I am uniquely qualified for this position in that I have already been the class board treasurer for the past year. Charity auction? Treasurer-ed it. TBL basketball tournament, the postponed field day, March Madness brackets, Cubs tickets, white coat embroidery? Yeah, I handled all the finances of those too. I’ve also been sitting in on some of the tuition increase meetings to make sure that 2.5% extra goes to something productive (I’m not saying we’re getting catered Chilango at every mandatory event next year, but I’m not NOT saying that either). We are currently well on our way to raising the $5k necessary for our match day celebration. We have not had to declare bankruptcy (yet) or been investigated by the IRS for fraud or tax-evasion (that I know of). I was not named in the Panama Papers. We will probably remain financially solvent if I’m re-elected, but I can’t make any promises.
I'll continue to get your good side.
UMSC Representative

Estella Huang

It's hard to believe that we're nearing the end of our first year... Getting to know all of you along this crazy journey we call medical school has been amazing and serving the class has been an honor.

Being a UMSC representative has given me much insight into campus wide initiatives to improve multiple aspects of student life. I would love to stay on another year to help implement those changes, and develop even more ideas in the best interest of our class. As a class board member, I will continue to advocate for our class in everything from academic to social matters.

There's even more fun in store for us second year, and I'd love to have a hand in making it the best year yet.

Yours,

Estella
Hi friends!

I was honored to be your UMSC representative this year. Being elected by my classmates meant a lot to me, and I tried to do the best job I could. This position allowed me to do many of the things I am passionate about—meet a lot of wonderful people both here on Class Board and at other campuses, work with curricular issues at the macro level, and share student concerns with people who can do something about it. I realize students at other campuses may seem far removed from our daily lives, but many of their concerns are our concerns, and by working together I think we can go farther than by working alone.

Along the way, it was a privilege to engage in the usual class board activities—such as planning events and manning them such as the Charity Auction, TBL Basketball, and other activities. I want you to know that I will continue pushing for non-drinking activities where we can hear each other talk over the din of the music. Some of the things that I’m sad didn’t happen this year are the Haunted House, bowling, and WhirlyBall. I also have a soft spot for laser tag, though I am usually the person with his light out due to malicious sniping by the opposing team. I’m going to push for it to happen next year, though I am open to any ideas you may have as well. My current position is an advisory one, but I think I have built strong relationships with the current Board to help make things happen.

Though outside my exact responsibilities, I did organize group lunches (where I grouped M1s to get lunch with each other, hoping to get to know each other better), organized weekly basketball games (at first, and then it took off and became its own thing...we play after exams!), and writing workshops (people getting lunch together and talking about a famous piece or somebody’s own work). The workshops are still happening, so let me know if you’re interested!

I came here with a vision of how I wanted my med school experience to be like. It was naive. Along the way, I was humbled by how different people saw the world and how they wanted to shape their own experience. I learned a lot from many of you, both academically, leadership-wise, and what it takes to be a friend. My greatest joy is shaping a system in helping other people succeed, whatever their goals may be. Thankfully, this raw creativity is tempered by the sound, practical minds of fellow board members.

I would be honored to continue in this capacity for next year. I am not shy to share your voice, whether it's with course directors or with Deans Kashima and Hyderi. I'll do my best to serve you guys and gals in whatever capacity I can. I think our year is amazing...not only our exam scores but our willingness to engage with each other. Whatever may happen, I urge you to not forget the joy and discovery of the first few weeks of medical school. As we go further down this road, I urge you to not forget about each other.

Faithfully,
Hey classmates,

After working with the board and talking to CMSC about the details of the position, I have decided to run for Honor Code Representative again. Moving forward, the position will serve as a liaison between the class, the class board, and administration. ANY complaints or issues can be directed toward the Honor Code Representatives. It is my most sincere hope that the Class of 2019 will trust me to serve as a voice for the rising M2 class. I have made the best possible effort to make myself approachable and available to my fellow classmates. I plan on continuing to do so moving forward. I understand that there are issues, both current and in the past, that need to be addressed and I know everyone isn't comfortable approaching the board with those issues. If elected, no worries, I promise to bring the issues to light.

TL;DR

-Will work to shed light on issues (past, current & future)
-Will do a better job of making myself available to my classmates
-Will increase level of transparency between Class of 2019 and Class Board
-If you get in trouble, I will have your back!

Sincerely,

Lew
As some of you may know, I am your classmate. You may not realize, though, that I am currently your webmaster, and that I am also very old. Next year I will be 30 and soon after I will die peacefully. Thus, when I'm not yelling at kids to get off my lawn or breaking my hips after tripping over my piles of Werther's Original Soft Caramels, I try to do webmaster things. As much as possible, I additionally weasel my way into budget and curriculum meetings to contribute whatever value I can offer, as well as to glean any projects I can take initiative on. I apologize that I haven't been as visible this semester as last: I find that when I contact you I make jokes, and I find jokes to be in poor taste.

From a tech perspective, I think things have run pretty smoothly this year. That said, here is an abridged list of projects I'm working on.

