

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS  
OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

August 19, 1998

Jojo Chokalingam  
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Dear Mr. Chokalingam:

As you prepare applications for medical school, I suggest that you consider Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Columbia offers one of the nation's leading academic medical centers with devoted, legendary teaching, extraordinary research facilities, and a medical center that provides an exceptional scope and intensity of patient care, from primary care through highly specialized care. Columbia's medical school is also noted for the diversity of its faculty and for nurturing its students.

A descriptive brochure and application are enclosed. If you have not yet considered Columbia, I hope you will give us an opportunity to review your application. Please feel free to call (212-305-4158), write, or e-mail (mjh56@columbia.edu) for additional information.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Thomson, M.D.  
Lambert & Sonneborn Professor of Medicine  
Senior Associate Dean

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
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ADMISSIONS OFFICE

October 22, 1998

Mr. Jojo Chokalingam  


Dear Mr. Chokalingam:

I am pleased to inform you that our Committee on Admissions has requested an interview with you in connection with your application to P&S. We have made an appointment for an interview here on:

Thursday, December 3, 1998 at 10:30 A.M.

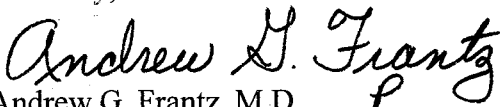
On the day of your interview, we hope that it will be possible for you to be with us during the time period of 11:45 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. (approximately) for the purposes of participating in a tour of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, led by one of our students, and of being our guest for a luncheon at our student residence, Bard Hall.

Please indicate to our Admissions Office, by either letter or telephone (212-305-3595), whether you will be able to be present for the interview described above. If the time of the interview presents a problem for you, let us know and we will try to change it.

The Admissions Office is located on the ground floor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons building, on the right hand side shortly after you come in the door. The entrance is at 630 West 168th Street. This is about 100 feet further west along the block from the Presbyterian Hospital entrance (at 622 West 168th Street), which has a shallow semicircular driveway.

After your interview here, if you still have unanswered questions about P&S, please write to me directly; I will answer your questions as fully and promptly as possible. We look forward to a personal meeting with you and to having you as our guest.

Sincerely,

  
Andrew G. Frantz, M.D.  
Chairman, Committee on Admissions

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**BLACK AND LATIN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION**

September, 1998

Dear P&S Applicant,

Congratulations on being invited to interview at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons! The members of the Black and Latin Student Organization (BALS) wish to make your visit with us as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. We invite you to stay with a minority medical student overnight during your interview trip. This offer not only allows you to get a personal perspective of P&S, it also gives you free accommodations in the otherwise expensive city of New York! Even if you are a native of New York City or the Tri-state metropolitan area, we encourage you to visit with a BALS student.

If you decide to stay overnight with one of our students, please feel free to call or email Ms. Mary Pisculli at (212) 543-4163 [mlp36@columbia.edu](mailto:mlp36@columbia.edu), or Ms Sylvia Gonzalez at (212) 927-3405, [sg416@columbia.edu](mailto:sg416@columbia.edu). They have a list of volunteers who will be happy to house you. For any additional questions or inquiries please call or email Emiliano Chavira at (212) 304-5631, [erc17@columbia.edu](mailto:erc17@columbia.edu) or Dr. Gerald Thomson, Associate Dean for Minority Affairs at (212) 305-4158, [get1@comubia.edu](mailto:get1@comubia.edu). Dr. Gerald Thomson is available between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Once again, congratulations on your P&S interview and best of luck with the application process.

Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emiliano R. Chavira". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Emiliano R. Chavira  
President, BALS  
P&S Class of 2001

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Jojo Chokalingam  


December 7, 1998

J. Lefkowitz, M.D.  
College of Physicians and Surgeons  
630 West 168th Street, Room 1-416  
New York, NY 10032

Dear J. Lefkowitz,

Thank you for spending the time to meet with me this past Thursday. I very much enjoyed my interview and tour at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. I was pleased to find that P & S is a very diverse, exciting and refreshing place. Our meeting, my first medical school interview was pleasantly conversational and informal.

