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To the Class of 2022:

Welcome to Geisel! We are the elected student body Vice Presidents of Academics and also serve as your Honor Chairs. We participate in medical curriculum overviews, relay feedback to faculty members and Geisel's administration, participate in formal course reviews, and serve in a number of other medical education-related roles. We are here to do what we can to help you learn better. Medical school is a long road, and our goal is to help make it easier for each of you.

We are starting off this year with a focus on Professionalism. We want to share our vision for what Professionalism means to us at Geisel as a school and as a culture, and to welcome you into it.

At Geisel, we are doers and believers. Our honor code and professional standards of conduct not only guide our actions, but also embody our commitment to leading, healing, and growing together. We are excited to welcome you into this life of service, not only for our patients, but for our colleagues and ourselves. Professionalism is not something we strive for only within the confines of Geisel; it is what defines us as human beings, regardless of setting.

There will be times at Geisel when something does not go as you plan. You may be late to or miss a required session. You will make mistakes. Due to external factors (sleep, stress, adjusting, forgetfulness, what have you), it is possible that at some point during your time here, things may not go as you planned. This happens to everyone, and it is okay! What matters are the steps you take next.

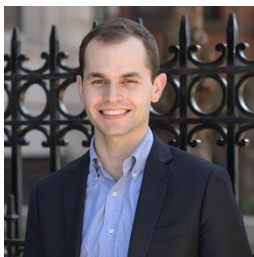
Our true selves shine through when we are presented with great challenges. These moments are your opportunity to behave with character, honesty, and integrity. And, we are here for you – to help you grow not only grow as medical professionals, but also into yourselves.

So, we ask you to join us; it is time to get to it. Time to become the leader you have inside you. Time to be recognized not by what you say or do, but rather by how you say and do it. Time to approach challenges and overcome them both tenaciously and gracefully. We are thrilled to have you here and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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