Under the guidance of Mariann Manno, MD, Associate Dean for Admissions, the Admissions Committee selected 162 students for matriculation into the first year class of the School of Medicine. This represents an increase of 12 over last year’s class. The first cohort of 22 students was selected for the inaugural Population based Urban and Rural Community Health Track (PURCH) at the UMMS-Baystate satellite campus in Springfield. Our class was chosen from 3,614 applications.

Class Composition:
- MD-MA: 127
- MD-Non MA: 29
- MD/PhD-MA: 4
- MD/PhD-Non MA: 2

Total Matriculates: 162
Average GPA: 3.73
Average MCAT: 88th percentile

More About the Class:
- PURCH Students: 22
- Graduates of UMASS system: 24
- Students from groups under-represented in medicine: 17
- First generation college: 26
- Average age: 24
- Gender mix: 92F 70M
First year students hosted 120 accepted applicants at 2nd Look Day on 4/7/17

First year students on the planning committee worked hard to plan the day’s events.

120 guests check in and meet students

Our students are talented in academics, research, receiving awards and recognitions leading to leadership and service roles. They have many interests, hobbies and artistic endeavors and we are proud of their accomplishments.

• **Publications / Presentations**
  Conference poster presentation and guest lecturer, National Institute for Neurological Disorders, MD
  The Role of SIRT1 during Sepsis-Pennsylvania Committee on Trauma

• **Research**
  Metabolism research Q Lab-Cornell University-Division of Nutritional Science
  Alcohol Addiction Research-UMASS Amherst

• **Community Service / Volunteerism**
  First Aid Services Member/American Red Cross/Ann Arbor, MI
  Assistant Director, Worcester Division of Public Health
  Nurse Cuddler, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, IN
  Harvard College Alzheimer’s Buddies, Roslindale, MA
  PCTZ Health Committee/PEACE Corp.
  Medical Brigade to Honduras
  Big Brother/Sisters Volunteer
  Veteran’s Affairs Hospital Volunteer, Brockton, MA
  Patient Escort Volunteer, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
  HIV/AIDS Health Care Program, Child Family Health International,
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Honors/Awards/Recognitions
- Golden Key International Honour Society
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award
- Departmental Honors-Most Distinguished Thesis
- Johns Hopkins Undergraduate Public Health Studies
- Best Poster in Session/Dana Farber-Harvard Cancer Center

Hobbies/Artistic Endeavors
- Sirens A Capella Music Director
- Classical Pianist
- Harvard Pops Orchestra
- London School of Economics Dance Group
- Wheaton College Fencing Club
- University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching

Paul Charles, BA, Project Coordinator of the Baccalaureate MD Program (center) with Kevin White, Jr (left) 2017 graduate of UMASS Amherst and Monica Tawadros (right) 2017 graduate of UMASS Lowell. Kevin and Monica have completed the BaccMD program and were accepted to the UMMS first year class. Kevin will matriculate into the PURCH track based at the UMMS-Baystate satellite campus.
UMMS Welcomes Brightwood House and the Class of 2021!