Hello, our darling Rowley-ites! Welcome to the best, most special, most beloved society of them all. (And, as the only society named after a female Pritzker alum, also the most #girlboss society.)

We’re Jessica & Alvin, your MS1 Rowley society leaders, and we’re so excited to meet you all!

Jessica is a true midwestern gal, born and raised in the wilds near the Schaumburg IKEA (you will become familiar with this landmark very soon) only to come to UChicago for undergrad, stay in Chicago for her gap year, and, now, end up at UChicago once again for med school. If you strike up a conversation with her about anything involving baking, trash animals, Taylor Swift, long furbies, or volleyball, she will imprint on you like a baby duck.

Alvin, meanwhile, is the very best iteration of the elusive Florida Man. He grew up in Ocala, FL, went to Harvard for college & Columbia for grad school, and now that he’s taking a few years away from the east coast in order to become a Healthcare Hero, the cornfields of Illinois have welcomed him with open arms. If you need a DJ, embroidery expert, wig enthusiast, another star volleyball player, or another long furby fan, you have found your guy! (Yes, volleyball skills and undying love for long furbies are actually requirements for entry into Rowley.)

Pritzker is an amazing place to be, and we’re so very lucky that Rowley has been a part of our experience here so far. We think “found family” has always been a superior trope, and with Rowley, you’ll be a part of a community full of the most incredible, lovely people by your side from the moment you get here until the eventual heat death of the universe.

Call us, beep us/If you wanna reach us
(No, seriously, please don’t hesitate to reach out to either/both of us for anything!)

XOXO

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Greetings! Welcome to the Pritzker School of Medicine and to the Lewis Society.

I am Salvador Norton de Matos, an MD-PhD student here at the University of Chicago. I am Portuguese but born and raised in Singapore. I went to Boston College for my undergraduate studies where I majored in Biology with a minor in Finance. I went straight through to Pritzker, though I did take two gap years before entering college to complete my military service in Singapore. I am currently involved in the Maria Shelter Free Clinic, the Pediatric Surgery Interest Group, Student Transplant Action Team and the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA). I also help to run Pritzker’s very own wine tasting group, Pritzecco.

The Lewis Society is arguably the best society here at Pritzker despite the other societies refusing to acknowledge this scientifically reviewed fact. Your society is your tribe at Pritzker. Your Orientation will be based by society, where you will interact, bond and have fun with your fellow colleagues. Your siblings group, which is also tied to your society, is another great way to bond tightly with classmates in addition to students from other classes, who are always there to mentor and assist you along your Pritzker journey. In Lewis, you will not only have access to a phenomenal group of people, but also some of the best Career Advisors, mentors and friends that you will come to know and love throughout your time here in medical school.

You will truly enjoy your time here in Lewis and at Pritzker. The Admissions Committee is extremely adept at selecting a truly exceptional cohort. We will be here to guide you, be your friend and hope to contribute to your personal growth and happiness while you embark on this Pritzker journey. Hope you all enjoy your time here at Pritzker and we are all looking forward to meeting you all.

P.S. Despite my perhaps serious tone, if any of you want to hit the UChicago pub, go for walks to the point or grab cocktails with some my cohort members, or even just engage in some banter, hit me up!

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Welcome!

Welcome to the start of an amazing medical school experience! I’d like to congratulate you all on choosing Pritzker and induction into the house of Coggeshall! You have been chosen to be a representative of the undisputed number one society in all of Pritzker (There’s no need to check my sources).

A little bit about me. My name is Udoka, I am a first-year MSTP student here at Pritzker. I grew up in Imo State, Nigeria, but have lived in Boston for some time. I’m a gym rat in the making, and fun fact, I just created an official 150-item bucket list to-do list. Ask me how many I’ve done when you see me. #accountability

The goal of the Coggeshall society is to build a community spanning all four (or more) years of the med school curriculum. You have an awesome opportunity to find friends and peer mentors who can help answer any questions that may arise during your time at Pritzker. We hope that you utilize us as points of quick reference: don’t reinvent the wheel! If you have a question, it’s most likely one of your past house members once had that same question and now has tons of answers so ask away.

P.S. even though we are unequivocally the best society, we’ve historically (aka last year) not done well at field day, so "cough* start preparing.

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Hey there, new baby Huggies!

Welcome to Pritzker! You’ve survived the treacherous terrain of medical school applications and successfully landed at one of the best medical schools in the whole wide world. Not only that, but you are also joining the BEST society at Pritzker: the Charles B. Huggins Society. Lots of celebrations are due here!

Now, a “little” bit about me. I am Danny, your MS1 Huggins Society leader. I have been really all over the place, so hold tight. So, *clears throat* I was born in Queens, NY, but spent most of my childhood in Seoul, South Korea. Then, I went to middle school and high school in a suburban town in Maryland called Clarksville. I moved yet again and did my undergrad at the University of Michigan. I really loved my time at Michigan, so if you see anyone walking around wearing Michigan gear, it’s most likely me (bonus points if you yell Go Blue!) Oh, and I came straight through from undergrad to med school. At Pritzker, I have been involved in Say Ahh! A Cappella, Student Transplant Action Team (STAT), Chicagoland Free Clinics Consortium (CFCC), Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP), and various affinity groups and specialty interest groups.

Your society at Pritzker serves as a wonderful addition to your medical education. With other Huggies, you will share Orientation groups, Pritzker Sibs, Career Advisors, socials and dinners, and other various fun activities. In Huggins, the camaraderie, mentorship, and care for one another has been truly palpable, and I am so excited for you all to join us. Though others may believe that society divisions are random, know deep in your hearts that you are among the Chosen (upholding Charles B. Huggins’ legacy of the 1966 Nobel Prize for his tremendous work in prostate cancer is NOT for the faint of the heart, after all). Might I add, better start training because we have been the reigning Field Day champions since 2020, and we are counting on you all for Field Day 2022.

As you enjoy your summer and dream about your upcoming new chapter in life (trust me, these three months will feel like forever, but also savor them), please know that you belong here, and you have made one of the best decisions of your life. You are about to join the most spectacular community of the most intelligent, caring people as you embark on your journey to fulfill your lifelong dream. One day, you will find yourself assisting world-renowned physicians in clinics, and the next day, providing care for underserved communities in Chicago, all while having the whole city to yourself and the entire Pritzker community for support. Anyway, I cannot wait to meet and get to know all of you beautiful souls later this summer. Please reach out anytime if I can be of assistance in any way! I mean, literally anything, like if you’re bored and need to talk to someone, I’m here.

Huggs and kisses,

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