

TO THE CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations



ON YOUR MATCH DAY

**SINCE WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE WITH
YOU IN PERSON, WE PUT TOGETHER
MESSAGES FROM MEMBERS OF THE EMORY
COMMUNITY WHO HAVE WITNESSED YOUR
MEDICAL SCHOOL JOURNEY.**

**WE HOPE THAT YOU FEEL WE ARE WITH YOU
IN SPIRIT ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY!**

FROM

**YOUR FELLOW
MEDICAL
STUDENTS...**

Thank you so much for everything you've done for the classes below you. As an M3, it is the guidance and advice that I received from each of you regarding each module, each clerkship, each exam, and every medical decision that has made me a successful Emory medical student. I personally thank each and every one of you for all the dedication you have given to making those around you a better person and physician. I wish you the best of luck in residency and know that you will continue to guide those around you.

MEDICAL STUDENT

Congratulations class of 2020! Choosing Emory was a no-brainer for me, and your class had a lot to do with that. From my interview day, to accepted students weekend, I met so many incredible people who inspired me to be a better student and future physician. From offering up your home (Thanks, Sarah and Katerina!), to sharing your study schedules and tips for academic success (Thanks, Peyton!), to mentoring and offering support in the clinical activities we participated in together (Thanks, Miah, Ana, and Matt!), y'all did so much to support our class and all those who came after you. You set examples in humility and service, and we are all so grateful. I have no doubt that y'all will all go on to do great things, and I hope you feel all of the love and congratulations coming your way. You did it!

GRACE MOXLEY SAXON
MEDICAL STUDENT

Dear M4's,

Despite 'Rona getting in the way of your big day, you are all SO deserving of celebration and rejoicing as you match into wonderful programs the country over. I hope you can still take time to bask in the glow of this massive achievement and be proud of all the hard work you've put into reach this moment. I'm personally thankful for the many of you who have been friends, support, and teachers for my peers and me. I know you will all be amazing physicians wherever you end up. So CONGRATULATIONS!!! We are wishing you all the best.

SHANE

MEDICAL STUDENT

Congratulations to the class of 2020! You have all worked so hard to get to this moment, and I'm sorry that your last few weeks at EUSOM have been upended. Please know that we are so proud of you and thankful for the examples you have set for us since before we even began medical school, chatting with you outside the admissions office on interview days. You all will undoubtedly continue to succeed on this journey of being compassionate physicians. I hope each of you is able to find ways to celebrate this amazing accomplishment! Congratulations!

MIMI ACKLEH

MEDICAL STUDENT

You made it! I am sorry you have to go through all of this, but I know that all of you will be fantastic physicians in whichever specialty you matched in. As a class, we celebrate your perseverance and look up to you. Be proud and celebrate your day. As Dr. Manning says, "Virtual joy is still joy."

MEDICAL STUDENT

You are all going to make amazing physicians and I feel so lucky to have learned from many of you! While this year's match day will be different from what you've all imagined, I hope you are just as proud of yourselves and each other. This is a huge accomplishment and I know each of y'all will make Emory so proud!!

EMILY LABUDDE
MEDICAL STUDENT

John Larson makes me smile.

MEDICAL STUDENT

Would I have survived the M3 IM clerkship without you all? Definitely not. Congrats on being not only awesome future doctors, but also being awesome people. Your kindness cannot be understated.

MEDICAL STUDENT

Congratulations on your Match Day!!

I wouldn't be here without you all. Seriously! I chose to come to Emory because I fell in love with the people here-- specifically you, class of 2020. You all made me feel so welcome and supported and have continued to throughout the last 3 years. I have no doubt that you make your patients feel the same. You have selflessly given your time, energy, resources and invaluable wisdom to the classes below you and you have encouraged our success. You have challenged us and inspired us to be better students, better future physicians, better people. I can't wait to see what amazing things you all will do. We are rooting for you today and every day!

