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Dear Entering Class of 2023,

I am so excited to introduce myself! My name is Dr. Chelsea Dorsey. I am a vascular surgeon at the University of Chicago and your Associate Dean for Medical Student Academic Advising and Advancement (what a mouthful!). We will have a chance to get to know one another early on during your time at Pritzker as I will be present during your first few days on campus during the orientation.

In my role, I work closely with both the Student Affairs and the Curriculum teams to ensure that you successfully move through your course work and have the needed academic resources at your disposal. Medical school can be academically challenging for a number of different reasons. Not only will you be asked to learn a high volume of information, but you will often be tasked with learning that information in ways you may be less familiar with (problem-based learning, simulation, and acquiring information while directly caring for patients in the clinical environment). It is normal for students to encounter bumps along the way academically and we are poised to support you through those challenges.

Just to give you a bit of additional information about me—I was born in Evanston, IL just a few miles north of Chicago and graduated from Highland Park High School. I spent 4 years in Houston, TX while at Rice University for college. I am a very proud alum of the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and completed my Vascular Surgery training at Stanford University. I joined the faculty in the section of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy at the University of Chicago in 2016 and quickly began helping at Pritzker in 2017 as an Admissions Committee member and Career Advisor helping students navigate the residency application process. In 2019, I was selected to serve as the Director of Preclinical Advising where I was tasked with helping students explore specialties during their first few years here. I began my current role as Associate Dean last summer. In the Department of Surgery, I serve as Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as well as Ambulatory Medical Director of Cardiac, Vascular, and Thoracic Surgery. I live in Oak Park, IL just a few miles west of the city with my husband (also a Pritzker alum!) and twin 4-year-olds. Most importantly, I love (almost) all forms of music and the operating room staff knows that when I'm around its okay to crank up the music. "Anything but country" is my motto, but in the spirit of the all-important growth mindset, I remain "open" to expansion on that topic 😊.

Again, I am so excited for all of you and can't wait to welcome you to campus in a few short months!

Sincerely,



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