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MEMORANDUM FOR SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS OF 2014

SUBJECT: Brigade Commander's Welcome

1. Welcome to the Uniformed Services University (USU) and congratulations! You have chosen to study and practice medicine in one of the most dynamic, exciting arenas possible. Military medicine is truly unique; it is the source of numerous ground-breaking discoveries and advances in disease and injury prevention and treatment. We are enormously proud of our graduates and students, and we are proud to welcome you to this respected and honorable group.

2. Your years here will be exciting, busy, and incredibly rewarding. In addition to the standard requirements of a solid medical education, you will also be educated and trained in the art of leadership within a military environment. Embrace those opportunities as enthusiastically as you do your medical training. The ability to lead is crucial for any officer, and particularly for medical officers. A respected leader instills confidence in those for whom they are responsible and to whom they are accountable. You will benefit from the confidence earned by previous graduates of USU and no doubt those alumni will benefit from the confidence you in turn will garner from our patients and war-fighters at every level.

3. Military medical officers provide the most critical care imaginable to a highly trained yet highly vulnerable population. You will be carefully observed and judged throughout your career by those whom you serve. OUR mission is to provide you with the tools and knowledge to serve and lead with pride and professionalism.

4. On behalf of all the service members here at the University, I welcome you to our ranks and look forward to working with you.

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