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Residency Application Overview

MS4 Class Meeting #1
August 3, 2020

Applying to Residency: Summer into Fall

Agenda

- Timeline
- Deciding where to apply
- Components of your application
- Words of Wisdom

Timelines and Deadlines

Important Dates

- 9/1/2020: **ERAS opening to certify and submit applications to residency programs**
- 9/15/2020: San Francisco Match (ophthalmology) application deadline
- 9/15/2020: NRMP registration opens
- 10/1/2020: LORs submitted
- 10/21/2020: **MSPEs released & Residency Programs begin application review**
- 11/6/2020: All Urology program interview offers extended (must accept or decline by Monday, 11/9)
- 12/1/2020: PSOM deadline for USMLE Step 2 CK
- 1/12/2021: AUA rank list deadline
- 1/25/2021: San Francisco Match (ophthalmology) rank list deadline
- 1/31/2021: NRMP applicant registration deadline
- 2/1/2021: Urology and Ophthalmology match results released
- 3/3/2021: **NRMP rank order list certification deadline**
- 3/19/2021: **MATCH DAY**

Timeline: August - September

August

Register for ERAS (tokens emailed to you in spring)

Organize CV (follow template) & send updates to Dana

Ask for Letters of Recommendation

Sign up for your ERAS/Graduation photo

August – September

Write your Personal Statement

Send a draft to your career and specialty advisors for review

Edit your ERAS application to near completion

Register for the NRMP (you must register for **both** ERAS and NRMP)

This timeline is designed for students applying through the regular match.

Timeline: September - October

September – October

MSPE Review

Continue to edit your ERAS application

LORs uploaded

Take your ERAS and graduation photo

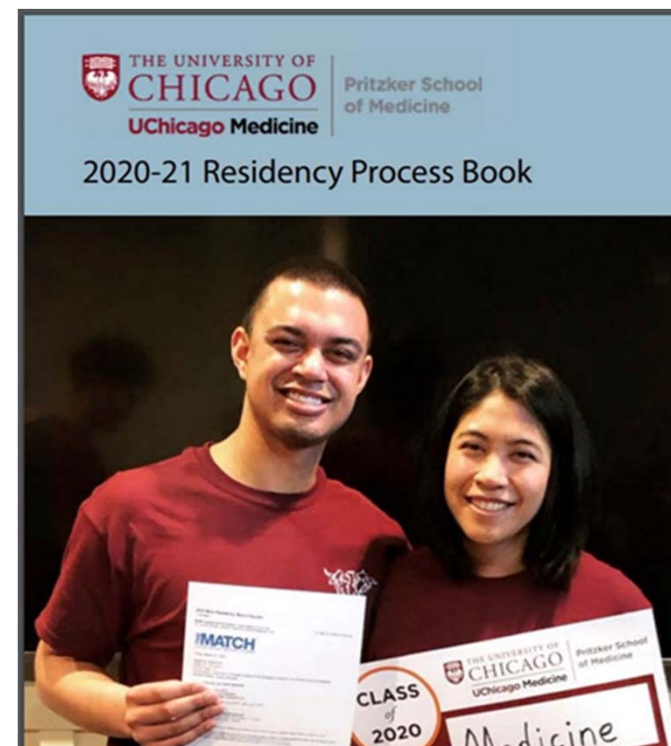
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MSPEs released

Certified ERAS applications sent to programs

Residency Process Book

- Advising calendar and deadlines
 - *Please check the website for up to date timelines*
- Career Advisor contact info
- Checklists
- Sample CV
- Sample ERAS application
- Sample MSPE and MSPE appendices
- Sample personal statement
- Specialty-specific guidance



