



Montefiore

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Dear Einstein Community:

Einstein's founding mandate has been to combine the pursuit of scientific excellence with a social mission to improve human health through engagement locally, nationally, and globally. In line with this, the M.D. program has implemented a new, required Service-Learning course, which is led by inaugural directors [Cara Stephenson-Hunter, Ph.D.](#), assistant professor of family and social medicine, and [Lauren Roth, M.D.'16](#), assistant professor of pediatrics.

This innovative program has been created with Einstein's educational objectives for students at its core and is aimed at nurturing the skills our students need for their roles as future physicians, physician-scientists, and leaders. Through the course, students will explore areas of potential career interest through a service lens by pairing active community involvement with critical reflection and a dedicated curriculum imparting the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for successful engagement.

It is essential that students undertake activities that meet the community's identified needs. With that in mind, they will have opportunities to participate in service to the Einstein community, our affiliated healthcare systems, including but not limited to Montefiore and Jacobi, as well as our diverse communities in the Bronx and elsewhere.

We're confident that under the leadership of Drs. Stephenson-Hunter and Roth, our students will gain meaningful experience and insights into the role that service can play in expanding their overall knowledge and skills as caregivers who consider all factors that can affect a patient's well-being and care. Dr. Stephenson-Hunter's area of research is on poverty and racial and ethnic minority status on perceptions of control, powerlessness, and motivation, as well as how they contribute to or serve as psychosocial determinants of health. In addition to

general pediatrics, Dr. Roth's clinical and research efforts focus on LGBTQ+ health and gender-affirming care.

Please join us in welcoming Drs. Stephenson-Hunter and Roth to these new roles and supporting their success in whatever ways you can.

Sincerely,

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

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