

WELCOME! We are so excited that you are joining the BCM Student Body and will soon be in Houston for orientation.

While orientation includes the routine items (badging, resources, etc.), it also includes the student led **PARTAKE** (Populations at Risk: Treatment, Advocacy, Knowledge, Experience) Program designed to introduce you to the social determinants of health that shape health care delivery in Houston and Texas. The program is the first in a longitudinal thread that exposes students to the SDOH and the opportunities available as a student and physician to make a difference. BCM is committed to improving the lives of our citizens and students play a critical role.

The program involves a mix of speakers, site visits, and small group sessions, all facilitated by BCM faculty and your Peer Resource Network student mentors. Previous topics have included access to care, food insecurity, mental health, race and ethnicity, and the unique health challenges faced by refugees, women, and the LGBTQ community.

You will receive a schedule of events closer to orientation. Be sure to find the Class of 2026 Facebook page for other important information. We look forward to meeting you during orientation!

Your PARTAKE Team

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