This message applies to all DGSOM faculty, staff, trainees, and students.

Dear Colleagues,

We remain committed to sharing updates with you as they become available. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have additional questions.

**Virtual Second Look 2021**
Second Look 2021 will be held virtually tomorrow, Saturday, April 10 at 9:00am to welcome admitted students to DGSOM! The event will feature addresses by Deans Martin, Braddock and Lucero, and will also include a curriculum update led by Dr. Napolitano and two student panels: one including highlights from Student Affairs led by Dr. Miller, and the second will focus on EDI led by Drs. Brown and Kozman. The Admissions Team expresses their deep appreciation for Tessa Gillespie, Will Armero, the START team, and to the other medical students, staff and faculty participating in and supporting Second Look this year!

**DGSOM Match Day 2021**
Thank you to those of you who joined us to celebrate the Class of 2021 as they learned where they matched! To view the full Match Day event, please visit this site, and for Match Day highlights, please click here. To see where our graduating students will continue their training, please visit this site.

**Staffing Update**
It is our pleasure to announce the two new Curricular Affairs Supervisors, Monika Fragoso and Jenny Yoo!

**Monika Fragoso** will be serving as our new Pre-clerkship Curriculum Supervisor and will be overseeing the team who will close out the last year of the HB&D Curriculum as well as the team who will be implementing the new first year Foundations of Medical Science Course, which includes Early Authentic Clinical Experience, Foundations of Practice, and Scientific Foundations of Medicine which will launch with our incoming class of 2025. Monika will be bringing her unwavering determination to resolve problems, commitment to excellence, enthusiasm for leadership and her demonstrated change management experience to this new role. During her free time, Monika enjoys playing with her cat, Morris, hiking new trails, reading, exploring pizza restaurants, and learning new techniques in photography. Monika can be reached at: MFragoso@mednet.ucla.edu or (310) 206-1021.

**Jenny Yoo** will be serving as the new Clinical Curriculum Supervisor, and will be overseeing the team responsible for clerkships, electives, and our foundations courses for our third- and fourth-year medical students. Jenny will also be an instrumental part of the curriculum redesign efforts in the clerkship, elective and capstone curriculum. Jenny will be bringing her vast institutional knowledge, a deep commitment to teamwork, organizational excellence and proven
management experience to this new role. Jenny can be reached at: Jsyoo@mednet.ucla.edu or (310) 206-2206.

COVID-19 Guidance

COVID-19 Testing
Thanks so much to all students enrolled in required surveillance testing for scheduling your testing as outlined in earlier class messages. For more information, please visit https://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/covidtesting.

Face Shield Distribution
All staff, students and faculty may continue to obtain face shields before participating in any patient care or on-campus activities. Please note, you will receive two face shields: UShield for clinical use and iShieldMax for classes/admin work/meetings/etc. Please bring your ID badge to Materials Management to pick up your shields on Monday-Friday during normal business hours (8:00 AM-4:00 PM) at the following locations:

- Ronald Reagan: B-301
- Santa Monica Hospital: B-415

Campus Access
The Center for Health Sciences, Geffen Hall and the Learning Resource Center (LRC) continue to remain closed and are not open for gatherings, studying, exams, etc. For additional information about campus access, please visit: https://covid-19.ucla.edu/campus-operations/.

Shadowing Experiences
Shadowing refers to instances in which a student is working alongside a clinician, but not participating in patient care and not part of a required course. We are encouraged by the improvement of local COVID-19 trends and we are currently in the process of re-evaluating the status of shadowing experiences at UCLA and at our affiliates. At this time, shadowing is still not permitted. We hope to provide an update soon after discussions with the Designated Institutional Officials at our affiliates.

Town Hall recordings are available here.

Volunteer Opportunities
Blood & Platelet Center
We encourage you to please consider scheduling a lifesaving donation. Additional details can be found here.

LA COVID-19 Volunteers
For volunteer opportunities, please see the LA COVID-19 Volunteer’s website for additional information.

Class Specific Updates
### MS1

**EACE Reflective Writing Reminder**

Your first EACE reflective writing assignment due date has been extended to Monday, April 19th at 8:00am. Please check out Dr. Izquierdo’s email from 4/7 with the subject line, “Update to RW#1 Assignment due date: now due Monday 4/19 at 8am” for specific details.

**Firearm Safety Training Module – May 17th**

Physicians can play an important role in the prevention of accidental firearm injuries and gun-related suicides by counseling patients about gun safety, yet physicians in general do not feel that they are adequately trained to provide such counseling effectively. With the marked increase in first-time gun purchases related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the recent attention to gun violence of all types, we’ve added a firearm safety training module to close the gap found within our current curriculum. Specific details about this session will be available on Gryphon.

### MS2

**Block 9 Incomplete Grades**

For those who opted out of in-person components of the Clinical Skills 2 course or have preceptorship dates to make-up, you received an incomplete grade for Block 9. Please note that once you complete the course requirements, attending your Clinical Skills Make-up session in May or completing your preceptorship visits, your incomplete grade will convert to a ‘Pass’. If you have specific questions, please check out your Block 9 gradebook within MyCourses and/or reach out to us in Curricular Affairs.

**Update - Curricular Activities May 3 - 7, 2021**

In addition to the Clinical Skills 2 Make-up sessions required for those students who opted out in the fall semester, we also wanted to gauge interest in offering some optional sessions for those who wish to gain additional practice. Please participate in [this brief survey](#) before Friday, April 16th at 5pm to share with us your preferences.
| MS3 | **Foundation for Fourth Year**  
This year, the Foundation for Fourth Year course (5/24-5/28) will be in a hybrid format with onsite and remote activities. All rising 4th year students are required to participate in this course with each day starting at 8am and ending by 6pm. If you are an off-cycle student, you will be required to complete the course asynchronously by July 1st. Specific details about this course will be sent to you next week. If there are questions in the interim, please reach out to Jenny Yoo at Jsyoo@mednet.ucla.edu. |
| MS4 | **Deadline Extended for Submission of Commencement Poem or Speech**  
We have extended the deadline for submitting your commencement poem or speech to this coming Monday, April 12th. Please send your submission to Jason Bergschneider at jbergschneider@mednet.ucla.edu. |
| LOA Students | **For students returning from leaves of absence or thinking about taking a leave of absence please reach out to your specialty mentor, Assistant Dean, Program Director, Dr. Calmes or Dr. Miller regarding your individual schedules and unique circumstances.** |
All our best,

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