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*From the* OFFICE OF THE DEAN



**Dear Einstein Community:**

Two years ago, we had only begun to hear about an emerging virus called SARS-CoV-2. In the ensuing weeks and months, we learned more about COVID-19 and soon became the epicenter of a worldwide public health crisis that endures today.

Through it all, those on the frontline—at our hospitals, among our police, fire, and paramedic forces, and at the operational level at Einstein—braved the unknown and put themselves and their loved ones at risk to help our communities and our institution stay safe and operational. These are individuals who have been selfless, day in and day out. They all deserve our respect, admiration, and gratitude.

If you see a member of our essential staff—whether healthcare providers, facilities or housekeeping staff, security officers, food services staff, and others behind the scenes who have made sure all has run smoothly—take a moment to say “thank you.” Also, accept a “thank you” from me for persevering through this unprecedented time.

I have often said that we are in this together and your actions and efforts have demonstrated Einstein’s heart through often-changing challenges and uncertainty. It’s an apt time to reflect on all you have done and learned, and to take pride in how you’ve contributed to the greater good for our campus, local communities, and the global effort to fight this devastating disease.

**Sincerely,**

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

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