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This email pertains to all students at the Larner College of Medicine

Dear Larner Medical Students and UVM Larner Student Council,

We want to express our appreciation to the Student Communications Task Force and UVM Student Council for promoting an all-inclusive social space that conforms to our professionalism values. We further acknowledge concerns that have been raised in the past regarding appropriate use of social media channels, and value the initiative our medical students take in addressing concerns among their peers. These instances provide a valuable opportunity for reflection and communication, both skills fundamental to becoming future doctors. We also recognize that self-regulation in these cases is not always possible, and we encourage any student to engage with our administration in the various ways in which we can support our students and our learning environment through our various [reporting processes](#).

Creating a community requires care and consideration for others in all environments, not just in person or over social media. In addition to the statement provided by Student Council, I will also share an excerpt from the [Policy on Standards for Professional Code of Conduct](#), which states:

The Larner College of Medicine equally recognizes that each member of the Community should be accepted as an autonomous individual and treated civilly, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, veteran status, or any other factor irrelevant to participation in the activities of the College. Because diversity in background, outlook, and interests among members of the Community is inherent in the practice of medicine; appreciation and understanding of such diversity is an essential aspect of medical training. We expect all members of the Community to act professionally in the school, clinical setting, social media, and wider community; with patients, those close to them, families, and colleagues.

Thank you,

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Hello Larner Medical Students,

Over the past several years, the Larner Medical Student Communications Task Force (CTF) has fielded many requests on how to streamline communications sent to medical students. One area identified by students was the class Facebook pages.

Newly accepted students are added to their respective class Facebook pages, which are managed by Office of Medical Education staff until a Medical Student Council Chair of Communication is elected.


While these pages are typically utilized for incoming classes to connect, find housing, and become better oriented to the area, they frequently become spaces for event postings, questions, and connections between students across the four classes. Given this information, the CTF felt that the existence of multiple Facebook pages for classes has become redundant, and CTF member Michelle Bookless suggested the creation of one Facebook group for all matriculated medical students to be jointly managed by the Medical Student Council Chairs of Communication.

We are now thrilled to announce that this Facebook Group, UVM Larner Med Future Docs, has officially been created, and we would like to invite each of you to join us in this new group! Current class Facebook groups will remain active until Sunday May 1, at which time the groups will be *archived*.

Prior to joining the group, you will be asked to review and agree to the group rules. These rules come directly from the [Larner Professionalism Statement](#) of which we each have all agreed to uphold:

“OUR LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE COMMUNITY UPHOLDS THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM AS WE FOLLOW OUR PASSION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT. WE DEMONSTRATE PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH INTEGRITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, COMPASSION, ALTRUISM, AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE HONOR THE TRUST OUR SOCIETY HAS PLACED IN US AS STEWARDS OF THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MEDICINE, RELYING ON CULTURAL HUMILITY, KINDNESS, AND RESPECT TO GUIDE OUR DAILY INTERACTIONS. WE EXPECT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE THESE PRINCIPLES OF PROFESSIONALISM AS WE STRIVE TO CONDUCT AND SUPPORT PATIENT CARE, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION THAT ARE SECOND TO NONE.”

Please note that the Medical Student Council takes this commitment to professionalism very seriously and strives to maintain a social media environment that is welcoming to all and reflective of this commitment

[Join the new Facebook group for all current Larner Medical Students, now...](#) 

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. You may email us directly, or we also invite anyone to submit feedback at any time via our [Medical Student Council](#)

[feedback form](#) (option to submit anonymous feedback).

All our Best,
Your Medical Student Council

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