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Subject: Halloween Dance

Dear Students of the Larner College of Medicine,

I am writing to you all in the midst of one of the loveliest season here in Vermont. The leaves are changing, and the chaos of the start of the year is beginning to settle. With this time of year comes one of the Larner College of Medicine's annual celebrations, the Halloween Dance. Historically, this celebration has been both well attended and well enjoyed, with memorable costumes and fun had by all.

It is thus with a sense of sadness and concern that I share information that was recently brought to my attention, namely of student misconduct at the Halloween Dance in recent years. The misconduct was shared with Student Council by the administrators at ArtsRiot, the venue which has, for the last two years, hosted the Halloween Dance and who will host the dance again this year. Per the managers, both years during which the Larner College of Medicine has hosted the Halloween Dance at ArtsRiot, security personnel on site have been required to enlist law enforcement in response to student misbehavior, particularly students who were intoxicated or aggressive towards staff.

I wish to make myself entirely clear: conduct of this sort is unacceptable. Actions such as these fail to uphold the standards of professionalism expected of members of the Larner College of Medicine, and interactions with law enforcement are taken very seriously. This year, Student Council strongly encourages all who attend the dance to drink responsibly and to conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the profession you have chosen. Moreover, we hope that our conduct this year will not prevent future classes from enjoying this historically joyful celebration. We, your Student Council, are here to support all of you and in turn encourage you to support one another in being the best representation of the Larner College of Medicine in all of your actions.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any concerns or questions. We look forward to celebrating with you at the dance!

Sincerely,

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