JULIE SHABTO

MEDICAL STUDENT

Congratulations Kevdog417!!! From WaldaGuard to MD, you crushed every step of the way. Time to get a new car with your new job. Proud of you brothaman B)

MEDICAL STUDENT

We're all sorry and disappointed to hear that Match Day was cancelled. It was supposed to be culmination of four years of work! But match day was just a moment, one of many that you've been through in the last four years. The last four years defined you! Be proud of them. You've been amazing for four years, don't spend time lamenting a lost, fleeting moment. Your life is greater than that.

MEDICAL STUDENT

You guys have taught me so much and
I am so grateful for it! Good luck in
residency!

MEDICAL STUDENT

Congratulations class of 2020!! The class of 2021 looks up to you and is inspired by you all. I feel lucky to follow in your footsteps and know you will all be wonderful doctors out in the real world!

Special shoutout to Aly Levine, who is 100% the reason I'm at Emory or med school at all and is going to make the BEST pediatrician. I love you Aly!!

Another shoutout to Jimmy Jiang for being the coolest, nicest person and helping the classes behind him so much, myself included. Many thanks!

MICHELLE
MEDICAL STUDENT

I am so disappointed that you won't have the Match Day celebration you so deserve. Please know that we're all here rooting for you, celebrating your accomplishments, and inspired by you! You've worked so hard for this, and we are so happy for you.

MEDICAL STUDENT

FROM

EMORY CLINICIANS...

Dear all,

As a physician, you will be the frontline of the medical community. You are seeing first hand, in a way that no prior medical school class has ever witnessed, how important your career choice is to the well-being of our world's population. At the moment, I suspect that there are a multitude of emotions that you are experiencing: the frustration at not being able to celebrate such a momentous occasion in a way that is "appropriate", the anxiety of what might come in the envelope tomorrow, the fear about what the new world order may bring for all of us.

Rest assured that we all share those emotions, and many others. What you may not appreciate at the moment, since there are so many other distractions around us today, is how very proud we are of you and how your achievements inspire confidence that we are leaving the health care system, and the world, in trustworthy, reliable, and competent hands. You are amazing and talented individuals and you will all go on to achieve great success in your lives. We are excited and honored to welcome you into the community of physicians in which we are members and to have you as teammates in the provision of clinical care.

While this may not be the "match day" you anticipated, it will certainly be the most memorable and I encourage you to cherish it nonetheless. Please know that while we cannot celebrate together, we ARE celebrating together.

KEITH DELMAN

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, SURGERY

Congratulations! You are about to embark on a journey in the noblest profession in the world. The knowledge you have gained in the past four years is essential, and these current times demonstrate that more than ever. Never forget to remain centered and care for yourself. You are ready!!

DR. CHERIE HILL
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OB/GYN

YOU. DID. IT. You did it. Everything you've been working for, all the sacrifices you make, the tears you shed, the sleep you lost, the events you missed, were worth it. There are not many people on this earth who can do what you did, yet here you are. CONGRATULATIONS, and the world is so lucky to have a doctor like you ♥

RESIDENT, INTERNAL MEDICINE

Although your Match day plans may have not gone as expected, you still have plenty to celebrate! You worked really hard, and should be super proud. Congrats!!!!

RAHEL

RESIDENT, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Congratulations on matching! I am sure this day is not quite as you expected given the circumstances but don't let it understate this accomplishment. It has been a pleasure working with many of you in the Emergency Department and you will go on to do great things in your respective fields. Residency will be challenging but nothing you can not handle. Keep in touch with friends and family, treat yourself on days off and don't stress the small things. All my best.

TYLER GIBERSON

RESIDENT, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Congrats on all of your hard work! You've earned your title, and you'll represent our profession well! As you move to this next step in your training, take good care of yourself, each other, and your patients.

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

What an amazing class you are. Stay true to yourself. Be well.

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Congratulations on your match, and being one step closer to the physician you aspire to be. Thank you for your service to our patients and our community.

JEFFREY SIEGELMAN

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Congratulations to all of you! I know these are trying times but you are entering the profession the world turns to in a crisis.

JOSHUA GUTTMAN MD

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Congratulations! You have all worked so hard. I am so proud of your success and can't wait to see what you accomplish in the future.

