New colleagues,

On behalf of the Student Bar Association (SBA) and the entire student body, we are thrilled to officially welcome you to Northwestern Pritzker School of Law!

One year ago, we were exactly where you are today. We were excited to be coming to law school, to start our journey, to meet new people, and to have the chance to study at one of the nation’s top universities. We were also nervous, questioning if we would be able to thrive, make friends, and actually make it through the three years of law school ahead of us. We write to you today to assure you that you can do it.

Law school will require hard work and dedication, but you are coming to a supportive, warm, and diverse community. You will soon find that you have some of the most supportive people as your classmates, and that being around them will bring out the very best in you. Here at Northwestern, we are a family. No matter how hard this journey is, or what struggles you face, never lose sight of that, and know that you are not alone.

The SBA is dedicated to supporting you and enriching your law school experience. We are fully committed to you, and as leaders of the student body, we will make strategic decisions for the student body in line with our mission statement: to work relentlessly to give Northwestern Pritzker law students the most satisfying academic and professional experience; to connect students and use those connections to make a meaningful difference in our community; and to work creatively in pursuit of a shared success that benefits our peers and student organizations.

We encourage you to engage in activities outside of the classroom, from volunteering opportunities to involvement with SBA committees and student organizations. Take advantage of the various activities on campus, including lunch panels, networking events, or social events - these experiences are the beginning of your lifelong connections with your fellow students, professors, alumni, and other legal professionals.

We wish you the best as you prepare for your journey at Northwestern. At orientation, you will meet many new people, learn how to brief a case, and experience your first law school class. If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed, remember that SBA and the rest of the student body is here to help create the most satisfying and memorable legal education. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our team at any time throughout the year.
Along the way, be open to new experiences and people, pursue your goals, and have fun. We are excited for next year, and we hope you are too.

See you soon!

Warm regards,
Melissa Moreno, Tim Varney, Elyssa Westby, and Rachel Muscat

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