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A Monstrous Journey into the Depths of Premedicine

The journey to deciding on and selecting premedical students as my subjects was surprisingly straightforward. I wanted to move out of my comfort zone, and dentists and doctors were two groups that I know I carry some negative stereotypes of. Then, I went to a club fair in early February, grabbed as many club fliers as I could, and emailed requests. Surprisingly there were almost ten such active organizations on campus, but most were dead ends. After almost a week of cold shoulder and dead-ends, one club, the American Medical Student Association, kindly (but reluctantly) welcomed me to their general and executive meetings.

I ended up collecting my data on these larval state doctors in a very topsy-turvy manner, partially due to extenuating circumstances and partially due to time conflicts with a class the slightly overlapped with the tail-end of AMSA's meetings. I first collected 1 month and a half worth of field notes, dated for each Wednesday ([Tejada](#)). I then collected two anonymized interviews with two members of AMSA, the first who shall be referred to as Anonymous [FirstSubject](#), and the second as Anonymous [SecondSubject](#). I then collected two artifacts from the [American Medical Student Association](#), and hunted for a few more on the /r/premed subreddit ([u/twinkle1996](#) and [u/UdnomyaR](#)). Finally, I collected articles to fill in my gaps of knowledge, and used those articles for my literature review ([Cooper](#) and [Olsen](#)). To be blunt, the stress level and the pressure I could detect from my in person observations were alarming, but the hunt for data on Reddit and the literature review solidified my views. Without a doubt, the medical school application cycle is a viscous monster. It eats innocent, wide eyed students, and leaves the carcasses of their dreams as the only remains.

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American Medical Student Association, Merced Chapter. “AMSA Store: Club T-Shirts and Pins!” *University of California, Merced* (12 May 2019). [Web](#).

Annotation: Showcasing their low key flair and earning MORE money from their members, AMSA both charges their members fees, and the t-shirts aren't included. On the flip side, the t-shirts are nice, with official logos and art from their parent org.

Cooper, Melanie M. “The New MCAT: An Incentive for Reform or a Lost Opportunity?” *Journal of Chemical Education* 90.7 (2013): pp. 820–822. [Web](#).

Annotation: Cooper argues that the new 2015 revisions to the MCAT call for a system wide overhaul of how introductory and organic chemistry are taught. Cooper argues against following the Medical College Admissions Test learning guidelines, stating that instead the MCAT encourages a broken, mishmashed view of chemistry. Cooper ends on the note that the current circula fails to instill pattern recognition of chemical structures and resultant behaviors, but that catering to the new MCAT's criteria will not fix this problem.

FirstSubject, Anonymous. “An Interview on their Ending Premedical Path with Edgar Tejada”. *University of California, Merced* (9 Apr. 2019). Print.

Annotation: See Page 5 - 30: FirstSubject, a graduating premed on their way to a certain medical school, and Tejada discussed the motivations, obstacles, moral questions, and pitfalls premedstudents face.

Olsen, Lauren D. “‘It’s on the MCAT for a Reason’: Premedical Students and the Perceived Utility of Sociology”. *Teaching Sociology* 44.2 (2016): pp. 72–83. [Web](#).

Annotation: Olsen argues for the continued importance of Sociology classes and the humanities component of the new, 2015 MCAT. Olsen argues that if doctors are trained with only science and reductionist biochemistry, they will be unable to introspect on their societal roles, or worse, be unable to treat their patients with human dignity.

SecondSubject, Anonymous. “An Interview on their Beginning Premedical Path with Edgar Tejada”. *University of California, Merced* (1 May 2019). Print.

Annotation: See Page 30 - 45: SecondSubject, a freshman premed on their way to their sophomore year, and Tejada discussed the motivations, obstacles, moral questions, and pitfalls premed students face in the early years, as well as the cause of the high rates of dropout.

Tejada, Edgar. *Tales from the Depths of Premedicine!* 20 May 2019. [Web](#).

Annotation: See Page 46 - 137: Tejada observed and interacted with premedical students in their natural habitat, weekly AMSA meetings on Wednesday nights. Tejada noted conflicts regarding academic honesty in a certain upper division biology class, but also recorded amazing insight into the arduous path to doctorhood.

u/twinkle1996. "App cycle is not fun at all". *Reddit* (12 May 2019). [Web](#).

Annotation: u/twinkle1996 laments on their troubles during this application cycles by comparing themselves to thrown away, discarded Tellytubbie toy.

u/UdnomyaR. "A big shout-out to reapplicants who've been improving their applications after getting rejected". *Reddit* (22 Apr. 2019). [Web](#).

Annotation: u/UdnomyaR applauds all reapplicants who went through and the medical school application cycle more than one via potent and 'dank' spongebob memes.

FirstSubject, Anonymous. "An Interview on their Ending Premedical Path with Edgar Tejada".

University of California, Merced (9 Apr. 2019).

The first interview showcases premed student on their way to their next stage in life. This interview was difficult, and showcased that even discussing cheating is taboo among some high strung premed students.

1 Interview taken 2019-04-09-09-45

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3 Questions pre-prepared

4 %(Q0) When did you decide to
pursue medschool? ↩

5

6 %(Q1) What motivared you to
pursue medicine? ↩

7

8 %(Q2) What demotivated you?

9

10

11 %(Q3) Did you notice any
academic dishonest among your
peers? (DANGEROUS) ↩
↩

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14 %(Q4) Any word of advice or
warning to future students? ↩

15

16

17	%%Consents to audio recordings.	
18		
19	%Want to use an alias:	↩
	(Retract major, retract	↩
	minor, retract school,	↩
	retract name.)	
20	%Remove work location	
21	%Remove all	↩
	personally	↩
	identifying	↩
	information	
22	%But keep that	↩
	worked as scribe.	
23	%Retract	↩
	identifiable	↩
	specifics.	
24		
25	#Name: Subject1	
26	\$Preamble: We selected to meet	↩
	in a KL study group. It's	↩
	private, but not too private.	↩

It is a known place, with light blue and green walls, and a bright, blistering view of the Arch statue on the field. I'm not usually on campus this early, so the hustly and bustle of morning students alarmed me. I got coffee for both of us, but especially because Subject1 was willing and to take time out of their busy schedule. The room is also one of my usual study rooms, with 6 comfy office chairs, a large white board, and plenty of outlets. I set up my laptop and midrange mic, only to find my drivers were failing. S0 I switching to phone audio recording, which I hate.

27

28 Subject1 arrives only 3
minutes late, dressed casually
(a clean t-shirt and blue
jeans) and well groomed, but
for sure not Business Atire
like the last time I
interacted with the subject.
Midterms are around the
corner, so I was warned to
keep track of the time.\$

29 \$T0 protect Privacy, I
redacted the entire first
minute, which was loaded with
far too much personal
information\$

30

31 Q0:

32 Experience in ER
motivated Subject1 to
actually pursue
medicine.

33

\Quote0{"I never
really thought
that I could be a
doctor, but
working in ER
really sparked my
interest, and the
people around me
really pushed me
to pursue it."}

34

Worked as a scribe
during college [
at time redacted],
taking notes on
behalf of
physicians and
filling charts for
them.

35

But Subject1 has a
medical experience as
a patient at [time

36

redacted], and was
very motivated by the
positive experience to
consider medicine.

37

\Quote1{"I ended up
breaking my [redacted]
in [redacted] grade. I
had to see a couple of
doctors and physical
therapists for a
couple of years...
That kind of
interested me, and I
thought I would be a
physical therapist at
that age."}
Growing up, Subject1
also had family
friends who were
physically disabled,
and the work needed to

help them function and
recover also strongly
motivated Subject1.
Motivated at a
personal level by
growing up and seeing
them help them.



38

Q1. Cheesy, but Subject1
wants to help people!



39

\$Does Subject1
acknowledge that a
stereotype is money
being a common
motivator, Subject1
dances around the
issue.**\$**

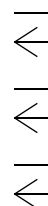


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\Quote2{"This is so
cheesy, but I really
want to help people...
but rather than just
saying that I actually

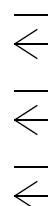


do it. The physicans I
work with also helped
me and motivated me
alot."}



41

As a scribe, Subject1
unnofically read
x-rays, and helped
with differentials.