DR HENN

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Although your celebrations are limited in light of the current Pandemic, know that it has not dampened our excitement to congratulate you on the hard work put to make it this far and welcome you to the next chapter in your journey. I have no doubt you will become incredible physicians and lead generations to come! I'm proud to stand alongside you as partners in medicine! ♥ Wishing you, your peers, and your family health in this time of uncertainty.

AMANDA
RESIDENT, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Happy Match Day! And A special shout out to the Dixon small group members and to those of you heading into pediatric residency. We all need heroes especially during times like this and Fred Rogers is one of mine. So in neighborly fashion I'd like to share with you his thoughts on how to succeed in life: "There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind, the second way is to be kind, the third way is to be kind." Congratulations all and be kind.

ROB DIXON MD

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, PEDIATRICS

You made it! You should be so proud of what you have accomplished thus far. On behalf of the Hematology and Medical Oncology Fellowship at Emory, congratulations !!!!

MARTHA ARELLANO
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN,
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

You have worked so hard for this! To you and your families and communities, go forth and remember why you chose the field of medicine. Be brave and courageous.

TANQUA MILLER MD
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OB/GYN

Congratulations!! You are graduating and matching at a historic time for our profession. While there are good and bad times ahead, know that you will absolutely make a difference in the lives of others, one that will never be forgotten. Support each other and your communities wherever you head to. Sending you all virtual hugs!!

BETSY COLLINS

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OB/GYN

Happy match day!!!! Congratulations - match day is the first chance to celebrate the transition from med student to doctor, and I hope you are thrilled today to find out where your training will take you. I hope the cancellation of in person match doesn't undermine all the hard work you've put in to get here. Hey, at least you'll have a great story to tell some years down the road!

Find a way to celebrate today - call everyone, post on Facebook, have your favorite drink or dessert, and know you earned this day even if it isn't what you planned.

BRITTANY FRIEND
RESIDENT, PSYCHIATRY

FROM

**EMORY SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE
ADMINISTRATION...**

Congratulations to the History Class of 2020

You came from near and far.

Diverse; eclectic; well-rounded; opinionated; occasionally weird...you were from the very beginning a group of unique individuals who became an unique cohort.

When you arrived at Emory....

We knew you were smart.

We saw that you were altruistic.

We hoped you'd learn to be compassionate.

We did not know that you'd be called upon to be so courageous.

You are now a “historic” group of doctors: The Class of 2020.

You are a special cohort of well-trained physicians, who are now called upon to practice patient-centered, evidence-driven, and very humane medicine. You will take it upon yourselves to care for many complicated and suffering people. You will individually and collectively address the complexities of our society. And you will in very practical ways--day by day, person by person--help the world contain the today's pandemic. You will do this. (And yes...there will be others)

Thanks for coming to Emory. Thanks, in advance, for your energy and creativity and kindness. Especially kindness.

Welcome to a life in medicine.

IRA K. SCHWARTZ MD

Amazing and Special!!! That's who you are...Never before seen...this different type of Match Day...Match Day 2020 - Claim it, Name it....the future awaits. May your tenacity, courage, kindness of spirit forever be with you. Our world needs it as we march onwards. Remember, you will have more than many....and that indeed is a gift....CONGRATULATIONS!!!

SHERYL HERON

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

ASSISTANT DEAN FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND

STUDENT AFFAIRS

All the best as you cross into this new phase in life. Every year I look forward to this day because I get to meet all your family members and give my congratulations in person, but I am happy that I can share my good wishes this way. We are living in a time that will go down in history as being crazy and my hope is that it has contributed to your learning experience at ESOM and is preparing you for your medical careers. Thank you for putting up with me and my wanting to see the best for you. I am sad that we are unable to do this in person but am confident in all of you and know you will be the best MDs ever! Celebrate today, tomorrow and forever because you deserve it!

MARY PIERRE

INTERNAL MEDICINE CLERKSHIP COORDINATOR

You are an amazing group of medical students. You will become a doctor under one of the most unusual circumstances our world has faced in decades. Each one of you is a hero. You are OUR future. It has been a privilege and an honor to have been a part of your journey.

CAROL DOWDLE

RADIOLOGY CLERKSHIP COORDINATOR

CLASS OF 2020,

you did it!