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Dear Students,

In light of this morning's announcement from Dean Page, I wanted to take a moment to send a separate message to let you, the students, know that I remain dedicated to you and your medical education. Please know that during this transition, I will make the medical student experience a priority. I have agreed to serve in the role as Interim Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education because I believe in our amazing students, faculty and staff, our medical education vision and our institution.

I want to assure you the Office of Medical Student Education and the Office of the Dean are working closely to ensure ongoing support to our students, faculty, and staff during this time. This is especially important as our class of 2022 students begin their second semester in medical school, the class of 2021 students prepare for their Step 1 exam, the class of 2020 students begin the residency planning and application process, and the class of 2019 submits their residency rank order lists.

I came to the Office of Medical Student Education because of my love of teaching and working with medical students and the love and dedication will continue into my new role. You are at the heart of the LCOM community and the reason I am here. I anticipate there will be mixed emotions and challenges ahead during the transition; I encourage and welcome your feedback. I look forward to continuing to work with you to build upon Dean Jeffries' goals for medical education, to support Dean Page's vision for the College, and to foster a community that encourages respect and promotes professionalism from all its members.

Please do not hesitate to continue to reach out to me, Dr. Lee Rosen, or Dr. Nathalie Feldman if you have any questions or would like to discuss this leadership transition. There is a great future ahead for our Larner College of Medicine, and I am honored to serve as your interim Senior Associate Dean in this journey.

Kind regards,  
Dr. Christa Zehle

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