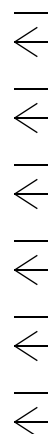
42

**\$What's a
differential?\$**



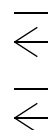
43

A list of
possible alt
candidates for
diagnosis, not
just the top
one. Good
experience.



44

Q2. Demotivated by money
[REDACTED ammount] spend
preparing and applying.



45

\QuoteEdgar{"What



demotivated you, or
was in your path, or
was an obstacle in
your way

46

\Quote3{"When you're
studying for the MCAT,
none of it's really in
your curriculum."}

47

Time sink spent for
MCAT spent was also a
strong demotivator.

48

Classes did not
prepare Subject1 for
MCAT.

49

50

\Quote4{"I had one
month, one month,
where I had 12 or 13
all-nighters, studying
for the MCAT. That was
HORRIBLE. (*Laughs*)

	[Phone goes off]. I	↵
	was also working	↵
	[redacted shifts]"}	
51	\$Do you feel that your	↵
	classes prepared you	↵
	for the MCAT?\$	
52	Honestly, no.	
53	Basic Undegrad,	↵
	physics, chem, and	↵
	bio-chem helped,	↵
	but they were not	↵
	enough for the MCAT.	
54		
55	ALSO, since the	↵
	MCAT is taken as	↵
	upperdiv, time	↵
	sink on past	
56	[Redacted major]	↵
	does not teach	↵
	physics as well as	↵
	the MCAT requires.	

57	\$Do you think Uni's	↵
	can do more to help	↵
	Pre-med students? \$	
58	Offer free or	↵
	cheaper MCAT prep	↵
	classes on Campus.	
59	Kaplan cost	↵
	[redacted amount]	↵
	just for online	↵
	version of MCAT	↵
	prep classes.	
60	Subject1 attended	↵
	[amount redacted]	↵
	online Kaplan	↵
	courses, but would	↵
	have preferred in	↵
	person classes.	↵
	They were out of	↵
	reach, closes in	↵
	[redacted location.	
61	\Quote5{"They give	↵

	you a lot of	↵
	homework, and you	↵
	really can't	↵
	finish it on	↵
	time... but there	↵
	are in person	↵
	classes."}	
62	Princeton Review	↵
	is the other	↵
	option, but alts	↵
	from the two are	↵
	hard to find. Just	↵
	buying the books	↵
	are an option.	
63	Subject1 was NOT	↵
	satisfied with the	↵
	online course	↵
	(bang per buck).	↵
	It was also too	↵
	much homework to	↵
	keep up with along	↵

	with Subject1's	↵
	own homework.	
64	\$Do you think the	↵
	MCAT course was	↵
	worth it?\$	
65	No, but also	↵
	Subject1 says they	↵
	opted to take the	↵
	course when simply	↵
	couldn't put more	↵
	time into it.	
66		
67	\$Do you know if any	↵
	unis have MCAT prep	↵
	course\$	
68	No.	
69	\$I suggested a one	↵
	unit MCAT	↵
	prep-course as a	↵
	solution the UC	↵
	could offer	↵

70	Pre-meds? %Ugh, I think I'm talking too much. I need to talk less, and listen more >:(↵ ↵ ↵ ↵
71	\$Pre-med is an official path\$	↵
72	Yes, and Subject1 has a pre-med advisor. Delcaring grants access to the pre-med advisor.	↵ ↵ ↵ ↵ ↵ ↵
73	\Quote6{"I honestly think you just tell them that you're, you	↵ ↵ ↵ ↵ ↵

	are pre-med,	↵
	and they add	↵
	it to your	↵
	profile."}	
74	\$Does the UC	↵
	help pre-med	↵
	students at	↵
	all?\$	
75	No, there	↵
	are no MCAT workshops, or	↵
	application work shops.	
76	[Other	↵
	Uni] comes to advertize their	↵
	medschool but no other help is	↵
	given.	
77	Even when	↵
	given a pre-med advisor,	↵
	access as almost impossible to	↵
	said advisor.	
78	\$This	↵
	situation is more dire than I	↵

thought.\$

79

[Application info
redacted]

80

\$Could have
the UCM helped
in any other
way?\$

81

\Quote{"I
know they host
workshops, but
they're not
good. They
don't have
workshops for
applications
... there
could be new
things popping
up now, but I
don't know
about them."}

82

No, the
biggest place
needed is the
MCAT.

83

Personal
statements can
be helped with
by Robert
Goodman or the
Writing
Center, but
[redacted] was
a better
resource.

84

Q3.

85

I gave a stupid
pre-amble: I mentioned
the current situations
with UCM's policy on
old exams, and
compared it to UCB's

86

policy on old exams.
I was blunt, Cal's
policy makes more
sense, forcing profs
to upload, publicly,
any exams older than 2
years to even the
playing field.\$

87

Does not consider
old exam sharing
to be academic
dishonety, PROFS
should write new
exams.

88

\$I agree with this.\$

89

Profs who do post
old exams are the
actual good
professors.

90

%ALL QUOTES ON
THIS QUESTION ARE

91	NOW IGNORED%	
	%But the body	↵
	language shift and	↵
	response still	↵
	worries me.%	
92	\$I'm sorry, this	↵
	questions is	↵
	causing Subject1	↵
	distress. I should	↵
	have forced	↵
	confidentiality\$	
93	NO FURTHER COMMENT!	
94	\$End, my statement is	↵
	that in ENGR, I see	↵
	that shit all of the	↵
	time, but I understand	↵
	and move on. I regret	↵
	asking this question	↵
	now.\$	
95	Q4.	
96	Go out there and	↵

	really experience the	↖
	process of being a	↖
	doctor. Get as many	↖
	hours shadowing before	↖
	you commit to Pre-med.	
97		
98	[Redacted amount of	↖
	hours] began at	↖
	[redacted time frame].	↖
	Subject1 is diligent,	↖
	but workload by math	↖
	turned out to be	↖
	'reasonable.'	
99	\Quote8 {"Actually go	↖
	out and EXPERIENCE	↖
	(*cascading hand	↖
	motion*) the field of	↖
	medicine... At the	↖
	begining, you don't	↖
	know if that's what	↖
	you want to do or not	↖

want to do."}

100

\$I cannot math, either
way, but I wasted
valuable time\$



101

102

Subject1 barely
managed to afford
[amount redacted]
for med school
applications.



103

104

\$Any other warnings,
make sure you want to
do this. Any other
pitfalls?\$



105

Do you your own
research, no one
else, nor the UC,
will help you know
the process or if
its really right



106

for you.

Subject1

acknowledges that
too many pre-meds
decide to late,
and are forced to
do post-bacs (many
years off) to
fulfill shadowing
and MCAT prep.

107

\Quote9{"If you
not understanding
the proces of
where you are and
where you're
going, then you're
behind! Some say
they want to be a
doctor and go
straight into
medschool... but

	they slack off and	↵
	don't do	↵
	everything your	↵
	junior year. ...	↵
	the application is	↵
	due in June, so	↵
	obviously your	↵
	junior year."}	
108	Make your choice	↵
	early!	
109	Keep track of	↵
	deadlines.	
110	\Quote 10{"There's	↵
	a lot of biochem,	↵
	but defintately	↵
	finish biochem and	↵
	physics before the	↵
	MCAT."}	
111	%Physics -> Chem	↵
	->Biochem -> MCAT%	
112	%Also, take like a	↵

	good psych class	↵
	right before the	↵
	MCAT to do well on	↵
	the 'critical	↵
	reasoning'	
113	\$I compared and	↵
	contrasted the Med	↵
	path vs. Ph.D	↵
	path, but Subject1	↵
	was not as sure	↵
	about the	↵
	differences.\$	
114	%I gave Subject1	↵
	my thanks for	↵
	their time, but	↵
	Subject1 left with	↵
	a worry about if	↵
	this interview is	↵
	published.	
115	%	
116	%Ended the interview	↵

	clarifying	↵
	confidentiality, redacting	↵
	identifying information.	
117	Sent two followup	↵
	emails clarifying	↵
	confidentiality.	
118	Email sent of this	↵
	transcript to ease	↵
	worry.	
119		

SecondSubject, Anonymous. "An Interview on their Beginning Premedical Path with Edgar Tejada." *University of California, Merced*. (1 May 2019).