1) Visibility - I'm a big fan of reducing noise, and making it easy for you to know what the board and I are doing without barraging you with needless communication. You ought to be able to keep abreast without sifting through all the emails, facebook IMs, blimp banners, groupmes, and okcupid messages that we send. In the immediate future, among other things, I'll be sending a single email with board meeting minutes, solidifying a process for the calendar that I created last semester, and if at all possible getting a little widget for the class board on blackboard.

2) Ease of Access - I am making a system to immediately distribute any document that you guys create to the entire class, regardless of where you initially post said document. I'm sure it has annoyed some of you some of the time that you may miss, for example, a study guide just because you're not on Facebook or didn't check your email or whatever. Rest assured that it has annoyed all of me all of the time.

3) Finally, I want to make sure that whatever systems we build are passed on to each year's incoming M1s so that they're not recreating the wheel, because our wheel is the best wheel and their wheel is garbage. Our M2s were good to us, and I'd like to pay that forward.

In summary, here are some reasons I am nerdy enough to be webmaster

1) I'm setting up my Raspberry Pi to be a BT sync strong point (once I figure out licensing) and a Plex server for the class. This means two things for you.

   a. BT Sync will help us consolidate and back up files, as well as making large files quicker to download (hopefully - I'm still sussing this out) .
b. Plex will allow us to stream any media we may have without having to download it locally.

2) I have a Raspberry Pi.

3) I am learning Java, which is what they use to make Android apps. Soon, we’ll have a UIC-themed flappy bird clone. Later, the administration will claim all UIC Flammy Bird revenues and intellectual property, and we will have nothing.

4) My mobile hotspot is named Darmok and Jalad at Tanagra. This is a reference to a Star Trek: The Next Generation episode where the team encounters a species that can only speak in metaphor and most of you have blacked out reading this sentence.

5) Remember that April Fools' joke? I already had a backup. You would have been fine.

FAQ:

Q) Who do you think you are?
   
   a) Rude.

Q) I hear you think you're better than everyone else

   a) False: I have unfortunate hair and my personality is largely incomprehensible. Also, that is not a question.
Alumni Representative

AISHA ALI

As your current M1 Alumni rep, I have worked with the office of medical advancement to bridge the gap between UIC COM students and alumni. This year, Ellie and I developed the ARMS program (alumni research, mentoring and shadowing) in order to get M1s and M2s set up with mentors, research opportunities and shadowing experiences. This program has two primary goals for UIC COM students: making you more competitive when it's time to apply for residencies and providing you with a pool of valuable professional connections. The ARMS program is set to begin this fall, and I hope to be re-elected so that I may continue to work with the OMA to ensure its success as a long-term program that will benefit current and future UIC COM students.

As M2 alumni rep, I will work towards making sure that you have access to a large and diverse untapped resource- alumni interested in giving back to the academic community through mentorship or research/shadowing opportunities. I am grateful that I was able to contribute to class board this year and I look forward to having the opportunity to serve again next year.
Alumni Representative
ELEANOR GANZ

I would like to remain one of your alumni representatives because of the projects and relationships that I have been establishing over the year. I have attended both alumni council meetings of this school year and voiced concerns regarding alumni donations and involvement at UIC. I have been building rapport with the alumni council, the alumni administration, and the office of advancement. Furthermore, we are working on building the UIC alumni mentor/mentee project and I would like the opportunity to see that project through, so that it can benefit classes that follow us. I’m excited to keep moving forward in the position as a liaison between students and alumni.
Hey Guys!

I'm running for re-election for the position of social chair. I've loved serving all of you in this position over this past year and I hope to continue to do so! Some of the events that we put on this year that were really successful and fun include Cubs Games, M1 vs M2 Olympics, M1 Halloween, Date Auction, Assassins, Karaoke, and the infamous Med School Mixers. Next year we're hoping to continue some of these traditions, put on a rad Winter Ball, and throw some new stuff into the mix, such as apple picking, whirly ball, a six flags day, and post step celebrations! I'm also hoping to organize more interclass (M1-M4) events and gather suggestions from the class about events you all would like to see. Overall, I have truly enjoyed organizing events which help us meet our main goals of raising money for match day and promoting class bonding, and I hope to continue to do so in the upcoming year. Thank you all so much!
Athletic Representative

JOSEPH BRUTZKUS

Class of 2019,

I have really enjoyed being the Athletic Representative for our class this year and as such, I am running for reelection for next year! Over the course of this year I, along with my fellow class board members, have been able to organize fun and exciting events such as: M1 vs. M2 Football game (sorry the M2's bailed), TBL Basketball Tournament, March Madness Bracket and the upcoming M1 Spring Field Day. In addition, I had a lot of fun helping to organize and run the M1 Fundraiser in the Fall and contributing to discussions on some of the big issues that we face at UIC COM as a member of class board. If reelected, I look forward to continuing the events that we put on this year in addition to taking your ideas as a class about things we can do in the future! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, whether at school or via email! I also encourage you to speak with my fellow class board members about my contributions over the course of the year and how much more fun meetings are when I am there!!!! Good luck on the rest of our school year everyone!!!!
Hello, your friendly Marketing Chair here seeking to retain the position. I have really enjoyed being on class board this year and have especially loved making flyers for your visual pleasure. If re-elected, I promise to continue to work hard on class board to represent the needs of our class and maybe even spam you all a little bit less about our events (honestly, can't promise that one but I'll try).