

Hello and welcome to Pritzker!

At this very moment, throughout Hyde Park and our great city of Chicago, the Pritzker orientation chairs, along with our students, faculty, and staff, are all hard at work ensuring that your transition to medical school is as fantastic as possible. We are so excited that you are joining the Pritzker family, and we can't wait to meet you in just a few weeks!



Now, who is we? Well, tis Jamila, Gena, and Madison – your Pritzker Chiefs. We are a trio of fourth year medical students who serve as the bridge between students and the Pritzker administration. We coordinate mentoring across classes, plan social activities throughout the year for all of Pritzker, and serve as peer resources to help you through whatever issues you face in medical school – whether personal, academic, or clinical. If you ever have any concerns or questions, we're here for you, always!

We can't wait to get to know each of you this coming year! Before we officially meet in a few short weeks, here's a little about us:

Jamila Picart (left)

Hey guys, welcome to Pritzker! I am so excited to meet y'all (hopefully, in person). I grew up in an unincorporated area of West Palm Beach, Florida (think dirt roads and old orange tree groves). I went to college at the University of Chicago where I studied psychology. After graduating, I chose to stick around for four more years at Pritzker. I absolutely love being at Pritzker. I love our patient community, the student community, and the faculty. I think our patient community is one of our strongest features here at Pritzker. I chose Pritzker because I felt that the medical school truly cared about creating doctors that strongly advocate for their patients. When I'm not in the hospital or in my home doing telehealth visits, you can find me gardening on my patio, jogging slowly around the neighborhood, or dreaming about when I can coach/play rugby again. I am really excited to welcome each and every one of you into our community here. Please feel free to stop by for a meal, a drink, or a walk. Reach out anytime. You are going to love it here!

Madison Wilson (right)

Welcome to Pritzker! I can't wait to meet all of you! I hail from Baltimore, MD. Fun fact - I went to an arts high school and studied visual arts (drawing, painting, etc) for half of every school day. For undergrad, I went to Washington University in St. Louis and majored in Urban Studies with minors in Art and Biology. After graduating, I stayed St. Louis for a year to work in a local emergency department as a scribe. And now I'm here at Pritzker! Coming to Pritzker was definitely one of the best life-moves I've ever made. The people here are incredibly dedicated to our students and to our patient population. Sounds cheesy, but I can't imagine what my life would be like had I not met my amazing classmates. I've had the opportunity to be involved in so many things at Pritzker, from the free clinics to the specialty interest groups to the Wellness Initiative events. I love exploring Chicago, mostly through food (so many amazing restaurants). I also love tending to my plant children and knitting sweaters in my sunroom. Again, I'm so excited for you all to join us! I know things are going to look a little different this year than they have in the past, but I know we'll find ways to connect as a community. Please reach out if you ever need anything! You can even reach out if you don't need a thing at all!

Gena Lenti (center)

Hi everyone, looking forward to having you guys join us at Pritzker! I was born and raised in Chicago (in the Irving Park neighborhood), and went to college at DePaul University (also in Chicago, Lincoln Park neighborhood)... I am slowly moving southeast in Chicago, and now live in one of my favorite neighborhoods, Hyde Park! In college, I played softball and basketball and studied Health Sciences. After I graduated, I spent a year working at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, a rehabilitation hospital in downtown Chicago, where I worked as a patient care technician in their pediatric unit. Throughout my time at Pritzker, I have loved participating in community outreach and advocacy, particularly on behalf of our South Side community. I have also loved being a part of the Pritzker community and being involved in things from Say Ahh Acapella, to intramural sports, to book club. When I am not doing all of those things, I love to hang out with friends at breweries around the city, play board games, start (and not always finish) woodworking projects, and watch *Survivor*. I can't wait for you to meet all of the generous, inspiring people who will be your classmates, faculty, and administrators here at Pritzker. If there's anything we can do for you, big or small, just reach out to us!

Can't wait to see you soon!

–Your 2020-21 Pritzker Chiefs

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