The second interview showcases premed student in the very earliest of stages. This young, precocious premed believes that they don't need a backup plan, or that having an easy backup leads to weakness.

1 Interview taken 2019-05-01-15-00

2

3 Questions pre-prepared

4 %(Q0) When did you decide to
pursue medschool? ↩

5

6 %(Q1) What motivared you to
pursue medicine? ↩

7

8 %(Q2) What demotivated you?

9

10

11 %(Q3) Did you notice any
academic dishonest among your
peers? (DANGEROUS) ↩
↩

12

13

14 %(Q4) Any word of advice or
warning to future students? ↩

15

16

17 %%Consents to audio recordings.

18

19 %Will use anonymous
identity (no option given
this time).

20

%Retract
identifiable
specifics.

21

22 #Name: Subject2

23 \$Preamble: We selected to meet
in the same KL study group as
Subject1. It's private, but
not too private. It is a known
place, with light blue and
green walls, and a bright,
blistering view of the Arch
statue on the field. With
finals coming up, the room is
a lot more filled with
finished snack stuff, which I

quite moved to the
trashbins. This time I am in
my element, the afternoon, and
so I cleared my mind a bit to
help make sure I don't
overstep by bounds during the
interview.\$

24

\$Subject2 arrived in
semi-formal attire. With
finals and big event, they
likely just arrived from some
other event, and gave me their
30 minute lay away. I hand
them a coffee. I bought
subject1 some coffee for their
time, and I am doing the same
courtesy to Subject2.\$

25

26

27

Q0:

When did you decide to
pursue med school?

28 \Quote0{"I decided ↵
on wanting to go ↵
to med school ↵
right, the last ↵
semester of high ↵
school."}

29
30 %Subject 1 had no ↵
particular event push ↵
them.

31 \$Do you know when you ↵
were motivated to ↵
pursue medicine over ↵
other healthcare in ↵
general?\$

32 \Quote1{"I wouldn't ↵
say there was a ↵
particular event... I ↵
always knew I wanted ↵
to do something where ↵
I could teach, but ↵

	also keep learning."}	
33	\$Looking back, I,	↖
	Edgar, talked wayy to	↖
	much\$	
34		
35	Q1. Subject2 desired a	↖
	field where they will	↖
	never stop learning.	
36	\$Be humble, always	↖
	willing to learn more.\$	
37	\$We agree that	↖
	medicine is practiced,	↖
	not just simply done.\$	
38		
39	\$Is there anyone in	↖
	your life or history	↖
	who inspired you to	↖
	become a doctor?\$	
40	\Quote2{"My dad. He	↖
	wasn't a physician,	↖
	but he did a lot of	↖

different things...
since I was little, I
looked up to him as a
great man. He lead me
to decide to pursue
something meaningful."};

41

42

\$Why do you feel that
medicine is meaningful?\$

43

\Quote3{"The obvious
answer is because I
get to help other
people.... To me it
just seems obvious of
the impact you can
have on individuals.
lives."};

44

Q2. Demotivated by
difficult classes and
stress.

45

\QuoteEdgar{"What

demotivated you, or
was in your path, or
was an obstacle in
your way

46 \Quote4{"That question
in the back of my
head: is this for me?"}

47
48 \$Do you think the UC
is doing enough to
help you?\$

49
50 \Quote5{"In terms of
giving me certain
opportunities, like
research, yes... While
they can provide you
cool opportunitites, you
cannot rely on the
school to lead or
guide you."}

51

52

Knowing what
classes to take,
etc. was research
Subject2 had to do
on their own.

53

**\$Do you think Uni's
can do more to help
Pre-med students?\$**

54

**\Quote5{"More
research
opportunities...
Show that you are
ambitious, don't
just settle for
what the school is
giving out."}**

55

**\$Debated on the
process of getting
research prof:
nepotism v. formal**

application.\$

56

57

\Quote6{"I learn
towards objectivity,
since its more
transparent. No
ambiguity to if you
get in just because
they like you."}

58

59

Q3.

60

\$I gave smaller, but
still stupid
pre-amble: I mentioned
the current sitations
with UCM's policy on
old exams, and
compared it to UCB's
policy on old exams.
I was blunt, Cal's
policy makes more

61

sense, forcing profs
to upload, publicly,
any exams older than 2
years to even the
playing field.\$

62

Does not consider
old exam sharing
to be academic
dishonety, PROFS
should write new
exams. (same)s

63

\$This time: Subject2
is more okay with
talking about academic
dishonesty.\$

64

\Quote7{"From what
I've seen here,
besides the example of
old exams, most people
here are pretty
honest..."};

65

%%[redacted my
statement.]

66

67

Q4.

68

\$Are there any words
of advice for future
freshman considering
premed?\$

69

70

They warn about the
folly of having backup
plans [wut], or not
being committed enough.

71

\Quote8{"(*Calmly*)I
have a lot of peers
who say they want to
be premed, but just
say if it happens it
happens... If you're
not committed, you're
just going to fall on

	your back. You need to	↖
	have a drive."}	
72	\$Should freshman have	↖
	a backup?}	
73		
74	Pick a degree for	↖
	something you like,	↖
	but don't let it be an	↖
	excuse for not meeting	↖
	the standards of	↖
	admissionc cycles.	
75	\Quote {"No matter	↖
	what, I'll continue	↖
	medicine. Even if I	↖
	don't make it on a	↖
	particular	↖
	application, I will	↖
	keep going. Whatever	↖
	it takes."};	
76		
77	\$Any other warnings,	↖

make sure you want to
do this. Any other
pitfalls?

78

Really reflect on
how strong your
application is.
Don't be afraid to
take a gap year.

79

%%Ended the interview
clarifying
confidentiality. This
interview ended much more
positively. We had some
small talk wngential on
the MCAT and test centers.

80

\Quote9{"I'm always
asking myself: what if
this is on the MCAT?
Thats why I'm always
trying to learn the
why, so I won't have

to memorize. Just
polish and revisions,
not relearning for the
MCAT. "};



81

82

**\$Ending question: Is
there comrodiry among
premeds?\$**



83

**\Quote10{"I think so.
I try to not be that
pre-med. I don't want
to sabotage others. I
want us all to make
it."};**



84

Sent two followup
emails clarifying
confidentiality.



85

Subject2 left the
blue, bright room



86

Tejada, Edgar. *Tales from the Depths of Premedicine!*

1 2019-02-13-AMSA_Meeting_Notes.tex
2 %%Notes of what I see look like this
3 \$My emotional response looks like this.\$
4
5 \$\$They emailed me the WRONG room number. I missed the first 15 minutes :(\$\$
6 %%The room is the same open room that AIAA meets, a big room with desks, a projector, in SSM. I never have classes here, so to me this is a club meeting room. These meeting are late, from 6:30 to 8 PM. I keep mind of my time, since I have to leave early to make it to class
7 \$This makes them giving me the wrong room worse!\$

8 %Talking about shadowing an
actual doctor.

9 \$This mad doctor posts
(somewhat censored)
surgery pics to his
instagram. SQUICK ALERT :(\$

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12 %%Is this the first sign that
i am actually not welcome.

13

14 %They are trying to get
volunteers to tabling
during the social, get
membership up.

15

16 %%Midterm time, they will
have a membership retreat.

17

\$Friday night or
Thursday night\$

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%Notice, just like the bio
class, the gender ratio
here is suprisingly even.
All young people feel
welcome to strive to be
doctors, as I can notice
most students here are
young, traditional students.

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22

%Relay for Life Committee

23

%CFHI - CHild Family
Health Internashinal , a
pre-med internship in
Argentina.

