Dear Morehouse School of Medicine Student:

Our school is graced by an overwhelming number of exceptionally well-qualified applicants. You are in good company, and I am delighted to help you begin your journey into the remarkable profession of medicine.

Professional school study is a time of exploration and immersion in your desired specialty. It is a time for the free exchange of ideas, acquisition of new skills, and creation of knowledge. It is a time when faculty will change from being your teachers to being mentors and colleagues.

Morehouse School of Medicine was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981, Morehouse School of Medicine became an independently chartered institution and the first established at a Historically Black College and University in the 20th century. Our focus on primary care and addressing the needs of the underserved is critical to improving overall health care.

During the course of my career, I have had the privilege to work in several other major health sciences centers, and I believe our faculty is second to none. Our faculty and staff are committed to exceptional teaching, research, and patient care. We will never lose sight of the responsibility to guide, support, and teach. Morehouse School of Medicine has graduated many medical students over the years, and we remain the leading educator of primary care physicians in the United States.

Our medical school is inextricably linked to our principal teaching hospital, Grady Memorial Hospital, and several affiliates: The Atlanta VA, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Grady Memorial Hospital is the largest safety-net hospital in the Atlanta area, from core primary-care services for the Atlanta region to complex cutting-edge referral services for patients from all over the world with our students as part of the clinical team. Here at Morehouse School of Medicine, students learn the basics of clinical practice by actually contributing.

We are also excited about the many research and community engagement opportunities afforded our students. Morehouse School of Medicine understands the valuable link among research, community participation, and patient care. As we work to realize our vision to lead the creation and advancement of health equity, we recognize that in order to improve health outcomes we must foster innovative research that moves beyond the lab and directly to the patients who need it most.

We are proud of our institution, our facilities, and our programs, but it is the people who make it all work. We are enormously proud of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. I look forward to meeting each of you personally and hearing your story; please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD
President and Dean
Greetings Graduate Student,

On behalf of the Admissions and Student Affairs Team, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Morehouse School of Medicine family!

We look forward to an opportunity to help you navigate your way through the challenging pursuit of your graduate degree. You will find that the faculty, staff, and administrators of MSM have created an environment that is conducive to learning, enhances emotional well-being, and helps in your professional growth. We look forward to assisting you in achieving your full potential.

We understand the challenges of performing well in your coursework, and we hope that our carefully cultivated “user-friendly” approach provided by our supportive student services team will aid you in your successful navigation toward obtaining your advanced degree.

Our students have a great sense of purpose and are noted for their outstanding effort, persistence, exemplary academic performance, and true grit. Our students come from various cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds and go on to become scientists and public health professionals who truly embody and carry out the great mission of this school:

“Improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities; increasing the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce and addressing primary health care needs... with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations across Georgia and the nation.”

We hope you will take full advantage of what we have to offer, and we look forward to you becoming a student who embodies the MSM ideals of Excellence, Service, Knowledge, Wisdom, Integrity, and Innovation. Join us as we Lead the Creation and Advancement of Health Equity!

Warmest Regards,

Ngozi F. Anachebe, Pharm.D, MD, ‘98, FACOG
Associate Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs
Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology
Greetings!

As Georgia’s Fifth Congressional District Representative, I am pleased to send greetings to the GEBS/GEPH 2020 incoming class of Morehouse School of Medicine. More than ever, we need leaders in our healthcare system who will fight for equality and diversity. Morehouse School of Medicine has always served as a beacon of support and academic excellence and I am excited to welcome you to our community.

Atlanta is a great city in which to live and work, and a wonderful place to visit. I encourage you to take the time to enjoy our beautiful city—the gateway to the “New South.”

Our city is more than buildings and concrete—it is a city of warm and wonderful people. It is the birthplace of one of the greatest warriors and leaders of the 20th century, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King preached the philosophy and the discipline of nonviolence, not only in this city but throughout the nation and around the world. Atlanta is truly a city that is striving to become the “Beloved Community.”

It is my hope that you will have the opportunity to enjoy and participate in all aspects of this booming city.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely

John Lewis
Member of Congress

Editor’s Note: Congressman Lewis graciously shared this message with us just before his passing on July 17 after a lifetime spent in service to others. We mourn the loss of this civil rights icon and dear MSM friend, who delivered the keynote address for our 33rd Commencement exercises. We thank Congressman Lewis for his leadership in creating and advancing health equity. Godspeed.
Graduate Education in Public Health
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Director, Master of Public Health Program

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Graduate Education in Public Health

Zoom links will be sent separately

**Thursday, July 30**
10 am – 5 pm  Virtual MPH Orientation Day

**Friday, July 31**
8:30 am – 4:30 pm  Virtual Institutional Orientation Day

**Monday, August 3**
10 am – 3 pm  Laptop Distribution and Meeting with Advisors

**Tuesday, August 4**
10 am – noon  Meeting with Community Academic Partner NPUs Group

**Wednesday, August 5**
Time TBD  Canvas Orientation
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Graduate Education in Public Health

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Orientation Schedule

Friday, July 31

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/98776770732?pwd=Zyt2bzNQOYEY0U0hmVzQrQ3FzZH5dz09
Zoom Password: 871145
Zoom Host: Natalia Cook

8:30 – 9:30 am

Greetings and Welcome
Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D.
President and Dean

Introduction of MPH Faculty
Stephanie Miles-Richardson, DVM, PhD
Associate Dean for Graduate Education in Public Health

Introduction of MSCR Faculty
Alexander Quarshie, PhD
Program Director, MSCR

Introduction of GEBS Faculty
Ward Kirlin, PhD
Acting Associate Dean, GEBS

Introduction of Students
Ngozi F. Anachebe, PharmD, MD, ’98, FACOG
Associate Dean of Admissions and Students Affairs

9:30 – 10 am

Student Health Services/COVID-19 Precautions
Sarita Cathcart, RN, NP-C

10 – 10:15 am

Compliance Awareness
Carl Ware
Office of Compliance and Corporate Integrity

10:15 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 – 11 am

Money Matters/Debt Management Session
Kathy Odom
Manager, Debt Management/Default Prevention

11 – 11:30 am

Counseling Services
Shawn Garrison, PhD
Director, Counseling Services
11:30 am – Noon  
**Library Orientation**  
Tara Douglas-Williams, MSLS  
Division Head, Information Services

Noon – 1 pm  
**Lunch on your own**

1 – 2 pm  
**Understanding Title IX & Disability Services**  
Marla D. Thompson, MPA  
Manager, Employee Relations and Title IX Compliance

2 – 3 pm  
**HSA Consulting – Student Insurance**  
Daryl Hall  
Vice President

3 – 3:30 pm  
**Registrar**  
Mario Graydon  
Senior Registrar Specialist

3:30 – 4 pm  
**Public Safety**  
Chief Joseph Chevalier

4 – 4:30 pm  
**Finance Office**  
Trina Shelton  
Senior Accountant, Office of the Controller
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Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs
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Dr. Shawntel Jordon
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LaZondra Hill
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Admissions Specialist

Natalia Cook
Admissions Specialist

Rashad Ramsey
Admissions Specialist

Dominique Young
Admissions Specialist, Physician Assistant Studies

Qiana Williams
Data Management Specialist

Angela Freeman
Registrar & Director, Student Information Systems

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Mekeon Yarber
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Program Coordinator, MSM STEAM 4-8

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