



Montefiore

From the OFFICE OF THE DEAN



Dear Einstein Community:

This year Labor Day aligns with Rosh Hashanah on the calendar to offer an extended long weekend for us to enjoy the lingering days of summer. With early dismissal on Friday, I hope you'll make the most of your time. And, for those observing the holy days, I wish you peace as you reflect on the past year, which once again offered challenges as well as promise amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Celebrating Labor Day

While I've previously touched on the importance of Rosh Hashanah marking the start of the Jewish calendar, I haven't noted the significance of Labor Day, which in these difficult times is as important as ever. The holiday was established during the last century to pay tribute to American workers for their many contributions and achievements and to honor the individuals who fought tirelessly for workers' rights.

This past year, your perseverance and dedication are certainly worthy of acknowledgment and celebration. It was highlighted recently by our selection, once again, as a "[Best-in-State](#)" employer by Forbes, an honor that directly reflects the community you help build and sustain at Einstein. While we've held a series of appreciation events, it can't be said enough: Thank *you* for all your hard work and your ongoing efforts to keep our campus community healthy and safe, creating a welcoming work and learning environment, and your commitment to excellence.

A Time of Reflection

On September 16 we observe Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, which offers time for reflection and forgiveness. Whether considering actions taken or missed opportunities, we each can identify things we're proud we've done and things we'd like to do better. We can celebrate our accomplishments and set goals for the coming year. In doing so, let's remember that we each have

a responsibility to our community to engage in a sincere manner, respecting the humanity of all, and to be mindful of how our actions, even those that are unintentional, can affect 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.”

Enjoy your Holiday

To those who are marking these holy days, I wish you Shana Tovah, a happy new year; may it be sweet and full of promise. And to everyone, may the long weekend offer opportunities to enjoy time with family, friends, and rewarding endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tomaselli', with a stylized, flowing script.

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