24

\$Presentation time!!!!
:)\$

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26

\$DEATH BY WALL OF TEXT on
POWERPOINT.\$

27

\$DEATH BY

POWERPOINT WAS A
LESSON I LEARNED
IN WRI 116, these
members are no
exec, so I can
somewhat forgive
them, but some of
their ppt pages
are just terrible.

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%Shadow doctors and public
health officials and
nurses at hospitals abroad.

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%Presentation on the trip,
starts with history?

33

\$Argentina, derived from
latin word for Silver.

34

35

\$\$Rebellion, protests work

36 in Argentina
 \$Early lunch -> mid
 day snack (no lunch)
 -> late dinner (three
 course, only big meal)\$

37
38 %%Yerba Mate, one
 family cup.

39
40 \$Makes sense, this looks like
 these four students, (2m, 2
 fm) students are required to
 promote thier study abroad
 program as they talk about.
 Italian immigrants are the
 strongest force in Argentina.\$

41
42
43 %We are being triviaed in
 Argentina.

44 %Minimum wage in Ag is only

45 \$263 dollars PER YEAR :(
\$Remember, my bias is that
doctors do good things, like
this volunteer work FOR CREDIT
into medschool. I DON'T think
this is genuine altruism.\$

46 \$Remember, there is a
competing Pre-Med frat,
but likely many people
here are also in said frat
(but only the men, is
there a pre-med sorority)?\$

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48

49 %Arg -> Socialised
schooling, free med school.

50 %Physcian get paid
less, so they double
shift by working
morning shifts in
public health, and

then nights in private hospitals. ↵

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52

%Public hospitals move ↵
people with insurance to ↵
private hospital, forcing ↵
ther two tier system.

53

54

%Economy break down, we as ↵
Americans can push our ↵
money further, since 1/4 ↵
of Arg lives below the ↵
poverty line.

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56

%Clinical Rotations:

57

%First presenter, her work ↵
day started at 7AM to ↵
catch the bus to her ↵
infectious diseases ↵
hospital. Much like a ward.

58

59 %Quarantine was enfoced on ↵
 some people. A spinal tap ↵
 was done on one of the ↵
 patients. She got to ↵
 compare the procedure ↵
 between the US and Arg. ↵
60 \$NEEDLE IN SPINE, AGHHHHH, ↵
 to collect spinal fluid.\$
61
62 \$\$She worked with Michael, a ↵
 pharmacy student.
63
64 \$Other pair worked in a ↵
 pediactric hospital (for ↵
 children)
65 %%The hospital was ↵
 converted orphanage. ↵
 Derelic, terrifying.
66 %Kyle was put in dentistry.
67 %In US, everything is ↵
 disposible (\$\$), where ↵

as Arg things are
bleached and cleaned
right after.

68

69

%Witnessed one girl with
(infected) closed tear
ducts, and the struggles
ot help her.

70

%%This was a hands on
experience to help
these patients,
something not as
allowed in the US.
Shadowing is more
involved in countries
that need HELP. (CHFI)

71

72

%%Host families are
extremely accomodating,
the host families really
take care of you. They

answer q&a and guide
students.

73

74

%Overseas international,
program gives you a
cellphone too, unlocked
phone 2-3 week pre-paid
plan.

75

76

%Application Process

77

\$WAIT, ASUCM paid for
this, that a lot of money
for four people to study
abroad. My envy for that
budget for MY orgs is
showing.\$

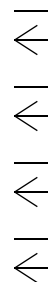
78

\$Show them the impact
your event has. Submit
the bill, early.\$

79

%CHFI, these 4 went as a
group. There is a strong

social circle here among
future doctors. They are
sharing notes and laying the
groundwork for future club
members to go.



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81

%President Eric went two years
ago to the same program.

82

\$Wink wink, you must form
and do the committee work
for ASMA to help raise
funding for you to go.\$

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%Equador, Philipines, ALL OF
AFRICA, Hawaii, Mexico, India;

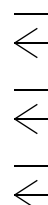
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\$Warning, mosquto and locust
hell.\$

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%3 stones, shadow
experience, travelled
abroad, and served an



underserved communities.
88 %Two week programee
89 %Upfront cost: \$1800 per ↵
person.
90 %\$1600 given by ASUCM
91 \$CHFI - fee for ↵
the program, \$ ↵
1800 \$
92 %\$1400 dollars, but ↵
only because they were ↵
forced to buy their ↵
flights last minute.
93 %Next meeting is two weeks ↵
from now, 2019-02-27
94 %One of the student's ↵
older sisters, a current ↵
Medical student, will attend
95 %Medical conference: In, ↵
(DC capital),
96
97

1	%%The first 7 minutes were	↖
	missed, but this is an eboard	↖
	meeting, so I was not made	↖
	aware that eboard meetings are	↖
	at 6:15, not 6:30. :/	
2		
3	%%Currently, their agenda	↖
	is to make sure past	↖
	members fill out their	↖
	"Are you a current member"	↖
	every semester.	
4		
5	%%Patricia (interview	↖
	target) is talking about	↖
	spotlight event and MCAT	↖
	question review.	
6		
7	%%	
8	% (Alexis) Messey haired	↖
	female exec member says	↖
	Banquet is still up in the	↖

air.

9
10 %% (I am being kicked out
for closed session, BRB!)
11
12 %%% Kicked out, returned. They
discussed how they plan to
give out and run an ASMA
scholarship.
13 %%They were voting on a member
of the month.
14 %One of the exec members
made the 'Fortnight' yea.
15 %%Plannning slides for next
week's meeting:
16 %%Schools (ranking and how
you select the schools to
apply to)
17 %% Chem 100 -> Biochem Bio
101 -> Physiology
18 %%MCAT (new

sections/format) - Airport security style testing. (Retake is allowed, but lifetime limit is five).

19
20
21 %%Interviews:
22 %Letters of Rec
23
24 %%Extra-cirriculars
25 %%Research
26 %%Post-bacc and alternate timelines.
27 %ASMA membership gets discount on airlines, (but not application)
28 %First half off, if you are poor.
29 %First one is 300, then secondary (200 each school after the

primary).
30 %%EACH SCHOOL ↵
 Charges you twice.
31
32 %%LSAC like org called AAMC ↵
 runs the medschool apps, they ↵
 are the gatekeepers.
33
34 %Techjobs, alts to K-L1 ↵
 (lawschool jargon) apps.
35 %Not everyone ↵
 applies right ↵
 away, some will ↵
 take working ↵
 'break' after.
36 %
37 %President is very chill, ↵
 very sympathetic with both ↵
 poor applicants and more ↵
 well off applicants.
38 %Other board members ↵

(target) was complaining she
(her parents) are not poor
enough to waive cost for
applications.



39

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%Who wants to talk about
being broke.



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%President is reassuring
and flexible. He has some
good leadership qualities and
is friendly (so far, he
does know I am here
observing).



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44

%Planning the logistics of
who presents which slide
at what time.



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46

%Committee line item: ASUCM
asking an allocated ticket



item for next year.

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48

%%If we have this
approved, we cannot ask
ASUCM again. This take
away agency from next
eboard.



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%%Snide comments about
'how dumb' the current
ASUCM board were made,
and then silenced by
other eboard members.



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54

%%Splash conference in march.
%This is an event to
HS students,
showcasing to them the
path to medical school
/ professional medicine.



55

56

'Grades aren't
everything, but if you
have less than a 3.6,
you are fucked.'

57

58

%%Team uses google docs to
collaobrate on their
gameplan for next week's
meeting <3.

59

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61

%%Zuraya is going to intern
with a (lab?) and livingston.

62

63

%%Ow, ow, wrists, giving out.

64

65

%%Gameplan - reuse some of
last years slides.

66

67

68	%Make some of the	↖
	splashevent can get credit	↖
	as community service.	
69		
70	%Serving to educate the	↖
	community, they keep a	↖
	google form and a	↖
	description of event and	↖
	person's activity at the	↖
	event (with a reference	↖
	email from the event	↖
	coordinator).	
71		
72	%65 dollar scholarship for	↖
	their advisor's sons.s	
73	%Classes that just show you	↖
	the path :/ (meh)	
74	%Exec members say these	↖
	talks/classes were	↖
	motivated and turned their	↖
	apps around.	

