Dear Einstein Community:

With Rosh Hashanah celebrations beginning this evening, marking the start of the Jewish calendar, I would like to wish everyone Shanah Tovah—a happy New Year. This year has been truly extraordinary in a number of ways, and I know we all hope for the coming year to bring us some much-needed joy and light.

As Rosh Hashanah marks the start of the Jewish High Holy Days, culminating in Yom Kippur, we are also entering a time of reflection and forgiveness. It is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and consider what we’d like to improve in ourselves.

Regardless of our personal faith or beliefs, these holidays offer a welcome reminder that we have a responsibility to our community to engage in a sincere manner, respecting the humanity of everyone, and to always consider how our actions, even those that are unintentional, can impact others—and to try to make it right.

This is as true in our professional lives as it is in our personal ones, and I am proud that our Einstein community is committed to this goal while acknowledging we can always do better. As our namesake famously said, “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”

So again, I wish those who are marking these holidays a happy New Year, and I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy some time with family and friends this weekend.

Sincerely,
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