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Dear Montefiore-Einstein Community:

This week marks a historic milestone for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. We received the exciting news that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the organization of our peers that performs accreditation of universities and colleges, voted to grant Einstein full independent accreditation for all its doctoral, masters, and certificate programs.

The College of Medicine's independent accreditation completes its transformation to a fully independent academic entity, allowing us to expand and enhance all of our joint efforts. Further, it will enhance Einstein's already outstanding academic reputation, which has been a hallmark of the institution since it opened its doors more than six decades ago.

As a federally recognized, distinct academic institution with all the associated benefits, the College of Medicine will have greater access to student loans, eligibility for federal programs restricted to educational institutions, and the ability to operate using an ".edu" web address.

This remarkable accomplishment represents the fulfillment of our shared vision of an integrated world class academic health system. Montefiore's deep commitment to delivering the highest quality healthcare is further strengthened by Einstein's research discoveries and educational quality.

This is indeed a transformational moment and the culmination of a tremendous amount of work by many people over six years. It is a clear endorsement of the quality of our entire academic enterprise and all who work here. A team of some 150 students, faculty, and administrators were involved in the two-stage Middle States application process. It was led by Edward Burns, MD, executive dean at Einstein, along with his two partners, Penny Steiner-Grossman, EdD, associate professor of family and social medicine and former assistant dean of medical education, and Ariel Fishman, PhD, senior director of institutional research, assessment, and reporting.

A dedicated and diverse team contributed to the initial application and the required in-depth study that followed. After a final site visit from seven peer evaluators in March of 2021, which included meetings with students, faculty, and professional staff, as well as with both of us, the Middle States commission met this week and voted to bestow full accreditation on Einstein.

We want to thank the Montefiore-Einstein family for your contributions to this achievement. And we want to thank the members of our Boards of Trustees for supporting Montefiore and Einstein with their philanthropy, their ideas and their time.

Let us all applaud this monumental achievement and all who made it possible.

Sincerely,



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