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%AMSA only member
scholarship, the Boggs
family scholarship.

77

78

%%Selection process:
google sheet
application ->
interviews ->
academics (metric is
study hours) ->
Extracirculars

79

%%Hah, I got a dirty look
from the president for
picking my nose. Makes
sense, though.

80

81

%%Rooms laughs about
rolling-admissions.

82

%Get it in early,
to have a chance.

83

84

%%Study hours, how are
thes measured? ↵

85

%Debatr about ↵
making sure thier ↵
advisor is okay ↵
with naming the ↵
scholarship after ↵
their advisor's ↵
late son.

86

87

%%This meeting will go ↵
on unitl 9 PM? I need ↵
to get going to class, ↵
so alwas I must miss ↵
the tail ending 30 ↵
minutes.

88

89

90

%Honing in interviewing ↵
skills.

91

92

%%Planning event to
announce winner of
scholarship.

93

94

%%Kaplan
scholarship for
MCAT (study)
waiver, what if
the winner wants
to take it now.

95

%February to
september, 1 or 2
a month.

96

97

%People travel out of
state to get an MCAT
spot.

98

99

%Kaplan is a 3 to 6
month course (offered

both in person, AND
digitally.



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101

%ASMA execs offers
study hours they host.



102

103

%I need to get going, but
they want to encourage
studying they record study
hours.



104

105

%Peaceful squatter goes to
their study hours, not an
ASMA member.



106

107

%%President is to busy this
semster, want to not host
study hours this semester.



108

%Exec members holding not
going to club's study hours.



109

110	%Send out an email with study	↵
	hours, and it is on their	↵
	website (they have one?)	
111		
112	%People would block their	↵
	numbers.	
113	%Suggested a public google	↵
	calendar for people to	↵
	subscribe to.	
114	%Email for events.	
115		

1 2019-02-27

2 %%Arrived just a bit late :(, ↵
so the same huge room in SSB.

3 %%This is a general meeting, ↵
so the board and several ↵
familiar and unfamiliar faces ↵
are lined up to sit and watch ↵
today's guest speaker.

4 \$This is a trend for me.\$

5 %%First, general news, then ↵
the awaited guest speaker.

6 %%They are giving out a ↵
kaplan scholarship

7 %Planning a 'retreat' ↵
get together this ↵
Friday.

8 \$Free food, but ↵
many people seem ↵
busy.\$

9

10 %<http://www.amsaucmerced.com/>

11 \$Based squarespace\$
12 %Today a med student will do ↵
 Q&A, and I hair/blob faces ↵
 that I did not see earlier.
13
14 %Org president: Don't ↵
 judge me for my hundreds ↵
 of tabs.
15 \$He had three previous ↵
 meetings, filling the ↵
 busy body sterotype.\$
16
17 \$Woah, how do you navigate ↵
 the website.\$
18 %%Veteran members ↵
 sigh, but Grace, the ↵
 young hispanic, preppy ↵
 communications officer ↵
 runs us through
19 \$Lol. its AMSA. I've ↵
 been misspelling it.\$

20

21

%Plenty of the new faces
are following with Grace,
(media pres) and reminding
people to look for events.

22

%%Member MUST
renew their
memberships on
Their website
EVERY semester.

23

\$Some newer members don't
look to thrilled to pay
more.\$

24

%//Go to next meeting, the
exec meeting will have
candidates for board visit
and shadow <3.

25

%Elections coming in April.

26

27

%Sarah Courtney, a hyper
well/professionaly dressed

young woman comes to the
stage. She is an about to
graduate, 20 year old senior
at UCM, who just got into med
school and want to give us
some pointers%



28 \$0BV I'm jelly that she's
got her shit together and
moving on so much younger
than I ever did! >:(\$



29 First years:

30 %Freshman year is for
making mistakes.



31
32 %The road most traveled: a
monpoly map!



33
34
35 %What classes do you need?

36
37 %VP's hopes and dreams where



crushed by chem 100.

38

39

\$biochem is
recommended, genetics
is recommended. Eww\$



40

41

\$Extra-curriculars: (I
have my biases against
this) It feels like
another way to exclude
the working-poor
students.\$



42

%Clinical experience
(shadowing) trumps research
experience.



43

%Volunteer work

44

%Tutoring: show you are
higher than the students
beneath you! (Mr.
president's words)



45

\$Of course, someone



like him might know
he's above certain
students, but to say
that out loud, and
only kinda backtrack
when he remembers I'm
there and not taking.\$



46

%Most freshman who are
self-declared premed do
not survive their first
shadowing/clinical
experience.



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%'clinical' experience
is a long term
commitment, shadowing
is normally a month or
so.



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52 %%Mew MCAT:
53 %430ish to 528 score range. 
54 %chemical and physical science 
55 %CARS (critical analysis)
56 %Bio and Biochem
57 %Psychology
58
59 %lor:
60 %majority science prof, but 
then at least 1 non-stem lor. 
PI from a research, a boss or 
suprvisor, or one from a 
shadowed doctor.
61
62 %get a lor from a 
prof/boss who knows you.
63
64 %medschool application is 
expensive.

65 \$MSAR has good admissions records.\$

66

67 \$AMCAS is the gatekeeper:
68 \ \$160 for the first school.
68 \ \$36 for every school after.\$

69 \$low gpa means some schools will throw away your app.\$

70 %%First wave, if your survive

71 %You then submit the secondary applications, which are 300 dollars (each).

72 %Interviews

73 %Multiple mini-interviews (time length)

74

75 \$(My emotional response) The \ \$8000 price tag

	JUST to apply is a	↵
	systemic way to	↵
	keep poor people	↵
	down and OUT of	↵
	medicine. >:(
76	\$	
77	%Get some acting practice,	↵
	the more you do it, the	↵
	better you get.	
78		
79	%Some schools do one on	↵
	one, others do both.	
80	%Juan on juan is 3 to	↵
	4 30 minutes blocks,	↵
	mini are 6 to 10	↵
	minutes, with 5 minute	↵
	responses	
81	%Both are between 1 to	↵
	2 hours, just chopped	↵
	up differently.	
82		

83	%For the roll play, you may get yelled out, act out if you were responsible for hitting someone's dog.	↵ ↵ ↵ ↵
84	%Use the note card, shake hands!	↵
85		
86	\$Force the smile -> positive yes from the speaker! It sounds gross to be so fake, but I know that struggle with normal job interviews too?\$	↵ ↵ ↵ ↵ ↵
87		
88	%gurrella interview, stealth interviews.	↵
89	\$Ok, so these damn med schools SPY on their applicants too? DISGUSTING!!\$	↵ ↵ ↵

90 %%try to be unique: cfvi to
91 arg was on point.

92
93 \$//Postbac -> bridge
94 between undergrad and
95 medschool application.
96 //ucb, ucsfm, ucd all do
97 these one year programs.
98 //masters is considered,
99 the masters gpa is
100 important too!\$

101 %%progress is good!
102 %have a job, be
103 productive.

104
105 %Sarah Courtney, current
106 medical student

107 %%20 years old, skipped a
108 few grades.

