



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN



Dear Einstein Community:

I am enormously pleased to share with you that I have named Yoon Kang, M.D., the inaugural vice dean for education at Einstein, following a national search. She is currently the senior associate dean for education at Weill Cornell Medicine, where she has overseen all undergraduate medical education programs and offices, the office of continuing medical education, and recently the physician assistant program. Dr. Kang, who will also serve as the inaugural Ruth L. Gottesman Chair in Education, joins us on July 22.



In her new position at Einstein, Dr. Kang will oversee all education programs and associated offices, including the office of medical education, the office of admissions, the office of student affairs, the graduate programs in biomedical sciences, and the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP). She will work closely with our institutional and education leaders to implement the strategic plan for education we are developing.

As a leader, Dr. Kang emphasizes a data-driven approach to strategic planning. At Weill Cornell, she launched a quality improvement initiative and office and strengthened outcomes databases in medical education. She advanced partnerships and improved infrastructure in order to increase operational efficiency across offices, address accreditation needs, and allow for targeted institutional growth in the education mission. Her major areas of focus have been structuring opportunities for scholarship and innovation for students and faculty, diversifying student curricular offerings, and enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion, with a particular interest in student financial well-being.

As an educator, Dr. Kang has taught thousands of students and received numerous

teaching awards from the student body. She has also mentored and advised nearly one hundred medical students, graduate students, trainees, staff, and faculty. She was selected as a class of 2020 fellow of the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for women leaders, has served on National Board of Medical Examiners committees, and chaired the technology task force for the AAMC's clinical skills assessment initiative.

Dr. Kang joined Weill Cornell Medicine in 2004 and became the founding director of its clinical skills center, launching the medical school's simulation education program for both medical and physician assistant students. In 2015 she was named the inaugural assistant dean for clinical curriculum and served in advancing central leadership roles before being named the senior associate dean of education in 2019.

Dr. Kang holds a B.S. in economics, with a concentration in finance, from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency and chief residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Kang to Einstein.

Warm Regards,

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