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Dear Students:

Congratulations and welcome to the University of Maryland School of Medicine. We are truly delighted that you have chosen to study medicine at this incredible institution.

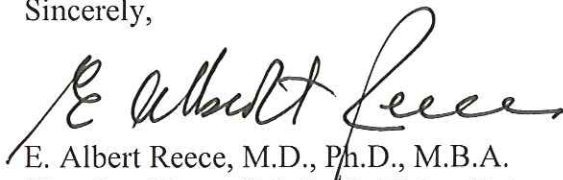
Established in 1807, the University of Maryland School of Medicine is the first public and fifth oldest medical school in the United States and is the founding school of the University System of Maryland. Now in our third century, the School maintains its long tradition of excellence in medical education and post-graduate training. We are very proud of the fact that more than half of all practicing physicians in Maryland are educated or trained at the University of Maryland. The School of Medicine is also an internationally-recognized leader in basic and clinical biomedical research and discovery.

A robust research enterprise and state-of-the-art clinical care coupled with a “top notch” faculty enable the School to offer students rigorous and dynamic educational experiences. Our goal is to prepare you for your role in a rapidly changing health care environment and to ensure that you have the knowledge and skills required for success as a scientist, clinician, or educator.

For more than two hundred years, this great medical school has produced some of the most outstanding physicians, researchers, and teachers in the nation. You are now a part of this extraordinary tradition. My greatest hope for each of you is that you find this profession as rewarding and gratifying as I have. Good luck to you, and please let me know how things are going ([deanmed@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:deanmed@som.umaryland.edu)).

Very best regards!

Sincerely,



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