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Dear BUSM Parents,

As the Academic year comes closer to the end, our younger son is deeply engaged in finishing his last year of medical school at BUSM. He is also looking forward to Match Day on March 15th. Our eldest son had his Match Day two years ago, and he is now finishing his second year of the Neurology Program at Boston Medical Center.

This time we find ourselves witnessing the Match Day process through the eyes of our younger son. We now find that our experience has changed with a little more understanding of what the process involves. Although we find the concept of Match Day exciting, this time around we are much less focused on the day itself, but instead on the years to come. We find it enjoyable to imagine our younger son living in any one of the places that he has interviewed at for a Residency Program.

The onward march to Match Day can be fraught with both excitement and anxiety. We know that one thing both of our sons had in common was the strong support of BUSM faculty, staff, and alumni. Inevitably, questions arose regarding the different institutions and programs that one could apply to, and the opportunities that they offered. A trusted BUSM advisor was always on hand to help our sons examine the layers of information. We are exceedingly grateful for the expertise that was so readily available to our sons during this time. No matter where your son or daughter is in their journey at BUSM, rest assured that their final time spent at BUSM will be filled with the support and care that they require. You can find more information on the Match Day and the National Resident Matching Program at www.nrmp.org.

Sincerely,



BUSM Dean's Advisory Board Member **Rachelle Silver** and BUSM Dean's Advisory Board Chair **Lee Silver, M.D.**, BUSM '82 (BUSM Parents '17 & '19)

EVENTS



DC-Area Reception with Dean Antman

On January 23, 2019, Daniel Rotrosen, M.D. (BUSM '78) and Elizabeth Dugan, M.D. (Parents BUSM '22) hosted a BUSM reception at their home in Chevy Chase, MD featuring Karen Antman, M.D., BUSM Dean and BUMC Provost.



"Wine Down After Rounds" With BUSM students, alumni, and faculty

On Monday, January 28, 2019, BUSM held the second annual Wine Down After Rounds reception, for all students, faculty, and alumni to mingle and enjoy refreshments and entertainment on campus in Hiebert Lounge.

Click to view [recap](#) and [photos](#)



BUSM Florida Luncheon

Date: Friday, March 8

Join Dean's Advisory Board Member Elizabeth R. Brown, M.D., FAAP at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda, FL for a luncheon featuring Karen Antman, M.D., BUSM Dean and BUMC Provost.

RSVP for more information.



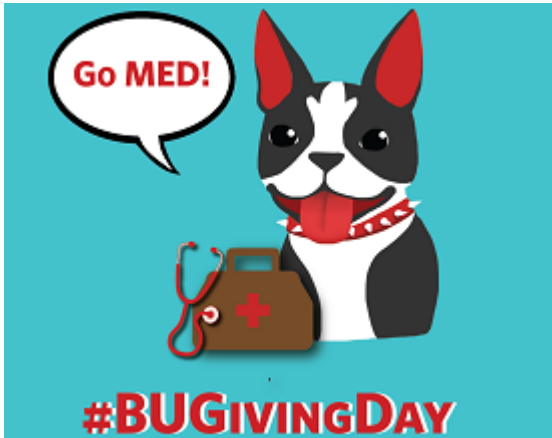
Class of 2019 Match Day & Reception

Date: Friday, March 15

Time: Match occurs at noon

Location: BU School of Medicine

More information coming soon



2019 Giving Day

BU's annual 24-hour day of philanthropy, is happening on **Wednesday, April 3, 2019!** Alumni, friends, and family representing all BU schools and programs can give back to the institution or cause that means the most to them. On campus, BUSM students will be in the medical school lobby to encourage their classmates, faculty, and staff to give back while offering raffles and fun interactive photo opportunities. Support the students' efforts and choose a program that speaks to you. Keep a look out for more information!

LIFE OF A BUSM STUDENT



"Match Day" by Larissa Wenren BUSM '19

This is the day we have worked towards since starting medical school. On this day, the third Friday of March in our fourth year, most of us will find out where we will be going for residency, the next stage of our medical training (a few specialties, such as urology, ophthalmology, and military placements, already matched earlier this year). As you can imagine, the atmosphere at BUSM right now is charged with mixed emotions—excitement, anxiety, nostalgia, frustration, hope—in anticipation of Match Day.

