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Dear graduating class,

Thanks to everyone who sent me information about their interview offers etc. Here's a quick summary.

Most of you are looking good (!) with more than 10 interview offers – some of you have way more than 10 and will be thinking about which ones to cancel. In typical years, most people do 10-12 interviews total. Some of you may do more this year, because things are changing..... however, many of you will be cancelling interviews, especially later in the season, so those of you who may not have as many as you would like may pick up some in late December and January.

General surgery and emergency medicine, as predicted, appear to be more competitive than in previous years, with fewer offers to those applying and some programs that have offered interviews to similar students in the past not coming through with offers this year.

Both coasts are, as in the past, more challenging to get interviews for most specialties.

The subspecialty surgery programs (ortho, plastic, ENT) and dermatology are, as always, late with their offers of interviews, with many only releasing slots last week.

IF YOU HAVE FEWER INTERVIEW OFFERS THAN YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH, PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH EITHER ME OR DR GAY, SO WE CAN ASSIST YOU IN THINKING ABOUT YOUR STRATEGY. Some of you are already contacting programs and expressing interest and that's a good strategy. It isn't too late to think about applying for a back up specialty (although the only realistic back up is probably Family Medicine), or putting a preliminary surgery program on your main rank order list. Avoid SOAP if you can; it will be even more competitive than last year.

All the best – you're a great class and will do great.

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