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**START OF A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR**

We can all think back to the start of an academic year in our experiences. This week is the starting point for our incoming first- year MHSA Class of 2021 as these students have Orientation on Thursday and Friday, August 16-17, 2018. Classes begin next week for them as well as for our second-year Class of 2020 MHSA students. Our third year Class of 2019 students has been busy about their residencies since early summer. For orientation, which is an annual event for the first-year students, details were handled by our admissions coordinator **Amy Hellkamp** with preparation assistance from our department administrative assistant **Tina Farrell** for that event on Thursday.

I personally find it helpful to have a sense of the larger picture. What is the prize? Our students are no different, as they are eager to start mastering a body of knowledge and parlay that into a job. In my own thinking about what our first-year students might have on their minds, we developed this "Steps to Success" ladder chart showing the overall plan for the next three years (and beyond):

12. Career Fulfillment: Jesuit service tradition;  
Alumni; giving back; precepting
11. First healthcare job or job promotion
10. XU Graduation (FT); Summer Courses (PT) & Grad.
9. Spring III Residency (Practicum and Masters Project II –  
Submission)
8. Fall III Residency Courses (FT); Fall III Courses (PT)
7. Summer II Residency (FT); Summer II Courses (PT)
6. Spring II Courses
5. Fall II Courses
4. Summer Experience/Internship (FT); Summer I Courses (PT)
3. Spring I Courses
2. Fall I Courses
1. Health Services Administration Career Decision at XU

Our new MHSA Class of 2021 students is already on the second step. If we believe the adage, "Well begun is half done," then these students are on their way to healthcare profession excellence following in the footsteps of our exemplary program Alumni and benefiting from working with our outstanding faculty.

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