

Dear Baby Animals Class of 2028,

Welcome to the Cumming School of Medicine, and congratulations on your acceptance! On behalf of the Potoos (Class of 2027) and the Lunkaryas (Class of 2026), we're thrilled to welcome you into our community, and our menagerie.

We know this next chapter can feel overwhelming but trust us when we say you're joining something really special. Over the next few months, we've got an exciting mix of Orientation activities planned to help you ease into med school life, meet your classmates, and connect with upper years and faculty.

Here's a quick breakdown of what to expect:

Faculty-Led Orientation

This begins **Wednesday, July 2nd**. Keep an eye on your inbox as UME will be sending important details your way soon.

Student-Led Orientation

Spread throughout **July and August**, these events are your chance to have fun, make connections, and get a feel for the med school culture. Highlights include:

- **Stethoscope Ceremony**
- **Amazing Race**
- **Clubs Fair**
- **Med Olympics**
- **Med Gala**
- **Naming Ceremony** (when your class officially receives your animal name!)

We strongly encourage you to jump in and get involved. These events are the best way to build friendships, find mentors, and create memories that will last throughout med school. You can register for events using the link below.

Stay Connected

Until your UCalgary emails are activated, most updates will come through **Facebook**. Please join the following groups:

- **University of Calgary Medicine – Baby Animals**
Password: Menagerie2026!
- **University of Calgary Medicine – Class of 2027**
(This is where all three classes can stay in touch and share info.)

We'll also be posting regularly on **Instagram**: [@calgarymsa](https://www.instagram.com/calgarymsa)

Upper-Year Buddy Program

We're pairing each of you with a mentor from the Spiny class to help guide you through the transition. It's optional, but highly recommended—your buddy can offer advice, answer questions, and help you feel at home. Sign up using [this form](#).

Medical Association Fees

As a UCalgary med student, you'll automatically become a member of the CMA, AMA, CFMS, and CMSA. The one-time, three-year membership fee is **\$550**, payable via e-transfer to **cmsa.studentgov@gmail.com**. You can find a full fee breakdown in the finance letter from Jonah Feng (VP Finance & Ops).

TL;DR: Your Orientation Checklist

To Do Now:

- Register for [Orientation Events](#)
 - Join Facebook Groups:
 - *University of Calgary Medicine – Baby Animals* (Password: **Menagerie2026!**)
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uofcmedicinebabyanimals2028>
 - *University of Calgary Medicine – All Classes of 2028*
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uofcmedicineclassof2028all>
 - Follow us on Instagram: [@calgarymsa](#) and [@babyanimals2028](#)
 - Sign up for the [Upper-Year Buddy Program](#):
 - Pay \$550 for medical association fees to **cmsa.studentgov@gmail.com**
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We're so excited to meet each and every one of you! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to help make your transition as smooth and fun as possible.

See you soon, Baby Animals!

Warmly,

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