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Greetings, Class of 2023 Larner College of Medicine students!

Orientation officially begins Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with all class of 2023 students meeting for Registration in the Hoehl Gallery (HSRF 100) beginning at 8:00am. We are so excited to have you join us in just a couple of weeks!

Please note:

- 1) A welcome letter regarding the Office of Diversity and Inclusion's Finding Our Common Ground orientation event is attached.  
**It includes information on assignments that are due by August 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- 2) A welcome letter from the Vermont Integrated Curriculum Team is attached. This letter includes important instructions on accessing electronic components of the Orientation course and Orientation Course Calendar.
- 3) Each year, the incoming class of first-year medical students participate in a community service project during Orientation Week. This year, the community service projects will take place from 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 13. There are four exciting community service projects to choose from this year. **Please sign up for one of the four projects no later than Friday, August 2 at 12:00 noon using the link below.** Because there are a limited number of spaces for each project, sign-ups will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you do not [sign-up for a project](#) by the deadline above, you will be randomly assigned to a project.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Jessie Raven and me, your friendly Orientation Coordinators!

We look forward to meeting you!  
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Dear Class of 2023:

Welcome to the UVM Larner College of Medicine and the Office of Diversity & Inclusion's *Finding Our Common Ground* orientation event!

*Finding Our Common Ground* provides a framework for enhancing (or refreshing) your knowledge of concepts related to diversity, inclusion, and cultural competency. Knowledge of these concepts are essential to living in a diverse community, such as ours, as well as to your success as a future physician. Over the next four years you will have the opportunity to reflect upon the influences that have shaped your various identities—including personal and social—and through these reflections you can improve your chances successfully navigating as a physician in an increasingly multicultural world.

We should keep in mind that growth is not always easy for humans. There will be situations throughout your time in medical school and beyond where people can be right on both sides of an issue or belief -- sometimes there may not be one right answer to a question. It is essential to approach the change process knowing that compromise, patience, and understanding must be central themes.

To ensure that everyone is prepared to engage in the workshop we are asking you to complete the following:

**IN VIC Portal:**

Select the "Finding Common Ground" green tab. Instructions for completing the following tasks are located on the main page.

**STEP 1. - Pre-Test** (*please complete no later than August 5<sup>th</sup>*)

**STEP 2. – Review "Professionalism at the Larner College of Medicine"**

**STEP 3 – Review Cultural Competency vs. Cultural Humility**

**STEP 4. – Review eModules** (*please complete no later than August 5<sup>th</sup>*)

**STEP 5. – Complete the Mini-Bio** (*please complete no later than August 5<sup>th</sup>*)

**STEP 6. – Complete the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI).** The link for the IDI will be sent to your UVM email address and will come from [idiadmin@idiinventory.com](mailto:idiadmin@idiinventory.com). If you did not receive a link please email [tiffany.delaney@uvm.edu](mailto:tiffany.delaney@uvm.edu) (*Please complete no later than August 5<sup>th</sup>*)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best,

Tiffany Delaney, MA. Ed. (she/her)  
Director, Office of Diversity & Inclusion



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## LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Dear Class of 2023:

We look forward to welcoming you to the Larner College of Medicine (LCOM) at 8:00am on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> in the Hoehl Gallery (HSRF 100) for your first day of the week-long Orientation course! All courses in LCOM Foundations have a "VIC Portal" course home page, which houses a link to the electronic "VIC Calendar", along with other navigation buttons linked to critical course resources. **Please follow the steps below to access these electronic components of the Orientation course and review the entire Orientation course calendar:**

1. Navigate to VIC Portal (<https://vicportal.med.uvm.edu>) and log in using your new COMID credentials.
2. Once logged in to VIC Portal, select the link to "Orientation (co2023)" found in the "Courses: Quick View" module.
3. On the VIC Portal Orientation homepage, see the list of black navigation buttons on the left and select the "VIC Calendar" button.
4. Select "Your Calendar" to view the Orientation Calendar. **Note: please toggle the calendar dates to the Orientation week of 8/12/2019-8/16/2019.**

You will find each currently scheduled activity placed as an individual "session" in the calendar. Click on any session to view critical details and link to session content (e.g., slides or pre-readings depending on the session), which will display to the right of the calendar. For example, by clicking the 8/12 8:00am "Registration-Breakfast" session, you will see that this required activity begins at 8:00am, ends at 9am, and is located in HSRF 100 The Gallery. Please review the entire Orientation calendar now and again one day before the course begins. Some activities are designed as small groups (e.g. 12:00pm 8/12 and 10am session on 8/14 (PCR/Finding Our Common Ground: Professionalism & Identity Small Group). Once you are assigned to a small group, only your group will appear to you on the calendar with your group's time and location.

If you encounter any difficulty accessing the Orientation VIC Calendar, please call the COMTS Help Desk M-F 7:30am-5:00pm: **(802) 656-7300**.

Be sure to check your COM email frequently as the VIC Curriculum team will periodically send critical information and updates about the Orientation course as we get closer to August 12<sup>th</sup>.

We wish you the very best as you prepare for your first week of medical education.

Sincerely,  
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