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MS4 Class Meeting No. 4: Creating Your Rank List

Monday, Jan. 21, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom

Welcome

HEDI – Melissa Harrell Robinson

- Bowman Lecture – Thursday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. via Zoom
 - o Topic: “A Game Changer in Sports: Addressing Mental Health in Athletes”
 - o Speaker: Marcia Faustin, MD – Pritzker alum, Assistant Clinical Professor at UC Davis and Co-Head Team Physician of US Women’s Gymnastics team
 - o [Register to attend here.](#)
- i2i Climate Survey Town Hall – **Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in BSLC 115**

Scholarship & Discovery Updates

- Please watch your inbox for communication from the Scholarship and Discovery team regarding final S&D requirements (application to present at Senior Scientific Session, final M4 S&D submission, reflection survey), which will be due **Monday, March 17 at 9 a.m.**

Pritzker Chief and Graduation Updates

- Please complete the **Match Week Preference Survey** when it arrives to help ensure a fun week of activities. Anyone interested in helping plan Match Week should reach out to the Chiefs
 - o Chiefs are working on Match Day t-shirt design, expect a max of \$14 per person cost
- Please also complete the **AAMC Graduation Questionnaire**, as a 90% completion rate unlocks additional Match Week funding/brunch.
- **Senior Skit** – Chiefs currently recruiting anyone who wants to be involved in planning and executing Senior Skit, which usually occurs during Match Week but may be post-Match Week this year.
- Graduation website: <https://voices.uchicago.edu/pritzkergraduation2025/>
 - o Check to-do list regularly!
 - o Fill out the [Faculty & Resident Recognition Survey!](#)
 - o FAQ page will also answer many common questions

Financial Aid Updates – Richard Wilson

Schedule a loan repayment strategy session with Richard via his calendar link:

<https://calendly.com/rtwilson/30min>

Preparing Your Rank List – Dr. Lee and Tyler Lockman

Residency Advising Tool

- Please update your [Residency Interview Survey!](#)
- This information helps future Pritzker students as they prepare for residency application
- Survey will close in early February
- **Reach out to Tyler Lockman if you have any questions or technical issues**

Pritzker Alumni Ambassador Program

- Hosted by MBSAA
- Sign up: uchicago.wisr.ir.signup
 - o Select “Pritzker School of Medicine Student” as your membership type

Principles to Consider

- Do the right thing (for YOU!)
 - o Be honest: Don't pretend what you don't feel
- Do not get distracted
 - o Be thoughtful about the advice you take – there can be a lot of it, and some may be more or less sound than others
- There is more than one program for you
 - o Make a commitment to thrive wherever you end up!
- You are applying for a job

NRMP/Match Violations

- Submitting your certified rank order list = binding commitment to accept an appointment if a match results and to start training in good faith
- Leaving a training program before at least 45 days is a breach of the Match Agreement
- Programs agree to select senior students of U.S. allopathic medical schools for all of their programs only through the Main Residency Match
- Applicants and programs can express interest in each other but cannot make deals
- Neither you nor programs can require disclosure of ranking plans or intentions;
- *If you feel a program may be violating the Match Agreement, reach out to Dr. Woodruff*

Match Communications

- Program directors frequently send letters containing statements that can be misinterpreted by students. PDs may also call to express their level of interest
 - o THESE ARE NOT BINDING STATEMENTS. Do not make decisions about your future before the Match occurs.
- Letters of Intent or Interest: These are OK and may be meaningful to some programs but less so to others
 - o Do not send Letter of Intent to more than one program; only your #1
 - o Wait until after ALL your interviews are complete
 - o Letters of Interest to your top few programs are generally discouraged

Overview of Rank Process

- Important Dates
 - o Feb. 3, 2025: Rank List submission opens
 - o Feb. 14, 2025 at 8 p.m.: Pritzker deadline to certify and submit your rank list
 - o March 5, 2025 at 8 p.m.: NRMP Deadline to certify and submit rank order list
 - o March 17, 2025 at 9 a.m.: Did I Match? Notification by email
 - o March 21, 2025: Match Day
- Rank Order List Entry
 - o Refer to meeting slides for walkthrough
 - o Can be entered in more than one session
 - o Keep a hard copy list for your records/reference
 - o Recommendation: Submit your rank list by Feb. 14 and don't go back to tinker with it!

 - o Note: There is no standard time frame in which programs must send instructions to students about how to rank them. If you have not heard anything by Feb. 1 or shortly after, reach out to the program.
- Supplemental List Entry
 - o Refer to meeting slides
 - o Have a conversation with your Career Advisor about also potentially ranking your prelim/TY programs separately at the bottom of your Rank Order List
- Certifying your Rank Order List
 - o Refer to meeting slides
- Rank Order List Confirmation
 - o PRINT A COPY of your final rank order list after submission
 - o NRMP will send a confirmation to your email after you certify your rank order list
 - o If you edit a certified ROL, you **must re-certify the updated list**
 - o Pritzker staff will be able to confirm if your match status is CERTIFIED ROL on the NRMP website (Tyler will be monitoring this closely!)

- How the Match Algorithm Works
 - o Refer to recording or meeting slides

- Dean's Ranking Advice
 - o Meet with your career advisor to discuss strategy
 - o Aim high and rank **all** programs at which you interviewed: the algorithm favors you
 - The algorithm starts with *your* ranking
 - Ranking a "Reach" program high does not reduce your chances of matching at programs further down your rank list; those programs will not know if you ranked other programs higher than them
 - o Take advantage of the 20 FREE ranks!
 - o **The #1 reason students don't match is because they didn't rank enough programs**
 - o Even if a program says "We will rank you #1" this is NOT A GUARANTEE
 - o Do not wait until March 5th to certify! Aim for Feb. 14 or at least one week before the NRMP deadline
 - o Trust us: You do NOT want to go through the SOAP

 - o When should you not rank a program?
 - **Only when you would rather be unmatched than be at that program**

- Getting your Match Results
 - o Monday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m.: Applicants can log into NRMP R3 system to learn their Match status (not their Match)

- SOAP: Supplementary Offer and Acceptance Program
 - o Not a second match; It is a series of offers by program
 - o Pritzker will assist any SOAP applicants; you will not go through SOAP alone
 - o Positions offered/accepted during SOAP establish a binding commitment, enforced by the Match Participation Agreement