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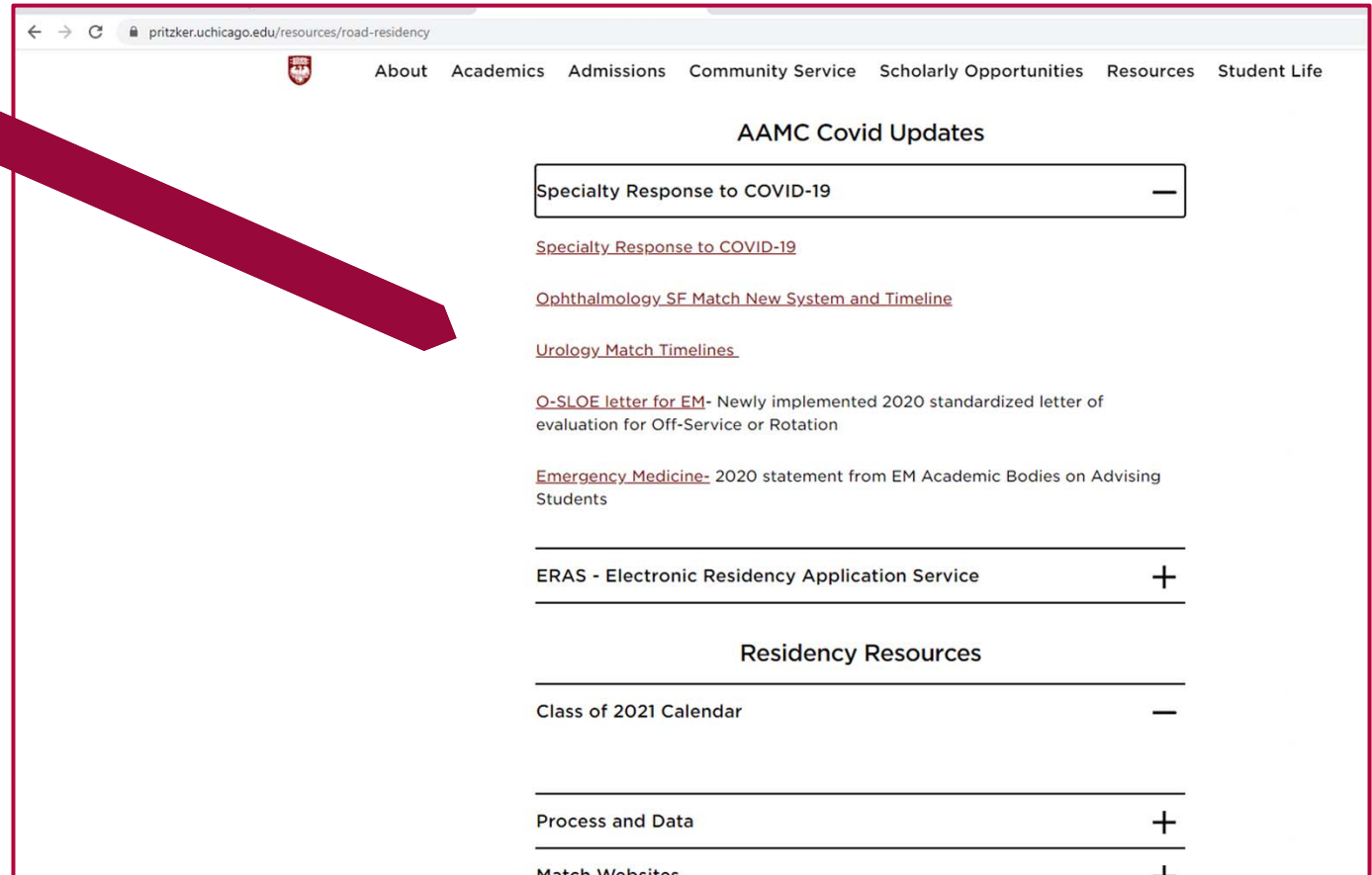
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AAMC Covid Updates

Specialty Response to COVID-19 —

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[Ophthalmology SF Match New System and Timeline](#)

[Urology Match Timelines](#)

[O-SLOE letter for EM](#)- Newly implemented 2020 standardized letter of evaluation for Off-Service or Rotation

[Emergency Medicine](#)- 2020 statement from EM Academic Bodies on Advising Students

ERAS - Electronic Residency Application Service +

Residency Resources

Class of 2021 Calendar —

Process and Data +

Match Websites +

Where to Apply

Resources for Researching Residencies

- Pritzker Faculty
- Current Residents
- Pritzker Alumni
- FREIDA Online

Choosing a Program

Considerations:

- Family
- Geography
- Your own qualifications and abilities
- Quality of the program
- Preliminary program requirements
- Breadth and depth of list

Your Specialty and Career Advisors can be instrumental in helping you create a list.

Do I need to apply for a prelim year?

Categorical

- Begins in PGY-1 and offers full residency training required for board certification in that specialty

Advanced

- Begins in PGY-2 and are in specialty programs that require completion of 1 year of preliminary training

Preliminary

- Begins in PGY-1 and offers 1 year of training prior to entry into advanced specialty

Transitional

- PGY-1 year that is similar to a “rotating” internship

Specialties that may require a preliminary year

- Anesthesiology
- Dermatology
- Neurology
- Ophthalmology
- PMR
- Radiation-Oncology
- Radiology

Selecting Programs and Maximizing Your Odds

Think like an investor:

Create a **diverse** application portfolio to mitigate risk and maximize your ROI!

