Class of 2025,

Congratulations on your acceptance and welcome to Schulich Dentistry! I hope you have taken some time to celebrate this incredible milestone!

My name is Rachel Brunswick and I am the University of Western Ontario’s Dental Students Society (UWODSS) VP Administration. My role focuses on your orientation week, your Schulich Dentistry backpacks, and much more during the school year!

Orientation week is the introduction to your four-year journey here at Schulich Dentistry. It is where you will meet your fellow classmates, who will become your friends and your future colleagues. Some of my best memories from first-year have been those created in orientation week, and I cannot wait for you to have the opportunity to experience this for yourself.

This year, orientation week will begin on **Monday, August 30th, 2021**. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of orientation week is set to be in a virtual format at this time. However, as the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic is ever-changing I will ensure to update you on any regulations or changes as we approach the start of orientation week. Whether in-person or virtual, orientation week 2021 is set to be an incredible and memorable time!

I am sure you have lots of questions about what to expect in dental school. Please check out the following resources below to help answer your questions:

- **UWODSS Website**- UWODSS Council and the Class of 2024 continue to update the incoming student page to help answer some common questions
  - [https://www.uwodss.com](https://www.uwodss.com)
- **Facebook Page**- Please join the following page as this will be one of the main resources for updates/information leading up to orientation week and starting your first-year of dental school. The facebook page is also the place to get to know us, (the 2024s) and your fellow classmates.
  - [https://www.facebook.com/groups/uwodds2025](https://www.facebook.com/groups/uwodds2025)
- If you have any other questions or just want to say hello, please do not hesitate to reach out to me anytime! If I am unable to answer your question, I will direct you to someone who can.

Your first-year of dental school will very busy and filled with exciting moments, from waxing your first tooth to drilling your first cavity prep. With that said, take this time now to relax and enjoy the rest of your summer. Myself and the rest of the 2024s cannot wait to meet the newest members of the Schulich Dentistry family.

Congratulations once again and happy flossing!

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