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MEMORANDUM

To: The Class of 2013

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Welcome to the Class of 2013! We would like to share some important information that will help your transition to the school. Please read the attached information and contact us if you have any questions. Much of this information along with this letter can be found on the Incoming Students webpage: www2.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/administration/studentaffairs/incoming

New Student Welcome Day – June 5, 2009

Please visit the following website for additional information and to RSVP. The agenda will be posted once it is available. www2.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/administration/studentaffairs/incoming/welcomeday

Completion of Prerequisites

All prerequisite coursework must be completed before starting classes. The Office of Student Affairs must receive all copies of transcripts to document completion of the prerequisites by the last day of orientation in August. Visit www2.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/admissions/pharmd/prereqs

Computer Purchase – Laptop Computer Requirement

The School of Pharmacy requires all entering students to purchase a laptop to use during their four-year educational program. We are partnering with Dell to provide a competitively priced laptop and extended warranty program. We strongly encourage you to review this program offered by the school. However, you are not required to do so.

The 2009-2010 incoming class Dell laptop specifications and pricing will be provided in the very near future. Please check here www2.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/administration/cns/computer/laptops for further information.

Homework Assignment

Make sure you complete the assignment that is included in this packet before New Student Orientation in August. The material has also been posted on the website at www2.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/administration/studentaffairs/incoming/welcomeday



Emergency Contact Information & SURFS

You will need to complete your emergency contact information before orientation in August. Please access the following website to complete the form. Every incoming student must log on to SURFS and create a username and password. www.simsweb.umaryland.edu

Parking

For New Student Welcome Day, park in the Lexington Garage, 660 West Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD. In order to receive the student rate you will need to show this letter to the attendant.

Please see the following website for a map and more information on parking and commuter services. www.parking.umaryland.edu. Click on Student Parking to complete a student parking application online (this does not need to be completed for the New Student Welcome Day).

Health Insurance, Forms, and Vaccines

Health insurance coverage is required by University. Students pay an insurance premium unless they can prove (by showing the policy to the Student Health Center) that they have health insurance already. The form is also available online at www.umaryland.edu/health.

All PharmD students are required to be immunized against certain diseases. Please remember to submit previously distributed proof of vaccination forms to Student Health. Once admitted to the school, students will be inoculated against Hepatitis B. You will be charged a fee (\$35/shot for 3 shots) unless you can prove that you have been previously vaccinated against Hepatitis B. At least two of the three shots are required by October.

Fall Registration and Class Schedules

Student Affairs staff will register you for fall semester courses.

CELCAT is our online school class and meetings schedule. At this time, only the current Spring semester is visible. However, the Fall schedule will be available over the summer. Training will be provided on CELCAT at Orientation. <https://rxsecure.umaryland.edu/apps/schedules/list/courses.cfm>

The following website contains information on how to log onto SURFS where students can view grades, loan information, pay bills, register for classes, and accept/decline financial awards. <https://www.simsweb.umaryland.edu>

Payment of Fees

Fall semester tuition and fee bills will be mailed to you prior to the start of classes. Please note the day that the payment is due, usually the day before the start of classes. The university has a convenient installment plan if you need to extend payment over a period of time. If you will be receiving financial aid to cover the bill, please let the Office of Financial Services (410-706-7776) know the expected date of the arrival of funds.

Financial Aid

Here is the link to financial aid: www.umaryland.edu/fin. In order to access your financial aid information, you need to log onto SURFS: <https://www.simsweb.umaryland.edu>. At this site, students can view grades, loan information, pay bills, and accept/decline financial awards.

Student Accounts

Pay bills and view your financial aid status. www.fincsvc.umaryland.edu/sa



International Students

Contact the campus Registrar's Office (410-706-7481), as soon as possible to finalize necessary paperwork and to clear you for registration. Please notify the school's Student Affairs Office (410-706-7653 or 800-852-2988), once you have been cleared.

Orientation – Wednesday, August 19th – Friday August 21st

A reminder, that New Student Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday August 19th through Friday August 21st. Each day will start at 8:30am and end about 5pm. These sessions are mandatory for all entering students since critical information and processes will be reviewed during these three days.

Advising

During New Student Orientation, you will meet your academic advisor who will assist you for the first year of the program. You will also meet your class advisor during New Student Welcome Day in June.

White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony will take place on Friday, September 11th at the Baltimore campus. The ceremony will start at 4:30pm and be followed by a reception for guests. Tell your family and friends to mark their calendars and join you for this exciting event.

Student Organizations

Familiarize yourself with the different Student Organizations on campus! View www2.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/studentorg

Housing Resources

Baltimore: www.housing.umaryland.edu

Shady Grove: www.shadygrove.umd.edu/resources/student-services/housing-referral-guide.cfm

Additionally, we have compiled a list of popular housing around both campuses on our website – click the campus from the link below and it will open a word document:

www2.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/administration/studentaffairs/incoming/housing.html

Please note that the school does not endorse specific housing facilities.

Student Services

Provides academic and nonacademic support services for students with disabilities. If accommodations will be needed, please contact Cynthia Rice at 6-7117 or crice@umaryland.edu for further information. www.umaryland.edu/student/disabilities.html

Facebook

The University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy Class of 2013 has a Facebook page! Check it out and if you'd like, request to be a member: www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=51593522431