109

102 %Started in bioengineering ↵
 -> human bio
103 %She did well in ↵
 physics, but hated it.
104
105 %Wasn't gun-ho ↵
 medical school ↵
 until the end of ↵
 second years.
106 %pre-med hangout ↵
 on facebook
107 \$nah man, fuck ↵
 facebook the mcat ↵
 subreddit is better\$
108 %How you dress is also ↵
 important, and she gave a ↵
 grossed out look when she ↵
 talks about the mcat.
109 \$Her words match he ↵
 appearance, she is dressed ↵
 sharply, a professional ↵

	hairstyle, a nice dark red	↵
	shade of lipstick (red,	↵
	but not bright).\$	
110		
111	\$She then goes on to say	↵
	her current outfit is too	↵
	flashy, not professional	↵
	enough. I feel so sorry	↵
	for women, than they can't	↵
	just dress how they want	↵
	for work interviews.	↵
	Damned if you dress	↵
	poorly, damned if you	↵
	dress too nicely! UGHHHHH!\$	
112	%Still a numbers focus, talks	↵
	about the averages for mcat	↵
	and average gpa for ACCEPTED	↵
	students for target schools.	
113	%%Look at accepted avgs,	↵
	NOT applicants.	
114		

115 %D0 -> Doctor of ↵
 Osteopathic medicine is a ↵
 holistic view of medicine. ↵
 (this is an alternative to ↵
 an MD)
116 %This is not ↵
 chairopracters[sic]!
117 \$alot of D0's don't ↵
 pracice osteopathy, but is ↵
 a useful path, they have ↵
 the same residencies as of ↵
 2019. Both can apply, and ↵
 both must be paid the same ↵
 (yay regulations)\$
118
119 %She shadowed an ER, and all ↵
 of the D0's and MD did the ↵
 same thing.
120 %She did not do so hot on ↵
 the MCAT.
121

122 \$3000 spent on kaplan classes! ↵
 :(\$
123 %33 applications
124 13 D0, 20 MD
125 \$3000 spent on primary ↵
 applications, OUT of pocket.
126 30 of the 33 made it ↵
 to the secondary round.\$
127
128 %Had 7 lor, 2 from MD's, 3 ↵
 from D0's.
129
130 %Secondary apps were expensive
131 \$3000 for these second ↵
 stage apps.\$
132
133 %This is so cool and ↵
 informative, ASK the exec ↵
 board for her email. I need to ↵
 go, arg!!!
134 \$YOLO, I won't get ↵

135 such a good ASMA ↵
 meeting after this one.\$ ↵
 %Flights, hotels, travel ↵
 to every school for ↵
 interviews
136
137 %\$\\\$1000 for interviews\$\$
138 \$She already had ↵
 interview attire, ↵
 (self-remark, her ↵
 current attire is too ↵
 flashy?)\$
139
140 %Interviews can last all day.
141 %Parents are essentially ↵
 NOT welcome to the ↵
 interviews.
142
143 %Example questions:
144 \$What would you do if you ↵
 see someone in a grocery ↵

	store stealing food\$	
145	%'Obviously she	↖
	couldn't answer	↖
	honestly'	
146	%One interviewer was	↖
	being really mean, on	↖
	purpose and spins it	↖
	to be negative.	
147		
148	%They never asked	↖
	interview questions	↖
	that were decisive.	
149	%MMI questions are	↖
	geared towards	↖
	positive debate,	↖
	NOT yes or no or	↖
	dogmatic view	↖
	points.	
150		
151	%Dinner with current	↖
	students! (did they	↖

have to pay for this
too).

152

153

%Girl dilemma :-> Pants vs
skirt for professional attire.

154

%Wear some professional
attire you are comfy in.

155

%She likes wearing
heels, because she
likes that over flats.

156

\$Don't wear heavy make up
:(\$

157

158

\$For men, the clothes
seems less restrictive,
just match belt to shoes,
pants to suit.\$

159

%Wear minimal make up for
you.

160

%Be comfy.

161

%No jewelry, no low

clevage, nude nails.

162

\$Why are the rules
for women so much
more draconian :(
:(I like Sarah's
current
professional
attire, but it is
apparently not
'professional'
enough.\$



163

164

%She's going to a D0
school, so gucci.



165

\$She went to a town
even smaller than
Merced.\$



166

%%Harget, 300 people. Got
into the knoxville
campus:



167

\$LMU (NOT THE SOCAL ONE)



:-> No drinking policy, ew.\$

168

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171

%There are not many D0
schools, so she applied to
all of them.



172

%The emails got her to
apply to some of her MD
schools, but she kept reqs
in mind.



173

174

%She did not want to stay in
cali.



175

\$3.83 gpa is a joke to
her, WTF? :(\$



176

%Her 500 score weakned her
MD apps, but not so much
her D0 schools.



177

178

%She ended up feeling that



Knoxville is too big of a city
to be focused on studies.

179 \$She with with Kansas City
in MO, she liked the vibe,
180 [\\$](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_University_of_Medicine_and_Biosciences)
_and_Biosciences \$

181

182

%SHE STARTS IN JULY

183

%AMSA can help with some
cost, the KAPLAN class for
free.

184

%Application, need
based help exists?

185

%Good luck, as
need based help
doesn't happen.

186

187

%If you're middle
class, no way in help
they are going to give

you any help.

188

\$Assumption -> All
of us here are
middle class. GRRRR\$

189

190

%KCU \$80K per year!

191

%Closing statements:

192

\$Serve in the
military, they will
pay.\$

193

\$Federal program
if you sign up for
primary care for 4
years in
underdeveloped
rural areas.\$

194

\$SELL YOUR
SOUL TO UNCLE
SAM!!!\$

195

196

%%Meeting ajourns.

197

\$I got Sarah's digits.
She's got a chip on her
shoulder, but she's
friendly and hopefully
will be a useful asset to
me for interviews :)\$



198

1	2019-03-06	
2	\$Walked in late due to working	↖
	on HW\$	
3	\$Also have to leave early for	↖
	class\$	
4	%%They are discussing a Dr.	↖
	Bogg's wanting an event for	↖
	them, and this dr. is bringing	↖
	an inspiring guest.	
5		
6	%First comes first serve.	
7	\$President expects every one	↖
	in exec to blast out the event\$	
8		
9	%Snacks and cookies are	↖
	desired	
10	%Ms. Lau, the always	↖
	prepared energetic	↖
	Outreach director, reminds	↖
	the board we can get	↖
	big-ass, bulk items from	↖

costoc, on the cheap.

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12 %Advertise, get 120 people to fill the seats! ↵

13 \$When is this event!\$

14 %Open to all students, but ↵
open to pre-health ↵
organizations.

15

16 %Email every pre-health ↵
organization.

17 %Free food, but open ↵
for anyone to seek ↵
info on nero-gynacology.

18

19 %DEM, MAPS, GMT, Delta-Gamma

20 %get out to pre-health.

21 %Get a good crowd.

22

23

24 %Election committee wants to ↵

limit speechtime, and expedite
the election%

[\\$http://www.amsaucmerced.com/\\$](http://www.amsaucmerced.com/)

\$Advise, limit number of
positions one person can
multi-run?\$

\$30s or 60s speeches!\$

%%Agenda for next meeting!

%MMI - Todd says we should
limit that event to someother
day, not general meeting.

%Plan this shit OUT now in
advanced!

39 %To many exec members are ↵
 talking over each other, ↵
 as the issue of planning ↵
 elections becomes heated.%
40 \$Decorum, people!\$
41
42 \$They discussed doing ↵
 presentation during the ↵
 general meeting on alternate ↵
 paths from undergrad to ↵
 medicine:
43 I asked a few clarifying ↵
 questions:\$
44 %Plan B - Medical Research/Ph.D%
45
46 %A post-bac is a technical ↵
 position for 1 year, ↵
 private labs, etc.
47
48 %Triage: First responder ↵
 type assesment.

49

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51 %Ok, so now they are planning
the MMI

(mini-something-interview)

52 \$They want to stress test
their members, \$

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54 \$Porque no los dos?\$

55 %Triage on the right, MMI
on the left!

