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**Subject:** Welcome to Clerkships

Hello Class of 2022 and welcome to the Clerkship Year!

Your friends in the Class of 2021 are so excited for you to join us in the clinical setting. As you prepare to embark on this year ahead, Student Council has prepared some small gift bags for you to take with you (which you can pick up during your mask fitting or CT orientation this week). In these bags you will find:

- Notebooks for keeping track of all the patients you will be managing
- A multi-colored pen so you can take notes in style
- A penlight for checking pupillary reflexes and surgical scars without turning all of a patient's room lights on at 6:00 in the morning
- And some chocolate to fuel the brain when spending hours rounding, operating, or doing all the other things you will be tasked with

The clerkship year is unlike any year of schooling you have experienced so far. You will be busy and you will be challenged in new ways, but you are guaranteed to learn and grow along the way. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your peers or students in the co2021 who will be rotating alongside you on Acting Internships and other electives. Entering the hospital setting can feel intimidating, but we are here to support you through it. To help with this transition, my friend and classmate Matt Tsai has prepared a video with tips on succeeding in clerkships which can be found [here](#).

Be flexible, be curious, be studious, and be sure to have some fun along the way. You're going to do great.

Sincerely,  
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