Goal Programs

- Your dream program!

Realistic Programs

- You are relatively sure you will get an interview at this program.

Low-Risk Programs or Specialties

- Maximize your odds of matching by applying to back-up programs.

Components of the Application

Application Components

Your responsibilities

1. ERAS application
2. Personal Statement
3. Letters of Recommendation (LORs)
4. ERAS Photo
5. USMLE transmission (via ERAS)

Our responsibilities

6. MSPE
7. Pritzker transcript

Guidelines for Your Personal Statement

Purpose

- Introduce yourself and your voice
- Express interest in a specialty

Length

- One page
- 10-point font
- 1-inch margins
- Single-spaced

Things to Avoid

- Humor
- Obscure references
- Quotations
- Personal things you would not want to discuss in an interview

Review


- Review your Personal Statement with your Career and Specialty Advisors

MyERAS Dashboard

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 ERAS has modified dates for the 2021 [Residency](#) and [July Fellowship](#) Application Cycles.

Application

Personal Information	Saved
Biographic Information	Incomplete
Education	Incomplete
Experience	Incomplete
Licensure	Incomplete
Publications	Incomplete

[View/Print Application](#)[View/Print CV](#)

Documents

Uploaded but Unassigned LoRs	0
Unassigned Personal Statements	0
MS Transcript	Not Uploaded
MSPE (Dean's Letter)	Not Uploaded
Photo	Not Uploaded

Programs

Saved Programs	0
Programs Applied to	0

Resources

Please visit our [Tools for Residency Applicants](#) for useful information on the ERAS process.

Need Help?

For faster service check out our [FAQ's](#) before emailing or calling our client technical support team.

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Documents: LORs

The screenshot displays the AAMC MyERAS web application interface. At the top, a purple navigation bar contains the AAMC logo and links to Dashboard, Application, Documents, Programs, Message Center, and Interviews. The user's name, Dana Levinson, is displayed on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main header shows "MyERAS" and a dropdown menu currently set to "ERAS 2021 Season - Residency". A notification banner indicates that ERAS has modified dates for the 2021 Residency and July Fellowship Application Cycles. The left sidebar lists document categories: Personal Statements, Letters of Recommendation (selected), and Additional Documents. The main content area is titled "Letters of Recommendation" and includes a "Help" link. It provides instructions for uploading LORs and lists three steps: 1. Click Add New to enter and save LOR information. 2. Confirm the LOR entry by marking the associated checkbox and selecting Only checked in the Confirm drop down list. 3. Select Download Letter Request or Email Letter Request in the associated Action column to provide your LOR Author with the form. Below the instructions is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search by Name, Title/Dept., or Specialty" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar, it shows "0 LORs Selected" and a "Confirm" button. At the bottom of the main content area, a message states: "You have not added any LOR Authors. Click Add New to add an LOR Author." The footer of the page provides the address "655 K Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC, 20001-2399" and links to Contact Us, Follow Us, Terms and Conditions, and Privacy Statement. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, task view button, and several open applications, including a web browser displaying the current page.

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AAMC Dashboard Application Documents Programs Message Center Interviews Dana Levinson

MyERAS ERAS 2021 Season - Residency

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Documents
Personal Statements
Letters of Recommendation
Additional Documents

Letters of Recommendation Help

In order for an LoR Author to upload a letter on your behalf, you MUST complete the following steps for **each** LoR that you intend to use during the application season.

1. Click **Add New** to enter and save LoR information.
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+ Add New

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AAMC Dashboard Application Documents Dana Levinson

MyERAS ERAS 2021 Season

ERAS has modified dates for the 2021 Residency and Fellowship application season.

Documents

- Personal Statements
- Letters of Recommendation
- Additional Documents

Add Letter of Recommendation

For guidance on correctly entering your LoR Author details, contact your LoR Author.

* Indicates required field.

LoR Author Name: *

LoR Author Title/Department: *

Specialty to which this letter will be assigned: Note: Specialty field will only be viewable to applicants, their Designated Dean's Office and the LoR Author - not programs.

Additional LoR information

☐ This LoR Author is a Program Director in a current/previous residency or fellowship where I trained. (Applies to Residents/Fellows only)

☐ This LoR Author is a Department Chair where I completed my clerkship training. Group departmental letters must be signed by the team composing the letter.

