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Dear VTC Class of 2020,

I write to add my voice to the chorus of congratulations at this special time in your life! I've had the opportunity to meet many of you and have followed your medical school progress since your arrival 4 years ago with great enthusiasm and interest.

This is indeed the "best of times and worst of times". Never have the times been more challenging for the medical profession than now as we battle COVID19. Yet never has there been a better opportunity for health care providers to make a difference.

Each of you can make a difference! That is the wonderful thing about healthcare. And should you find yourselves working with patients at UNC I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and assist with furthering your career in any way possible.

All best wishes as you begin your Residencies and embark upon your careers in Medicine!

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