

OSA S.T.E.P.S. to Success



Class of 2026 Match Day

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OSA STEPS to Success

S. Self-Assessment
T. Target Specialty
E. Experience
P. Preparation & Planning
S. Strategy Execution

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APRIL: Transition to Residency

Congratulations on your Match!!! This is both an exciting and busy time as you transition from medical student to resident. Included in this newsletter are a few helpful tips and resources that may come in handy as you plan for the future.

Milestones are important – we hope you were able to take time to celebrate your match with family and friends and to reflect on your journey and your new path. As you do, consider those who have helped you or made an impact along the way and let them know of your match – they will be excited to share in your success.

We recognize that match day always brings considerable emotion and if any of you would like to talk with someone about your match – OSA is here for you.

OSA Can Help!

OSA remains available to support you after your Match and beyond as alumni.

[Alumni Resources](#)

- **Forms** completed for residencies can be emailed to OSA (studentaffaris@som.umaryland.edu)
- Information about **degree/diploma distribution** can be found here: <https://www.umaryland.edu/registrar/graduation/>
- To be eligible for **USMLE Step 3**, an M.D. Degree conferred and verified. The Federal State Medical Board estimates up to 12 weeks post-graduation to verify eligibility. Verification to the Board is done directly by the UMB registrar.
- If your program requires **BLS/ACLS/PALS** but does not offer them, they should provide a list of training resources. The [American Heart Association](#) offers all courses. The MASTRI center (<https://mastri.umm.edu/>) may also offer training (~May). SOM does not offer BLS/ACLS/PALS training.

After the Match

Transitioning from medical student to resident is both exciting and busy. Below are some key tips to make this transition successful for you! Read more in the [RAM – After the Match](#).

Celebrate your success Take time to celebrate with loved ones, reflect on your journey, and share your Match news with mentors and supporters—they'll be thrilled to hear from you.

Inevitably, Match Day is bound to generate some big emotions – if you want a safe space to talk/debrief – please reach out to an OSA Dean – we are here for you!

Complete medical school requirements

- Confirm you have met Graduation Requirements
- Complete Financial Aid Exit Interview
- Submit the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire
- Join the UMSOM Alumni Network (via Career Tab in MedScope)
- Update your contact information (email/phone) in SURFS

Residency Onboarding Expect communication from your residency program soon after the Match. Onboarding requirements, typically includes the below. Note OSA can assist - can be found in the [RAM](#).

- Signing and returning your acceptance letter and contract
- Applying for a state medical license
- Completing program-specific pre-training requirements

Attend to your Personal Wellbeing Take this time to ensure readiness and success in residency.

- TTR is designed to build skills preparing you for residency day 1
- Plan your move, get to know your co-residents, explore your new city
- Learn more about financial wellness and create a residency budget
- Spend time with family and friends
- Arrange personal health appointments in your new location

OSA Insider Podcasts

[Apple Podcasts](#)

- E 134 Records & Registration
- E 101 Habits for Success
- E 100 Leadership Lessons
- E 79 Wellness
- E 42 Transition to Intern Year
- E 26 Hitting the Career Jackpot

Key Dates

- April 1 Order Regalia/Pick Up
- April 17 Order Regalia/Delivered
- May 14 Graduation Ceremony

Save the Date: Graduation 2026

The Class of 2026 **University of Maryland School of Medicine MD Graduation Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, May 14, 2026** at the **Hippodrome Theatre** at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center (12 N. Eutaw St, Baltimore, MD 21201). The procession will begin at 1:00 pm.