SOM Class of 2016:

Greetings from the Office of Educational Computing ("EdCom") and welcome to the UCSD School of Medicine. We look forward to meeting you during O-Week and getting to know you over the next four years. Because computing and communication resources are an essential part of the curriculum, EdCom will be working with you over the next month to ensure you have all the accounts and tools necessary to begin school. Please pay careful attention to the next several emails from EdCom and follow the directions carefully. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us via email at somedcom@ucsd.edu. We are here to help you.

1. **Establish Your UCSD Electronic Identity.**
   
   You should have already completed the steps necessary to establish your UCSD electronic identity. If not, please follow the steps on this website: [https://meded.ucsd.edu/index.cfm/asa/orientation/signon_and_login_information/](https://meded.ucsd.edu/index.cfm/asa/orientation/signon_and_login_information/)

2. **Make Sure Your UCSD Email is Working and Check it on a Regular Basis for Messages from UCSD School of Medicine.**
   
   Please go to the UCSD WebMail program either directly [ via this link (http://mail.ucsd.edu/) ] or from the SOM Web Portal home page [ https://meded-portal.ucsd.edu – in the blue column ]. From either of these sites, login using your campus username and password.

   Please check your UCSD email and this Orientation forum frequently, as all future Orientation messages will be sent ONLY to your UCSD address.

3. **Your Laptop/Tablet Computer Is Needed For Orientation.**
   
   The Class of 2016 Educational Computing Orientation will be held on the Wednesday afternoon of O-Week. During the session, EdCom will assist you in verifying your computer accounts and configuring your laptop/tablet computer for UCSD WiFi, email, and remote access to Library resources. We will also ensure that your laptop/tablet computer meets the minimum network configuration standards by providing (and helping you install) free anti-virus and anti-spyware/adware software. By the time you complete the orientation, you and your laptop/tablet computer will be ready for any computer-based activities that you will encounter.
Remember, to take full advantage of this session, it is essential that you come to the Educational Computing Orientation with your wireless laptop/tablet computer including a CD drive and power adaptor.

Please keep checking the Orientation website for messages from us concerning your computer accounts from now until O-week begins.

Best regards,

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