Letter from LiM Student Chairs

Dear Students,

We would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate and welcome those entering the Leaders in Medicine (LiM) program this year, as well as welcome back those returning to LiM! We are thrilled to have such a talented and diverse group of students within the program. We are your Chair and Co-chair and are looking forward to another great year building and strengthening our LiM community. We have prepared this handbook for students, old and new, to reference for important information regarding program structure and funding, our calendar of LiM events, opportunities for mentorship/shadowing, and information about how to get involved in the LiM program.

We embarked on our roles as Chairs in January 2019, alongside a student executive filled with enthusiastic members who we have identified later in this handbook. Over the past couple years, the Chairs and executives have worked closely with our Program Director and the LiM community at large to identify areas of strength within the program, as well as ways to improve the LiM student experience. Using this extensive body of feedback, we have implemented more comprehensive career planning through our "Roadmap to Becoming a Clinician Scientist" education series, revamped and refocused our Translational Research Seminar Series (formerly RIP) and News & Views Series (formerly Journal Club), and launched an extremely successful new community engagement event, this year featuring Dr. Victor Montori from the Mayo Clinic. The goal of these changes is to create a strong sense of community within the program and the community at large, and to promote high quality student engagement and provide opportunities for professional growth. With this strong baseline, we imagine and hope that the program will continue to evolve over the next year and beyond.

We would like to encourage you to think about what you would like to accomplish within the program, and what a "Leader in Medicine" means to you. While you may mentally conjure up the image of a clinician scientist, this is not the only meaning of the phrase. 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 growth, fulfillment, and fun!

Sincerely,

Laura Palmer, Chair



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