



Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

Today, I had the opportunity to record a greeting for the Class of 2025 accepted students, which will be sent out for our *Virtual Second Look Day*. As I prepared my comments, I reflected on what makes our school unique.

We have an outstanding student-centered curriculum and a nice new building. Our smaller class size is a benefit that allows students to develop strong bonds with faculty and classmates. We have a progressive parent university and an outstanding clinical partner. But the current crisis has made me recognize what is truly our greatest asset: the people who are part of the CMSRU community -- our students, faculty and staff.

The pandemic situation affected us all abruptly and profoundly. Classes and jobs transitioned to an online format, clinical experiences and important events were cancelled, the building closed. But the creative ways in which our students, faculty and staff have managed this situation are inspiring. I thank each and every one of you for how you are stepping up to make sure CMSRU continues to function.

As I've noted in previous messages, our students are participating in wonderful volunteer activities that support the frontline workers at Cooper and others in the Camden community. [Here's a newly-published story about the CMSRU Student COVID19 Action Alliance](#) that was posted today on our website.

I'd like to remind everyone that if you have a question about CMSRU's COVID-19 response, you can submit an email to CMSRU_COVID19@rowan.edu. Your messages will be triaged to the appropriate person for a reply.

Finally, an important message for M2 and M3 students will be sent tomorrow from the Office of Student Affairs with NBME updates.

Best wishes for continued good health.

Sincerely,

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