

Hello, Class of 2021!

Congratulations on becoming part of Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University! We look forward to welcoming you to the LKSOM community on the first day of your orientation, Monday, **July 31, 2017**. We hope you enjoy your summer as you prepare for the next exciting and challenging chapter of your lives.

This document includes the following information:

- Requirements for Matriculation
- Orientation Overview
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- General Resources with Link to Medical Student / Faculty Handbook

Communication prior to matriculation to medical school will be primarily through the Orientation Tab of the Student Government Association (SGA) Website:

<http://www.templemedsga.com/orientation2017.html>.

As you know, there also is a Facebook Group Page for your class at Lewis Katz School of Medicine Class of 2021: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/257816924688236/>

In recognizing the value of social media, which provides many ways to communicate, we ask that you remember your professional responsibility as a LKSOM community member and future health care provider when involved in social networks. The guidelines are available in the handbook, available through the following link:

<https://medicine.temple.edu/about/administrative-offices/office-students-affairs/resources-students>.

During Orientation, we will review the LKSOM social networking policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us in the Student Affairs Office at 215-707-1670.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Orientation Schedule**
Orientation will begin on Monday, July 31st at noon and will conclude at the White Coat Ceremony on Friday, August 4th. Breakfast, Tuesday through Thursday, will begin at 8am with orientation activities lasting until the afternoon and social events offered in the evenings. The Orientation Schedule will be available toward the end of July.

- **White Coat Ceremony**

We look forward to officially welcoming you to the profession of medicine during the White Coat Ceremony on Friday, August 4th at 10 am. The Ceremony will be held in the Temple Performing Arts Center on Temple's main campus. Each student will receive four tickets, which will be available on the first day of Orientation. If you need additional tickets, we will assist you with that when they are distributed on Monday, July 31st.

- **Summer Reading Assignment**

All incoming medical students are required to read *Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do*, by *Claude M. Steele*. During Orientation, students will be assigned to small groups in order to engage in a discussion of this year's book selection.

TRANSPORTATION

- **SEPTA Pass Information:** A discounted SEPTA semester pass can be obtained through Temple University starting at the end of August. Information and the application can be found at the following link starting in August 2017: <http://bursar.temple.edu/students/septa-pass-program>. In addition, you can purchase SEPTA tokens for individual fare or load money/passes onto the SEPTA Key cards at SEPTA stations. For more information, please peruse <http://www.templemedsga.com/orientation2017.html>
- **Parking** – Permit parking is available on a first come, first serve basis. The estimated date for online parking registration will be July 24, 2017. Further details will be posted to the Orientation website as soon as they become available: <http://www.templemedsga.com/orientation2017.html>.

TUITION / FEES / FINANCIAL AID / FINANCIAL LITERACY

- **Tuition and Fees:** By the end of June 2017, information about tuition and fees for the 2017-18 academic year will be posted on the Bursar's website at <http://bursar.temple.edu/> Fall semester bills are electronically issued on July 25th and due by August 23rd. If you have issues with additional fees or questions about your cost of attendance, please contact Lisa Duncan at lisa.duncan@temple.edu.

Financial Aid

- The Office of Student Financial Services is assembling the financial aid packages for the 2017-18 year academic year. Once completed, the office will send you an email notification to your Temple email address.

If you filed your 2017-2018 FAFSA more than 3 weeks ago and have not yet received an email notification, please contact our office at sfsmed@temple.edu.

- If you have not yet filed your FAFSA, you need to complete that application at www.fafsa.gov. Include Temple University's federal school code (003371). When you receive the email notification, you will use Self Service Banner (SSB) to view your

financial aid award. In SSB, you must accept the award and complete other requirements listed on the SSB financial aid status tab(s). **You can accept partial or full awards.**

- Sign the Master Promissory Note (MPN) online for each loan type you are planning to use (Unsubsidized and/or Grad PLUS) at www.studentloans.gov. Use your FSA ID, once you have accepted your financial aid award. You will select Temple University (003371) as your school choice on the MPN. **Be sure to retain a PDF copy for your records and future reference if required.**
- Complete the entrance counseling for Direct Unsubsidized and Grad PLUS loans online at www.studentloans.gov. One session reviews both loan types.

You MUST sign the Master Promissory Note and complete entrance counseling, in order for your Direct Student Loan Funds to disburse into your Temple account. If you do not do this, you will not receive your funds.

Financial Literacy

LKSOM is committed to helping students enhance their financial literacy skills. The Office of Student Financial Services will assign a mandatory financial lesson on timely financial topics each semester for all students, regardless of their financial aid status.

- Students borrowing loans are required to complete an additional assignment some semesters.

HEALTH INFORMATION

- Student Health Services currently is updating its information regarding matriculation requirements. We will post it as soon as it is available. Thank you.
- **Health Insurance** – All medical students are required to have health insurance during their enrollment at Lewis Katz School of Medicine. The University provides multiple levels of coverage through Independence Blue Cross. Coverage is from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. Please note that Temple University’s Benefits Office will provide health insurance information after you matriculate. Depending on your situation, you will learn about how to:
 - enroll into a Temple University Plan.
 - waive insurance, if you have coverage through an outside source.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

One of the best places to get information about happenings at LKSOM SGA Website, which is the website that hosts Orientation 2017 information: <http://www.templemedsga.com/>.

As you already are aware, the LKSOM website, <http://medicine.temple.edu/>, is an important source. In particular, the Student Resources section is helpful and is where Student Faculty Handbook is located:

<https://medicine.temple.edu/about/administrative-offices/office-students-affairs/resources-students>

The LKSOM Orientation Team will be responsible for:

- Providing updates about preparing for medical school, what to expect during orientation and social events
- Sending questionnaires for information that you will need to complete
- Answering questions and addressing concerns you have
- Greeting and working with you during Orientation week

LKSOM Student Orientation Coordinators for the 2021 Class are:

Madeleine Lowery
Meghann Zapcic
Sarah Schulte

The Orientation Coordinators are your primary contacts on Facebook and through the email account lksom.orientation.2017@gmail.com.

In addition, your LKSOM Welcome Week Mentors for the 2021 Class are:

Jonathan Boyce
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Please feel free to be in touch with any inquiries. We look forward to seeing you in on July 31st and hope that you have a wonderful summer.

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