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Letter from LiM Student Co-Chairs

Dear LiM Students,

First and foremost, congratulations and welcome to all the new incoming LiM students! We are thrilled to welcome a talented and diverse group of students into the program. We would also like to welcome in the new Director of our program, Dr. Zahra Goodarzi! We are extremely proud to have a UofC alumna at the head of our program. And of course, welcome back to all those returning for another year as well.

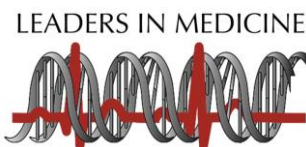
Navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic over the last 16 months has certainly been challenging for all of us. We applaud you for your resiliency and optimism through such difficult times. Our program would not be where we are today without your commitment and dedication. We are happy to be able to share with you that we are almost around the corner with the pandemic, and that the LiM program will be running back up to full speed (hopefully in person!) for the upcoming academic year.

We are excited for a fresh start to another year of fostering and strengthening our LiM community. We have updated this handbook to serve as a reference for important information including program structure, program funding, calendar of events, student development opportunities, and getting involved within the LiM program. We embarked on our roles as co-chairs alongside a motivated group of student executives to provide the best experience for you while in the program. The primary focus for the last 3-4 years has been to enhance student experience within the program through targeted restructuring projects. We worked with the LiM Directors, and past/current LiM student chairs and executives to bolster the strengths and reassess the weakness of our program. We now offer a more comprehensive career planning exploration through our Professional Development program, as well as a revamped research sharing platform with the Translational Research Seminar Series and a platform to discuss current issues at the News and Views Series.

We encourage you to think about what you would like to accomplish within the program, and what becoming a “Leader in Medicine” means to you. Whether you envision your leadership to involve research, patient care, community advocacy, policy, education, or more, we hope that the program can help to build your skills, connections, and confidence to achieve this. As mentioned previously, we are very open to feedback and new ideas, and hope to help you accomplish your personal goals. Our program becomes stronger with student participation and leadership!

We wish you a wonderful year filled with personal and professional growth, scholarship and experience!

Sincerely,





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