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Dear Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2013:

Our names are Shannon Llera and Erin Wolfson, and we are members of the DDS Class of 2012. It is our pleasure to welcome you to the University of Maryland, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery! Much time and effort has already gone into planning and organizing programs and events to ensure your smooth transition to dental school. In fact, the members of the Class of 2012 have been hard at work preparing this year's **Big Brother/Big Sister Program**.

The Big Brother/Big Sister Program matches each member of your class with a member of the Class of 2012 who will serve as a guide through your years at the dental school. The purpose of this program is to provide each of you with a resource for information you may need during your journey through dental school including, for example, appropriate dress code, how to best approach studying for certain classes and exams or, even more important at times, the best places in Baltimore to relax and have fun after a long day of class! Also, when the time comes for you to be in clinic, your big brother or big sister will be able to help you learn your way around.

Adjusting to a new city and new school can be challenging, and it is extremely helpful to know someone who has successfully made the same adjustments you will soon be making. Your first year of dental school will certainly be challenging but much easier with help from your big brother or sister. Please contact us at: [BBBS@umaryland.edu](mailto:BBBS@umaryland.edu) if you would like your Big Brother/Big Sister's email address before school begins. If not, once school begins you will be getting the list of who your "**Big**" is. Our class is very excited to meet each of you and assist you throughout your time at the University of Maryland. I personally look forward to meeting all of you and wish you all the best during dental school!

Sincerely,

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