I learned a lot about P & S during the course of the day. In particular, I was very pleased to learn that there is a M.D./M.B.A. Joint Degree Program at the school which was not mentioned in the literature I received from P & S. I apologize for not expressing more interest in this program during my meeting with you, but I had only learned about it minutes before from Dr. Michael Harris. After some reflection, I have decided I would like to participate in the M.D./M.B.A. Joint Degree program if I am admitted to Columbia. A joint degree in medicine and business would give me the opportunity to combine my interest in biology and medical science with my work experience and undergraduate studies in business and economics.

It might interest you to learn that after our meeting, I mentioned to one of the medical students I met that you had interviewed me. She spoke extremely highly of you.

Thank you for everything. Needless to say, I am very interested in attending Columbia Medical School.

Sincerely,

Jojo Chokalingam

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
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ADMISSIONS OFFICE

February 1, 1999

Mr. Jojo Chokalingam  


Dear Mr. Chokalingam:


The Committee on Admissions and I regret to inform you that we will not be able to act favorably on your application for admission to our next entering class.

It is probable that we will have to send more than four thousand letters of this type; unfortunately, such a volume precludes a description of the reasons for our decision on each application. And if we could tell you, in a number of cases it would be impossible for us to do so because the decisions have, wholly or in part, been based on information given to us in confidence or on the subjective judgments of Committee members.

This letter most emphatically does not mean that the Committee regards you as unsuited to the practice of medicine or even that it feels you could not meet the demands of our curriculum. It is the result primarily of having thousands of well qualified applicants and only 148 places in our next entering class.

I hope that you have gained admission to another medical school. The Committee joins me in wishing you well in your future medical career.

Sincerely,

  
Andrew G. Frantz, M.D.  
Chairman, Committee on Admissions

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AHIS	Art History	CLCV	Classical Civilization	INAF	International Affairs	PHYS	Physic
AMHS	American History	CMBI	Cellular, Molecular Biology	INEN	Industrial Engineering	PHYT	Physical Therapy
AMST	American Studies	CMBS	Cellular, Molecular, Biophy	INTC	Interdisciplinary Correlations	POLI	Polish
ANAT	Anatomy	COMS	Computing Science	JOUR	Journalism	POLS	Political Science
ANTH	Anthropology	CPLT	Comparative Lit-Italian	JWST	Jewish Studies	PRMD	Pre Med
ARCH	Architecture	CPSY	Computing Systems	LANG	Languages	PS	Psychiatry
ARCH	Archeology	DNCE	Dance	LATN	Latin	PSLG	Physiology
ARHU	Arts Humanities	EAST	East Asian Studies	LING	Linguistics	PSYBIO	Psychobiology
ARTS	Arts	ECON	Economics	LITR	Literature	PSYC	Psychology
ASST	Asians Studies	EDUC	Education	MATH	Mathematics	PUBH	Public Health
ASTR	Astronomy	ELEN	Electrical Engineering	MECE	Mechanical Engineering	RADI	Radiology
BCHM	Biochemistry	ENGI	Engineering	MEDI	Medicine	RELI	Religion
BEEM	Bioengineering Mech	ENGL	English	MICR	Microbiology	RUSS	Russian
BHSC	Behavior Science	ENMASC	Materials Science	MNEN	Mineral Engineering	SCNC	Science
BIBH	Biological Basis For Behavior	ENME	Engineering Mechanics	MRKT	Marketing	SCST	Social Studies
BICH	Bichem, Molecular, Biophysics	EUST	European Studies	MUSI	Music	SOCI	Sociology
BIET	Bio Ethics	EVSC	Environmental Science	MVSC	Movement Scien & Educa	SOCW	Social Work
BIME	Biomedical Engineering	FIAR	Film	NATS	Natural Science	SCSC	Social Science
BIOC	Biology-Chemistry	FREN	French	NBIO	Neurobiology	SOSC	Sociomedical Science
BIOE	Bioengineering	GEND	Genetics & Develop	NEUR	Neurology	SPAD	Speech Pathology
BIOL	Biology	GEOG	Geography	NROS	Neuro Science	SPAN	Spanish
BIOP	Biophysics	GERL	German Language	NRSC	Neural Science	SPCH	Speech
BIOS	Biological Science	GEST	General Studies	NURS	Nursing	STAT	Statistics
BMSC	Biomedical Science	GOVT	Government	NUTR	Nutrition	THEA	Theatre Arts
BUSI	Business	HEED	Health & Education	OCCT	Occupational Therapy	THTR	Theatre
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**Total Cost: US \$182.00**

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