The application to residency, known as "The Match," is unlike any other process we have experienced. For college and medical school, we applied to and interviewed at several schools and received multiple acceptances, from which we chose one to attend after careful consideration. However, the process for residency is different. We can still apply to and interview at many programs (the number depends on our chosen specialty), but at the end we

get just one job offer that we must fulfill under contract. Instituted in 1952, The Match utilizes a sophisticated computer algorithm that (fun fact!) solves the “stable marriage problem” and earned its creators the 2012 Nobel Prize in Economics. It optimizes pairings by taking into account each applicant’s personalized numerical “rank list” of every interviewed program and each residency program’s rank list of every interviewed applicant.

I learned about this daunting process early on, and when I finally explained it to my parents last year, they were shocked. “What do you mean, you only get accepted to one program? You don’t get to pick? But you have to interview at so many places!” Parents and students alike struggle with this.

Being a fourth year medical student is surreal yet satisfying as we look back on our rollercoaster ride through medical school and see how far we have come in our paths to becoming physicians. While the match process is stressful, it is also exciting. We know that 91% of recent BUSM graduates matched to one of their top 4 choices, and 94% reported being satisfied with their match results. Match Day marks the culmination of our struggles and successes, and my classmates and I can’t wait to open our envelopes and celebrate this milestone together with faculty, friends, partners, and families.

SCHOOL NEWS



Reaccreditation Process Update

Deborah Vaughan, Ph.D.
LCME Faculty Accreditation Lead

On December 3, 2018, BUSM uploaded our package of accreditation materials to the LCME. These materials consisted of a 430-page Data Collection document, an appendix of over 200 items, a 35-page Self-Study produced by our Self-Study Task Force, and the students’ independent survey and analysis.

Well over 200 faculty, administrators, staff, and students have taken part in this endeavor over the past 18 months. We had a mock, or practice, 2-day site visit with 3 consultants December 16-18, which we found to be extremely valuable. What remains is our preparations for the highly-structured February 24-27 visit by the LCME survey team of 5 peers who will meet in 21 different sessions during their visit. We will receive a report from the survey team just before they leave on Wednesday, February 27.

Faculty Named *Boston* Magazine "Top Docs"

BOSTON TOP DOCS 2019

Awarded by Boston Magazine

Boston Magazine's annual Top Docs Issue has hit the newsstands, and 110 BUSM faculty are listed as "tops" in their respective fields. Congratulations to these outstanding members of our community on this well-deserved recognition. | [Read More](#)



Angela Jackson Receives 2018 Jerome Klein Award

The award commemorates Dr. Klein's 50 years of service to BUSM/BMC and is presented annually to a physician who shares Dr. Klein's attributes of clinical and research excellence, leadership, and commitment to education and mentoring. | [Read More](#)



2019 Wing Tat Lee Award Winners Announced

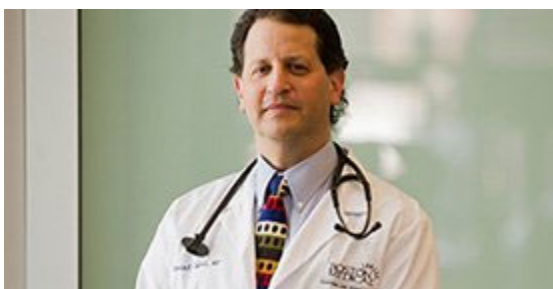
Four faculty have received the award to establish cooperative research programs between BUSM and Chinese universities: David Farb, Zhen Jiang, Tatfong Ng, and Andrew Taylor. | [Read More](#)

BUSM IN THE MEDIA



Portable Ebola Test Brings Quicker Diagnosis to Remote Regions

(AAAS) Researchers have created a portable and fast-acting test that can distinguish Ebola infections from other fever-causing diseases in around 30 minutes. | [Read More](#)



Health experts offer solutions for unintended consequences of opioid crackdown

(Fox News) Daniel Alford, director of the Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education (SCOPE) program is dedicated to educating physicians and medical students about safely prescribing opioids. | [Read More](#)



Study: Gun violence driving down African-American life expectancy
(Boston Herald) Bindu Kalesan, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, clinical epidemiologist, and data scientist discusses her recent research on how gun violence is reducing the life expectancy of African-Americans. | [Read More](#)

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