



Dear Class of 2026,

I am absolutely thrilled to welcome you as our newest colleagues here at Baylor College of Medicine. I arrived six years ago and I know you will find it to be as warm and welcoming of a place as I have.

I am continually impressed by the students, residents, faculty and staff. Even driving into the Texas Medical Center is awe-inspiring. We are surrounded by those who are dedicating their lives to improving healthcare in Houston and throughout the world. Never has this dedication been more evident than during the past few years. [Hurricanes](#), [COVID](#), [honest discussions regarding healthcare disparities among different populations](#) – each of these events have highlighted the important role healthcare providers play in every community.

While you will be receiving a top-notch education here, it is essential to realize you will get out of it only what you put into it. Take full advantage of all the accomplished mentors and vast resources available to help and guide you each step of the way.

Congratulations and I look forward to welcoming you in person!

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