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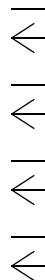
58 %Two eboard members on triage,
59 %then four eboard members on
interviewes

60 %1 time master

61

1 %%2019-04-17
2 %%The sound of beating drums ↵
 drowns out all noise.
3 \$SSB 170 is a white and ↵
 red room, with the seats ↵
 in red, and the walls of ↵
 white and red. Two ↵
 towering projector screens ↵
 sit behind the imposing ↵
 president. \$
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9 \$The president went from ↵
 the portly looking ↵
 'controller' appearance of ↵
 always being formal, to a ↵
 more unkept look as finals ↵
 have approached. Stress ↵

has worn away his face,
bags under his eyes have
grown, and his face is
still well shaven. Hair is
a little less well groomed\$



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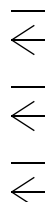
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\$The executive board still
sits in the front row,
with all common members
beneath (behind them)

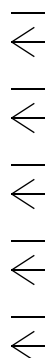


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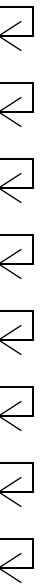
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Left -> Right
Youngish VP of[] with her
hair in a bun, wearing a
windbreaker, pony tail
girl to her right, glasses
and two (2) duffle bags,

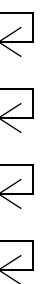


suggesting athletic
responsibilities as well,
Blonde director to her
right. She speaks, but I
don't remember much of he.
Male young male in hoodie
to her right, who is also
in genetics THEY SPEAK OF
GENETICS HOMEWORK!!! HAHAHA



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\$Last semester, everyone
used the exact same
genetics exam, Mark
changes the genetics exam,



TA's got informed and
everyone was mad at the
australian guy. (evidence
of old exam being shared))\$

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%Unknown blond director
admits she studies to the
exam, and did not learn to
her full potential.

31

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%To his right, Ashley
(portly, older Asian
woman, who mentioned some
time ago she WILL pursue a
postbac mentions that she
agrees to the earlier
comment of it being the
prof's fault.

33

34

` %Genetics prof's

excuse is that he just had
a baby.

35

\$Side tak of how hot
the profs are is the
main talk here now,
changed the subject of
cheating. (Have I been
ignored?))\$

36

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%%President must yell over
the beating drums.

41

42

%% Grey shirt, sweat stains.

43

44

%%FIRST WORDS: Get
summer shit done, you
turned 18 so a three
month summer break is

BAD!!!

45

46

%%Two membrs of
the months Yadira
Lopez-Ortiz ->
March's member of
the month get's a
gift card. (\$\$\$\$)

47

%Lanky, young hispanic
woman, no glaasses

48

\$Sits next to me,
wearing all black,
black eyelash make up,
less well kept make
up, white macbook air.\$

49

\$Nivia Aguilar\$

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51

%%Larger (tallwr and
wider woman, nice
lipstick, large frame
glasses, welkept hair

and very well kept
makeup.



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54

%Male in red hoody
exec reminds that
you MUST maintain
volunteer hours to
me kept and
maintained.



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57

%%Ashley reminds the crew
that



58

%%Friday May 3rd, 6 to
8 PM, crescent Arch
Room in half dome.



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%%Semi-formal, no tux.

63 \$April 24th in 11:59
PM \$

64
65 %%TIERS and RANKS for
members, make them FIGHT
for flair.

66
67 %% Male to my left in
sport (soccer) shirt, and
jeans.

68 %Most members are quiet.

69 %Male to my right
right, large beard,
middle eastern(?)
stock. Talked with
redhoodie exec male
about the situations
with the genetics
midterm.

70

71

72

%ELECTIONS NEXT
WEEK! Voting ONLY,
mak it to next
week's event!

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\$No shit every
position is
filled, there are
fuckk ton of
positons and every
member here is
thirsty for
leadership
sprinkles on their
motivating peopls
to replace the
current board.
Please be HERE the
entire time next

week.resume.\$

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79

\$Portly president
with flushed face
and freckles has
moved, animated
hand motions.\$



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\$Some programs
still open until
end of April, but
get in in noe.\$



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\$Professionalism
deadlines and How
it's done:



87

1 comma in the



wrong spot
spells death,
be nickpicky.
Everything
begins with an
application.

88

89

EVEN THIS CLUB
REQUIRED AN
APPLICATION!?

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%%Membership is a bit
lower today then when they
had the mega.

93

\$I yelled out PDFs are
good for formatting\$

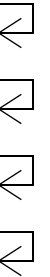
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%%President not
ammused that I
ignored the
expectation to

raise my hand :/

95

\$Nivia looked at me
with a smile, and told
me thanks and then
raised her hand to
respond.\$



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%%Professionalism Workshop

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\$Do NOT be lazy ->
do things on time,
and put in effort\$



107

\$Include resume
stuff relevant to



108	the assigned task.\$	
109	\$AMSA HAS A	↙
	GODDAMN	↙
	APPLICATION!???	
110	%%For gen membership:	
111	\$Tabling, giving	↙
	to the community,	↙
	advertisement for	↙
	the club? \$	
112	\$medical Experience\$	
113		
114	%%Bullet's work	↙
	better on a	↙
	resume, never paras.	
115	%%CV is different	↙
	between resume.	
116	%%Resume is 1 to 2	↙
	pages, but CV is	↙
	15 pages.	
117		

118

\$CV is a cirriculum
vitae, more detailed
and lists EVERY
goddamn research
experience and
publish. NO PAGE
MAXIMUM, meant for
academia.\$



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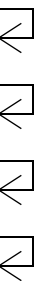
\$Address is needed,
for snail mail.\$



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124

%%Left most, hair bunch
exec is working on some
bio homework while the
president presents on
resumes



125

\$President is
super comfy in



	sweat pants and	↖
	t-shirt, but is	↖
	still super	↖
	serious in his	↖
	presentation.\$	
126		
127	\$Soft-skills are	↖
	sometimes good,	↖
	sometimes not good.\$	
128		
129	\$Pony-tail exec	↖
	named Grace,	↖
	argues any	↖
	management and	↖
	leadership is	↖
	good! \$	
130		
131		
132	%3.4 GPA for	↖
	journalism is	↖
	mocked by the group.	

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137

%Navia is now
supicious of
my wandering
eyes



138

139

\$Grace mentions to
do month and day
formatting to be
consistent, USE
FULL month name\$



140

141

142

%%Malika - chronological
first, or any importance
formatting.



143

144

%%FLAIR of words

145

146

%%Headshots not
recommended, but
can still hurt you.



147

148

%%Exec bonde female is doing
AMSA business, while red
hoodie male is doing some
ounknown writing asignment.



149

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150

%I agree with red
hoodie, remove any
headshots.



151

\$Whales wallpaper\$

152

153

%Follow the
recommended cover
letter length.%



154

\$Ashley is wearing
all blube denim
clothes, on her



backuook and
phone,
(facetimeing) with
some members of
the club outside
of the meeting.\$



155

156

%Grr, this is getting
good, but I need to go.%



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%%BE HUMBLE

163

\$Ask can the LOR give you
a strong letter of
recommendation.\$










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167	%Grrrr, I need to go,	↵
	but this is gold :/.%	
168	\$Gr, be a	↵
	sycophant, get in	↵
	good with profs	↵
	and go to Office	↵
	Hours.\$	
169		
170		
171	%Come next meeting	↵
	during election, get	↵
	ONE MORE interview.	
172		

1 %2019-04-24
2 %%Made it just before
elections began. 
3
4 %Board is sitting in the back?
5
6
7 %Giselle, hispanic, female, 
casual++ wear, but well kept 
hair. Great hand motions. Is 
open about need to emphasize 
scheduling.
8 \$Hail spreadhseeta\$
9 %She really appreciated the 
meidical school tour of davis.
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13 %The board is the dominant 
group asking que
14 stions.

15 %The board to non-board radio ↵
is about 40-60 right now.

16

17 \$SNACKS\$

18

19 \$She runing for Director of ↵
External Events\$

20

21

22 \$Measured stats: study hours, ↵
and measured community service ↵
Very number based, and stats ↵
come.\$

23 %%The portly president ↵
suggests everyone hold of o ↵
voting until the stats can ↵
PROVE the candidates commitment.

24

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28 %discretionary block
29 \$I've become moreparanoid
since last time, and am
blacking out my screen while
takingh notes, \$
30
31
32
33 %Ah, so candidates are not
allowed to vote, themselves.
They are made to go outside.
34
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36
37 %Director of Internal Events:
38
39 %Steven v. Barajas
40
41 %Mr. Stecven, dress shirt
+ tie, kept beard, but
messy hai. FIRST year

pre-med student.

