

Dear Einstein Community:

The start of the academic year is always an exciting time, as our new medical and graduate students join us on campus and take the first steps on their chosen career paths.

Our incoming students have some special reasons to celebrate this year. Most importantly, the M.D. class of 2028 will be the first to have all four years of their tuition covered by the David S. and Ruth L. Gottesman Scholarship, made possible by the extraordinary generosity of Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Ruth Gottesman. Needless to say, this transformational gift will have a lasting impact on their lives and careers.

In addition, our incoming M.D. and M.D./Ph.D. students will help us launch our Learning Communities this year. Each will join one of four "houses," through which they will receive faculty and peer support, training, and mentorship, ensuring they have an academic home base within our wider community.

Both of these "firsts" highlight Einstein priorities: a commitment to educational innovation, making medical school more accessible and diverse, and building a supportive and inclusive community.

To all our new students, I welcome you to campus and look forward to greeting you in person this week. In addition, I encourage you sign up for a <u>Dean's Office Hours session</u>, when we can have a one-one discussion about your concerns, career path, and other relevant topics.

And to the rest of the Einstein community, please join me in celebrating the start of another successful academic year.

Warm Regards,



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