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BUSM Parents Newsletter

April 2020



Dear ,

It is our hope that this letter finds your family safe, sound and healthy. As another academic year comes to an end, we find our younger son well into his first year of his Emergency Medicine Residency in Houston. Additionally, our eldest son is finishing his third year of his Neurology Residency at BUSM.

We, like all of you, would have never guessed at this time last year, that a Global Pandemic would be part of our lives. The pandemic has brought changes to BUSM that you and your student are experiencing firsthand. First year students are adjusting to virtual classrooms and taking exams on exam software, while second year students have just finished taking their Baseline Step1Exams and are looking forward to their Clerkship schedules. Third years are busy with Clerkships and Shelf Exams, and fourth years are graduating early in April by way of a virtual graduation, while moving quickly into the world of medicine.

As we have watched the Global Pandemic unfold across all continents, we have worried about our sons on several occasions. We are sure you have worried about your students as well. We would like to assure you that it has been our experience at BUSM that much thought and planning goes into preparing a medical student for the road ahead, and this year is no exception. Although the changes to your son's or daughter's life may seem disconcerting at this time, please know that the Faculty and Staff at BUSM are working to make sure that this transition is as smooth as possible. These coming months will be filled with the support and care that your student requires, by way of their extended family at BUSM.

You can find more information about the current changes your student may be experiencing on the [BUSM website](#).

Wishing you and your family our best,

Lee and Rachelle Silver
BUSM Parents 2017 & 2019

BUSM on Frontlines



"With trauma/critical care surgeons needed in the ICUs 24/7 to care for COVID pandemic patients, the Department of Surgery has stood up a merged surgery service that takes care of General Surgery, Trauma, Acute Care Surgery AND a procedure team that places invasive lines and tubes needed to take care of COVID patients, wherever they are located in the hospital." - Dr. Jennifer Tseng, Chair of BUMC Department of Surgery

"As a general surgery resident @ BMC, I feel incredibly privileged to have attended Boston University School of Medicine as I head into the COVID19 frontlines everyday. Although some of the surgery learning has been lost, I am honing my skills in flexibility and learning how to allocate resources - both skills practiced at BUSM. " - Dr. Megan Janeway, BUSM '15

[For more information on BUMC's COVID-19 Response...](#)



Researchers Hope to Change the Trajectory

BUSM's researchers are doing their part to understand and fight this dangerous virus. Scientists from BU's National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL) work as part of an ambitious international collaboration that will focus scientific efforts on understanding, detecting, treating, and preventing coronavirus.

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How You Can Help

BUSM is on the Frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help us diagnose and treat Coronavirus by supporting the **Infectious Disease Research Fund**, which supports our faculty's research, including the important work being conducted in the NEIDL (National Emerging Infectious Disease Lab).



During these uncertain times, our community of students can benefit from the continued support of the **Medical Student Lead Scholarship Fund**, which provides critical funding support for our students.

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LATEST NEWS



Revisiting: Dr. Fauci at BUSM

At BUSM's Commencement Ceremony in 2017, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), addressed the Class of 2017.

[Watch Dr. Fauci's Commencement Address](#)

Alumni on the Frontline Share Their Stories

Many of our alums, in their residencies and practices, now find themselves face to face with this epidemic. Fred Milgrim, MD, (MED '19), a recent alum and first year

emergency-medicine resident physician in New York City, the epicenter of the pandemic, underscores the magnitude of the challenges posed by COVID-19 in his March 27 article in the Atlantic.

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Match Day Goes Viral

On March 20, BUSM's Class of 2020 celebrated virtually...

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Class of 2020 at their White Coat Ceremony

BUSM Graduates Class of 2020 Early

In order to expand the work force, BUSM, along with the other Massachusetts medical schools and others across the country, will be graduating the 2020 classes early. The virtual graduation date will be April 17. Graduates will then be able to choose whether to apply for a Massachusetts license or to move to the location of their residencies. The Commonwealth is creating a special, expedited licensure process to make all of this possible.

John Hayden, MD, (MED'20), who recently matched at Stanford, was asked how he feels about his suddenly changed circumstances. "I'm excited to be back on the frontlines, but also nervous about needing to step up to the plate under such stressful times and potentially without the bandwidth from our residency programs to take the time training us and getting us back up to speed. Either way, I'm excited to move on and get started! I would tell the students behind me that moments like this are what we are training for, and to use this as a reminder that it's not all just a sterile learning experience. This is going to

be real sooner than you think.”

BUSM MD Class of 2020 Virtual Commencement Ceremony

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. EDT

Please join us on **Facebook Live** for this virtual celebration.



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