42

43 %So young, Steven has to stand on his high school organizational expereince. ↵
↵

44 \$Holy shit, I'm ageist\$

45

46 \$Weaksauce clap\$

47

48

49 %HOW do we make our events attend events. ↵

50

51 %Hey, I want to ask Steven some questions ↵

52 \$Steven Universe look-alike, seems to have some hand gestures, ut keeps his ahdns behind his back has some fear of the audience. STANDS slightly ↵
↵

behind the table/podium,
so still afraid of this
small group.\$



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%Trivializes retreats, but
want to emphasize retreats
and social bonding.



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\$If steven loses, he might
make an EXCELLENT target to
interview, since he is a first
year.\$



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%Giselle , up the the bat
again. Mentions her previous
experience. Ah, my blind ass
didn't see, she is more
formal. What I thought as a
'shirt'; is actually a fancy
blouse.

68

%What are her ideas. Team up
with external events lead, and
what is her ideas: more
retreats, and coordinate
finance. Vague resoins to
where.

69

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71

\$How will you encourage
non-flakes: pause is weakness,
'make new initiaivte'.

72

73

74 \$''I'll get back to you on ↵
 that one, WEAK!\$

75

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77

78 \$"The current moderator is ↵
 fixing her hair, and Ashley ↵
 (medium frameasian lady, doing ↵
 postbac upon graduation is ↵
 reading the numierc scoreboard"\$

79

80 %%8 positions

81

82 \$Its funy, but cute thaand ↵
 maybe effective that they \$

83

84 %Cynthia: (can I interview ↵
 her, pls?)

85 %%We discussed the quality ↵
 of everyone's ballot photo.

86 %130A, 130C, 117

87

88

89 \$Director of Education\$

90

91 %Phalen Vang: Younger looking, ↵
smaller frame asian female, ↵
large glasses, great formal ↵
wear (my male centric view ?) ↵
and a good blance of hand ↵
motion and eye contact.

92 \$Still hides behind the ↵
podium :(\$

93 \$Focuses on her experience ↵
pf freshman in AMSA -> ↵
upper div\$

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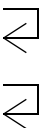
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98 %Study hours, how do you ↵
improve attendance? Build ↵

connections and make the space
more useful. Shre the
responsibility of running it.

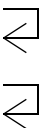


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\$The demographic of most
continuing members is uper
div, or near graduation. \$



102

%Can we get them young?

103

%Cynthia, plad business casual
dress, hairbun, nice earrings,
asks what can be done to
collaorate with other orgs.



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\$Weak response to
specifics, just that she
WANTS but doesn't know how
to do this.\$

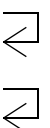


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%Yadira Lopz-Ortizs: Serm rhw
goid of darkness and health.



	Black, professional attire,	↵
	mixed with jetblack (natural?)	↵
	hair. All black, in all	↵
	things,	
108	%Almost goth, but no nail	↵
	polish Has what lloks like a	↵
	broken heart neck-locket.	↵
	(silver?)	
109	%Yadira will mandate ALL	↵
	members give AMSA their	↵
	schedule, to force shared	↵
	study groups.	
110	%Good points, but used	↵
	bllatant card with notes, and	↵
	weak hand motions. Strong	↵
	speech, weaker presentation.	
111	%Really good responses to	↵
	questions.	
112	\$How do you deal with	↵
	freshman's schedules?\$	
113	%%Will just deal with	↵

	freshman as the	↖
	unknown unknowns.	
114	%%Damn, should I have	↖
	asked about exam	↖
	sharing policy.	
115	\$Yadira had a weaker	↖
	presentation, but	↖
	DOMINATED with the	↖
	study+community	↖
	service hour metric.\$	
116	%Moderator gives time stamps,	↖
	wips her hair back and forth!	
117		
118	%%Eric [portly president, a	↖
	big man in all ways, towers	↖
	over me, and has a large belly	↖
	and arms thick with mass	↖
	(unknown muscle ratio).]	
119	\$My stealth missions have	↖
	shown how small his phone	↖
	and devices look in his	↖

hand. What does a scaplele ↵
in his hands look like?\$

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\$Director of Outreach\$

133

%%Older asian lady(alexis) ↵
mentioned.

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%Kirankumar: WOW, A CSE ↵
major. Wants to enlightene ↵
us with experiences. Thin, ↵

	lanky, young indian(?)	↖
	man. Formal wear, but	↖
	seems a little unsure of	↖
	himself	
136	%Names for outreach:	↖
	Harvet Recreational	↖
	Center, helping with a	↖
	daycare.	
137	\$He as unique, but not so	↖
	inspirational\$	
138		
139		
140	%Nivia, thick black frame	↖
	glasses, also weaking all	↖
	black, a more business	↖
	casual (no sleeves) wear.	↖
	Gving a presentation from	↖
	an 8.5x11 inch paper.	
141	%%Has a pipeline of	↖
	current and local	↖
	internships opportunitites	↖

	here in Merced.	
142	\$What other volunteer	↩
	opportunities do you seek?\$	
143	%%Acknowledges that not	↩
	everyone has transportation,	↩
	wants more opportunities on	↩
	campus to volunteer/work.	
144		
145	\$What is yur favorite	↩
	outreach event?\$	
146	%The one els hosted, working	↩
	and heloing the elderly. She	↩
	onyl had experience with	↩
	younger children before, so it	↩
	was helpful.	
147	\$Did someone just yell	↩
	ewwww? WTF.\$	
148	%Steven: again. Likes	↩
	volunteering, more hand	↩
	motion, but still hands	↩
	behind back show fear.	

149	\$A little more	↩
	handnmootions is getting	↩
	us there. When his hand	↩
	get free, they retreat to	↩
	his back just as fast.\$	
150		
151	%%Loves outreach, and	↩
	wants to cater the	↩
	opportunities to what the	↩
	feedback of the club	↩
	members (meet demand!)	
152		
153		
154	%%Pink shirt, lanky VP (who	↩
	was my in contact) asks what	↩
	we can do to engage.	
155	%%Tutor other college	↩
	students, which he loves	↩
	to do, but anything is	↩
	useful.	
156	%Readshit man upfront is	↩

interesting, asks what was his
favorite event.

157

158

%%Nivia dominates the
hours+, with Kiran coming
in at a close second.

159

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162

%%'Vice President' of Finance
\$0k, 1. the same 3 people
are running for 4
positions, and 2. every
position has 'VP' in it to
boost relative power on
resumes. This is a GODDMAN
treasurer\$

163

164

\$I should have mentioned
the hands shit to Steven,
I SHOULD have interfeered,
but I got his ##!\$

165

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167

%%Ok, so I went to the
restroom whe Kirankumr's
speech, my bad. Still, all
three had stimilar styles
of speech from before.



168

%Steven:

169

\$Please Steven, more
handmotion\$



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171

%GET THAT ASUCM money!!

172

%NO fundraising with
chipotle, but for sure
with Quickly (it worked
for frats).



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174

%Membership dues +
scholarship?



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176

%Dues right now are a good



price.

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179

%Peptalks and jokes

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\$VP of Communications\$

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%Sufuwra: Quite, great
scarf, semi-casual. Works
for PALS and has been
running the current
website for a different
orh and pals. Third year,
hyper competent HumanBio+
Psych double major. (HITS
THE MCAT HARD!)



184

%Will update things on
time, and will get
tjings out to memebrrs.
Get the message out
there.



185	%Divide and conuere the	↵
	responisbilites of VPMs	↵
	for the next board.	
186		
187	%87.5 community service	↵
	hours, excempt from study	↵
	hours	
188		
189	%%Girl to my top left, been on	↵
	her macbook, doing what looks	↵
	like biohomework. (Her sweater	↵
	reminds me of Chara[Undertale]).	
190		
191	%VP of Membership: Kyle	↵
	Rekedal (pink shirt, no tie,	↵
	business casual.	
192	%%Good motion, NOT hiding	↵
	behind the podium, good	↵
	eye contact, good hand	↵
	motion.	
193		

194	%%To established: clear	↩
	trouble with membership	↩
	retention: look now, 60+ for	↩
	Sarah's workshop, but now its	↩
	like 15 non-eboard.	
195		
196	%%There are 6 other pre-health	↩
	orgs, we MUST make ourselves	↩
	unique!	
197	\$THIS IS THE REAL VP, goddman!\$	
198		

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