Columbia University P&S Class of 2021
New Student Orientation Schedule

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Check In
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Lobby, 104 Haven Avenue
2:00pm-2:45pm
Our staff is prepared to welcome you to P&S! All students should check in to confirm their arrival, receive your CUMC ID card, and pick up your Broadway ticket if you purchased one.

Orientation Group Meeting & Scavenger Hunt
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Classrooms by Orientation Leader
3:00pm-6:00pm
Taiwo Alonge- Room 404
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Meet and Greet Light Dinner
Bard Hall Lounge, 50 Haven Avenue
6:00pm-8:00pm
Take a break from unpacking and join us for a light dinner. This casual event is optional, but we encourage you to stop by and meet your classmates and the orientation leaders.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Breakfast
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 401
8:30am-9:20am

Deans’ Welcome Address
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201
9:30am-10:20am
You will be greeted by several Deans, as they welcome you to the start of your medical careers.

White Coat Rehearsal
The Armory, 216 Fort Washington Avenue
10:35am-11:35am
Head over the Armory for a review of how the White Coat Ceremony will run.

Hippocratic Oath Discussion Lunch
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Classrooms by Orientation Leader
11:50am-1:20pm
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On Becoming A Doctor
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201
1:30pm-2:30pm

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Family Orientation Panel
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Room 401
1:30pm-2:30pm

Family and friends of incoming students are welcome to hear of the services provided by P&S Club, Housing, Curriculum, Financial Aid, Faculty Club, Wellness, and Student Health Services. Our panelists will talk about life at P&S, being a medical student, and answer your questions. Welcome to the P&S Family! This is optional for your guests to attend.

Family Orientation Tour
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Room 401
2:30pm-4:00pm

Family and friends of incoming students are welcome to join our guides for a walking tour of the VEC. The tour will end at the Armory for the White Coat Ceremony as seating begins at 4:00pm.

White Coat Pick-Up
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 902 (Last Name A-K)
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 903 (Last Name L-Z)
2:30pm-3:30pm

White Coat Ceremony Line Up
The Armory, 216 Fort Washington Avenue
4:05pm

White Coat Ceremony & Reception
The Armory, 216 Fort Washington Avenue
4:30pm-7:30pm

The White Coat Ceremony signifies the beginning of your career as a medical student. During the ceremony, you will be brought to the stage and “cloaked” in your first white coat in the presence of family, friends, and colleagues. Tickets are required for this event. Four tickets will be allocated for guests to each incoming student. The reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the Armory.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Breakfast
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Room 401
8:00am-8:45am
Continental Breakfast available.

CUMC Administrative Orientation
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201
8:45am-9:50am
Learn about the different services and offices available on campus, as well as some mandatory info.

Welcome Expo
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Room 401
9:50am-10:50am
Meet the staff from campus offices and a variety of local vendors.

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Professionalism Workshop: Is a Doctor Ever Off Duty? 11:00am-1:00pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201

Anatomy Group Lunch 1:00pm-2:00pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Room 401
Grab food and then join your group in an assigned room to chat and get to know each other

Academic Overview 2:10pm-3:30pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201

MD/MS in Biomedical Sciences Dual Degree Information Session 3:45pm-4:45pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201
The MD/MS in Biomedical Sciences program option offers students the opportunity to develop a research interest and perform one year of original mentored research in a medically relevant field of your choice.

Broadway Night “Come From Away” 7:00pm-10:30pm
Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre: 236 West 45th Street, between 7th & 8th Ave

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Financial Aid Presentation 9:15am-11:00am
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201
This session is only mandatory if you are receiving financial aid. If you are unsure of your status, please contact the Office of Student Financial Planning.

MD/PhD Orientation 9:15am-11:00am
PH15 West- Pathology Library
This session is only mandatory if you are a MD/PhD student.

Advisory Dean Lunch 11:15am-12:45pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Classrooms by Advisory Dean
Dr. Anne Armstrong-Cohen- Room 1302  Dr. Donald Quest- Room 405
Dr. Emily Dimango- Room 1402  Dr. Mary Sciutto- Room 1403
Dr. Salila Kurra- Room 903  Dr. William Turner- Room 902

Gross Anatomy Orientation 1:00pm-2:30pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201

Gross Anatomy Lab (M1) 2:30pm-3:30pm
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Gross Anatomy Lab (M2) 3:45pm-4:45pm
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Gross Anatomy Debriefing 5:15pm-5:45pm
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Ice Cream Social & Paint Night 7:00pm-9:00pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 1402/1403

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Portfolio Introduction 9:00am-10:00am
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201
P&S Portfolio faculty will join with current students to describe the Portfolio curriculum to and lead the incoming class of 2021 in writing their first Portfolio entry.

About SVR (Sexual Violence Response) 10:00am-11:00am
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201

SSN/Student Panel 11:10am-12:10pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201
At the SSN/Student Panel you will learn about the Student Success Network and hear directly from SSN leaders and from other upper-class students about their experiences at P&S! They'll discuss the role SSN plays in academic life, and more broadly, will share their collective wisdom from their time here at P&S. Questions especially welcome!

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Field Day
1:00pm-3:00pm
Leave with your group from VEC
Wear your team t-shirt and meet your orientation group for an afternoon filled with fun outdoor activities.

Boat Cruise Dinner
6:00pm-11:00pm
Pier 62- Chelsea Piers
Enjoy the beautiful NYC skyline at one of the most popular Orientation Week events. Dine, dance and mingle with fellow classmates as you sail past sights including the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge. You MUST arrive to board the ship by 6:30pm with your CUMC ID and photo ID w/ birthdate.

Post-Orientation Activities

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18
BALSO Welcome Reception
12:00pm-1:30pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Room 401
Hosted by the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
Lambda Health Alliance Event for LGBTQ Students and Allies
5:00pm-7:00pm
Home of Dr. Jonathan Amiel at 160 Cabrini Blvd #54

MONDAY, AUGUST 28
P&S Club Fair
5:30pm-6:30pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) Rooms 401/404/405

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
“Surviving the Information Glut” Talk
6:30pm-7:30pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
P&S Student Run Clinic Recruitment Event
6:00pm-7:00pm
Roy & Diana Vagelos Education Center (VEC) 201
Learn about the five student run clinic opportunities available at P&S.

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