
Subject: PA Summer Courses

To: Tulsa Class of 2021

Good evening,

I wanted to reach out to you tonight to make the formal announcement that the program has made the decision to continue our online curriculum delivery throughout the upcoming summer semester. I have a strong feeling that most, if not all of you, were anticipating this decision. The unanswered questions regarding a possible date to return to campus were too many to delay the decision further. In addition, as you likely read in the email last week from Interim President Harroz, events across all three campuses were suspended through at least July 31st. This decision impacted, among other things, our ability to access Tandy for any in-person simulation purposes. As you have already seen, faculty have worked diligently to adapt to this transition online in a short amount of time. Thank you for your continued patience as we adjust to this new norm.

This continued virtual experience will give us all opportunities to expand our imaginations and mindsets. One area in which I will appreciate your assistance is in being intentional in welcoming the Class of 2022 this summer as they enter the program in such an altered way.

I hope to see many of your faces soon, even if only via Zoom. Unintentional rhyming aside, please know that all the faculty are aware that this decision impacts your experiences during this last semester of pre-clinical studies. We are committed to doing all we can to prepare you for your first day on rotations. Thank you for your part in supporting the program and our community.

Take care,

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Class of 2022,

As the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, it has been necessary for our program to evolve as well. My previous email mentioned the modifications made as we transitioned to online curriculum delivery for both the pre-clinical and clinical students during this spring semester. At this time, we have made the decision to deliver all summer pre-clinical courses online as well. With so many questions still unanswered impacting a return date to campus, we wanted to make a decision that took in consideration your needs to plan as much as possible during these uncertain times, while prioritizing safety and well-being for everyone. Although remote curriculum delivery may not be following

our traditional approach in welcoming a new class, we are confident that we can deliver a strong summer curriculum virtually! The faculty and staff have been working diligently to make this a smooth process.

In the upcoming days, I will share more details with you regarding a virtual orientation, Information Technology recommendations, and course specific information. Although not all details are finalized yet, I will share further information as soon as it becomes available to me. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I realize this is not how we all envisioned your entry into the profession to appear, but I know we all are doing our best to support the health of our communities during this time. We welcome you to the School of Community Medicine!

Best,

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