July 3, 2019

Dear Members of the Class of 2023:

Below, please find information and reminders in preparation for Orientation Week at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine on July 15th.

**Orientation Week Schedule:** Please visit [https://go.rowan.edu/somorientation](https://go.rowan.edu/somorientation) and click on “Orientation Schedule” to review the preliminary schedule for the 2019 Orientation, beginning Monday, July 15th on the Stratford Campus. Unless otherwise noted, all orientation week activities are **mandatory**. Please note, the schedule is subject to change, so please consult the website for any updates.

Please be sure that you review and/or complete the following as soon as possible:

- **RSVP for the 2019 White Coat Ceremony** - the deadline to respond was June 30th
- **Student Health Insurance - WAIVE OR ENROLL** - see additional information below
- **Big Brother/Big Sister Questionnaires:**
  - Traditional Students ONLY
  - PBL Students ONLY
- **Register for BLS Class** - 7/18 (optional)
- **Register for the SOSA Club Luncheon** - 7/18 (optional)
- **Register for Community Service** – 7/19 (optional)
- **Check out the Information Resources and Technology section:**
  - Student Resources
  - Student Checklist

**Academic Schedules:** You will be using One45 for your schedule, grades, and evaluations. All course materials, echo links, etc., can be found in Blackboard (RowanSOM's Learning Management System). Information about these programs and how to navigate them will be posted on the Orientation website and will be reviewed at the One45 session at Orientation.

**Student Health Insurance Program:** All RowanSOM students are required to enroll in or waive the student health insurance plan for the 2019-2020 academic year. Under University policy, students are required to have health and accident insurance. If you have health insurance through another insurer and seek to waive participation in this coverage, you must complete the online waiver form by September 20, 2019. **If you do not waive the coverage by 9/20/19, the Aetna premium will remain as part of your tuition bill and is non-refundable.**
The Aetna Student Health insurance premium for 2019 is $4,810, and the coverage period is July 15, 2019 - July 14, 2020. Plan information/summary of benefits and other plan documents can be found at the Aetna website or by visiting: https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/en/school/686163/members.html.

To waive or enroll, please visit: https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/:

- Select Rowan University from the drop-down menu and then select the “View your school” button
- Select the “Enroll/Waive” button in the navigation menu located on the left side of the webpage
- Review the information on the page and then select the “Enroll/Waive” button
- Select the appropriate student type from the drop-down menu
- Enter your student ID and Date of Birth and click on “Get Started”

*Waiver submissions will be reviewed by Aetna Student Health. If Aetna is unable to verify your insurance coverage, Rowan University will enroll you in the Aetna Student Health plan, and your account will be billed accordingly.*

**Required Textbooks:** For information about required and recommended textbooks for first year courses, visit [https://rowanmed.libguides.com/firstyearresources](https://rowanmed.libguides.com/firstyearresources). Discounted textbooks are available for purchase at the Kennedy Pharmacy in the Rowan Medicine Building, (856) 346-3535.

**Student Handbook:** The RowanSOM Student Handbook can be accessed at [https://som.rowan.edu/documents/studenthandbook.pdf](https://som.rowan.edu/documents/studenthandbook.pdf). It is each student’s responsibility to be familiar with University policy and practices, the Academic Rules and Regulations, the RowanSOM Student Code of Conduct, and program and degree requirements. You will be asked to sign an attestation form at registration acknowledging that it is your responsibility to read and understand the Student Handbook and remain informed of rules, regulations and other requirements published in the Student Handbook or promulgated by the faculty, administration, or Board of Trustees of Rowan University. All of the policies and procedures mentioned above are included in the Student Handbook.

Please note that official communications, including updates to the Student Handbook, will be communicated via your RowanSOM e-mail account and/or by mail to your local address. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail on a regular basis.

On **Sunday, August 18, 2019**, RowanSOM will be hosting the White Coat Ceremony for the SOM Class of 2023 at the Pfleeger Theater at Wilson Hall, Glassboro Campus. If you have not responded for the White Coat Ceremony, use the on-line survey to reserve guest tickets and indicate your white coat size at [https://tinyurl.com/y3l38rdu](https://tinyurl.com/y3l38rdu). Please respond as soon as possible as the deadline has passed.

*Please note, in order to appropriately accommodate all students and their guests in the theater and maintain compliance with strict fire code rules, each student may bring up to two guests to the ceremony. Additional tickets are not available; however, students may request seating for up to two guests in the*
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remote viewing area in Wilson Hall. Students who submit requests for seating in the remote viewing should expect a response to their request by July 31st. For those that are unable to attend the ceremony, a live stream of the ceremony is planned, and the link to view the ceremony will be made available to all students to share with family and friends.

Student check-in and a continental breakfast for you and your guests will begin at 8:30 am. The White Coat Ceremony will begin promptly at 10 am. The ceremony will include keynote remarks by Jennifer Caudle, D.O. ’05, the 2019 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, an Associate Professor of Family Medicine and regular on-air health expert for local and national news networks. The keynote will be followed by the presentation of your white coat by SOM faculty and congratulations from Dean Thomas Cavalieri to officially mark your entry into the medical profession. Tickets for the ceremony and remote viewing area will be issued to each student on-site at the White Coat Ceremony check-in. School Spirit Store sales of imprinted RowanSOM merchandise will be available following the ceremony (cash or check only).

Additional instructions for the White Coat Ceremony will follow by e-mail in August.

We are excited about having you join the RowanSOM family and look forward to meeting you during Orientation Week. If you have any questions about the orientation week or White Coat Ceremony, please contact the Office of Student Affairs and Alumni Engagement at (856) 566-6740.

Best Regards,

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