

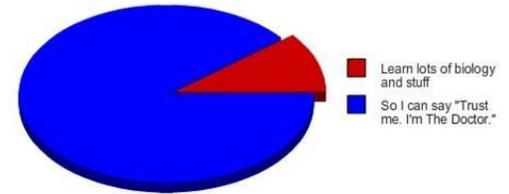
Dear Class of 2021 Owl Katz,

Congratulations and Welcome to the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University,

My name is Andrew Esposito, and I am the President of the Medical Student Government Association, and the President of the Class of 2018. I am applying into general surgery, and a member of the U.S. Navy Medical School Scholarship Program.

You are about to begin an amazing and challenging four years. Over the next few years, you will streamline your study technique, learn to operate in the hospital setting, and develop the skills and base knowledge required to become a fantastic clinician. You will also have the unique and tremendous opportunity to become part of the North Philadelphia community through the multitude of student run programs here at LKSOM. As a student you will also build strong personal and professional relationships with your classmates, professors, preceptors, attendings, residents, and administrators as you move through your education, and on to your career.

### Reasons why I'd go to Medical School



The amount of information that you will receive during your orientation week and during your first block can be overwhelming, so I wanted to get you started with a few simple tips to beginning medical school in Philadelphia.

1. **Get to know your classmates outside of Medical Education and Research Building (MERB)!** From your first day to your last day of medical school you will be spending an enormous amount of time in MERB, and the hospital. At the same time you will also be in Philadelphia with a whole new group of people, so take the time to explore all the opportunities the city has to offer with your classmates. Check out [www.visitphilly.com](http://www.visitphilly.com) and [www.uwishunu.com](http://www.uwishunu.com), which can tell you about awesome upcoming events and activities.
2. **Get involved!** We are fortunate to have a student body and administration so dedicated to the large number of student groups. The groups range from a focus on medical specialty to art, sports, and community service. Take some time to look through our website [www.templemedsga.com](http://www.templemedsga.com) to read descriptions of the groups, and view photos from previous events, and much much more!
3. **Ask for help and guidance!** If I could offer one piece of advice to the MS1 version of myself it is to get comfortable asking for help. Your classmates, upper-years, administration, residents, and attendings are fantastic and love to teach. If you are unsure about anything, reach out earlier rather than later! You can find the list of dedicated student reps who would be happy to answer any questions at <http://www.templemedsga.com/classofficersrepresentatives.html>

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you over the next year. Enjoy your orientation week and be sure thank your coordinators for all of their hard work. If you have any questions now or throughout the year, please feel free to contact me, or stop me in MERB.

Very Respectfully,

Andrew Esposito