☐ None of the above

I waive my right to view my Letter of Recommendation: * ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cancel Save

0 LoRs Selected Confirm

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Documents: LORs (continued)

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Documents

- Personal Statements
- Letters of Recommendation**
- Additional Documents

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+ Add New

Search by Name, Title/Dept., or Specialty

1 LoRs Selected **Confirm**

	LoR Information	Specialty	Letter ID	Status	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Doe - Chair, Medicine DC	Internal Medicine		Not Confirmed for Upload	Select

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Documents: LORs (continued) | CONFIRM YOUR LOR

Confirm Letters of Recommendation

Are you certain that you want to confirm the selected LoR Author(s) for upload? Once confirmed, an LoR Author entry cannot be deleted or otherwise modified.

MyERAS Password: *

Cancel Confirm

Documents

Personal Statements
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+ Add New

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1 LoRs Selected Confirm

<input type="checkbox"/>	LoR Information	Specialty	Letter ID	Status	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	H. Barrett Fromme, MD, MHPE - Associate Professor of Pediatrics	Preliminary Programs		Not Confirmed for Upload	Select

Documents: LORs (continued) | Email/Print Letter Request Form

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Confirm

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Documents: LORs (continued) | Email a Letter Request Form

Email Letter Request

* Indicates required field.

To send the letter request email, please complete the following steps:

1. Review the LoR Information and Specialty for accuracy.
2. Enter the LoR Author's email address.
3. Enter a LoR request message for the LoR Author or use the default message.
4. Click *Preview* to view the email details the LoR Author will receive.

LoR Information	Specialty
H. Barrett Fromme, MD, MPHE - Professor of Pediatrics	Preliminary Programs

LoR Author's email address: *

hfromme@peds.bsd.uchicago.edu

LoR Request Message: *

Hi Dr. Fromme,

Thank you so much for agreeing to write me a letter of recommendation! I would appreciate if you could upload your letter by September 1 to ensure I can submit my application on time. This email is for my PRELIM letter. Here are the formal instructions:

I am requesting that you submit my Letter of Recommendation (LoR) to the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), which transmits

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Cancel Preview

Documents: LORs (continued) | Letter Request Form



ERAS Letter of Recommendation (LoR) Request

ERAS Application Season: 2021
ERAS Letter ID: 9AMDBKKEG

I am requesting that you submit my Letter of Recommendation (LoR) to the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), which transmits my LoR(s) to the residency programs to which I am applying.

ERAS Letter of Recommendation Portal (LoRP)

The Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) Letter of Recommendation Portal (LoRP) is a centralized service that allows LoR Authors to upload LoRs for applicants applying to ERAS residency programs.

ERAS has established a set of guidelines that should be reviewed prior to writing and uploading LoRs using the LoRP.

For more information about the LoRP guidelines, additional resources, and to access the LoRP login, please visit https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/282520/lor_portal.html.

- Review the information below. If any information is inaccurate, contact the applicant directly so they can make corrections.
- Login to the ERAS LoRP to upload this letter using the unique **ERAS Letter ID** above.

Applicant Details

Name	Levinson, Dana
AAMC ID	12156219
Preferred Phone Number	7738341954
Preferred Email	dlevinso@bsd.uchicago.edu

LoR Details

Letters of Recommendation: How many letters do I need?

Categorical Programs: 3-4 total letters

- 3 clinical letters
- 1 research letter (if appropriate)

Note: You cannot submit more than 4 letters to a single program.

Advanced Programs: 6-7 total letters

- Prelim/Transitional Year: 3 clinical letters
- Advanced Program: 3 clinical letters
1 research letter (if appropriate)

Note: Letter writers can use the same letter for both applications, as long as they are generic in specialty.

(ie. “I recommend John Doe for your residency program” instead of “I recommend John Doe for your Pediatric residency program”)

Letters of Recommendation: Do I need a Chair's Letter?

- Anesthesiology
- Medicine*
- Medicine-Pediatrics*
- Preliminary Medicine*
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology (Section Chief)
- Pediatrics (some programs)
- Plastic Surgery (Section Chief)
- Surgery
- Urology (Section Chief)

**Another faculty member writes the letter in conjunction with the Chair.*

Emergency Medicine utilizes a “Standardized Letter of Recommendation”, and Plastic Surgery is starting to do the same. Check with your program.

If you are applying in **both Preliminary Medicine and transitional programs**, you could use the letters for both if they are generic in specialty.

Letters of Recommendation: Timeline

- Give letter-writers 4-6 weeks' notice
- Letters in by October 1 (i.e., ask before August 15!)
- Track which letters have arrived by using ERAS
- Do not wait for your letters to submit your ERAS application
- Send a friendly reminder email if it has been 6 weeks and your letter has not been uploaded


Letters of Recommendation: FAQ

1. Who reads my Letters of Recommendation?
2. Do you have tips for making sure my faculty members deliver their letters on time?
3. If my letter has not been received, and it is after the 4-6 week period, what do I do?

