoming year and hope you will choose to join us here at BUSM.

Sincerely,

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