USMLE Transcript

- Requested by you through ERAS
- Transmitted 3-5 days following your request

Additional Documents



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Kai Doe

MyERAS ERAS 2020 Season - Residency

Kai Doe

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Email: rsilverman@bsd.uchicago.edu

Documents

Personal Statements

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Additional Documents

Document

Status

Actions

USMLE Transcript	Not Authorized	• Student Select
Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)	Not Uploaded	• PSOM (by 10/21) No Action Required Authorize Release
Medical School Transcript	Not Uploaded	• PSOM No Action Required
Photo	Not Uploaded	• Student Select

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USMLE Transcripts

Three steps to releasing your scores:

1. Authorize release through ERAS to sync current scores
2. Assign the USMLE score to a specific program (under the Programs section)
3. Once you receive updated Step 2 scores, go back into MyERAS and **retransmit** your scores
 - Think strategically about when or whether you want to release your Step 2 scores—discuss this with your Career Advisor or Dr. Woodruff.

Important Staff

Strategy

Career Advisor
Specialty Advisor
Dr. Woodruff

Personal Statement

Career Advisor
Specialty Advisor

MSPE/Grade Concerns

Dr. Fromme

Couples' Matching

Career Advisor
Dr. Woodruff

CV/ERAS Logistics

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LOR Status

ERAS or SF Match

Words of Wisdom

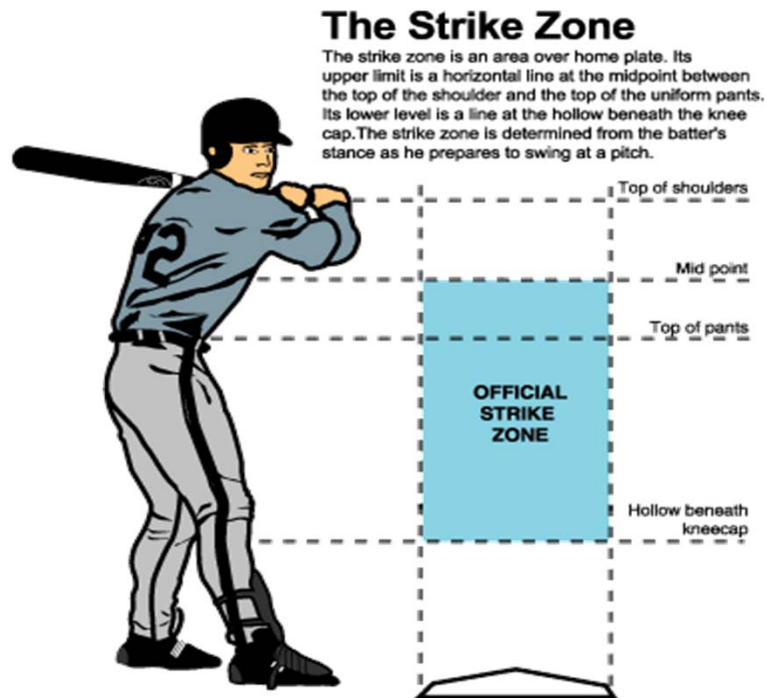
Be a Smart Applicant!

- Apply broadly to give yourself the best possible odds
 - You can always narrow your list during interview season
- Listen to Career Advisor feedback about your strategy
- Realize that there is more than one program where you can be happy

Don't put all of your eggs in one basket...

Diversify your application portfolio to maximize your odds!

The Gut Check/Strike Zone



- Careers are long—find something you love to do
- Listen to yourself, not to others telling you what you should do
- Don't be confused by a great—or lousy—experience on a rotation

Make a Plan and Focus

- Focus on what you can do something about: your Personal Statement, letters, and interview preparation
- Get the pieces together and assemble them
- Refer to your Residency Process Booklet
- Know what job you are applying for
 - Program Directors want smart, dependable, functional team players who will take excellent care of their patients
- Take it one step at a time

You will get through it!

You are NOT alone!

- You have a good support team
- You are not behind
- This is a long process with multiple parts

The Career Advising team's doors are always open!

MS4 Class Meetings

August 3, 2020

#2: ERAS Overview

September 22, 2020

MS4 Class Meeting: Interviewing for Residency

February, 2021

MS4 Class Meeting: Constructing your Rank List

Match Day: March 19, 2021!

