

**Dear Einstein Community:**

As we move into summer and make our preparations for the arrival of our newest students, I want to reflect briefly on the eventful period we've had since graduation.

First and foremost, we have last week's disturbing Supreme Court decisions, which I wrote to the Einstein community about late on Friday evening. For those of you who have not yet read the message, [it can be found here](#).

In terms of events that have happened on our campus since commencement, I would like to point out the following:

- The [official launch of our Psychiatric Research Institute at Montefiore Einstein](#) (PRIME) on May 26, which featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, keynote speakers, and a poster session highlighting basic, translational, or clinical research relevant to mental and behavioral health.
- A memorial symposium held on June 2, to honor the legacy of Dr. Paul Frenette, who we lost far too soon last year, at age 56. A story about the all-day event that celebrated Paul's influence in the field of stem cell research, both as an investigator and mentor, will appear on our website homepage soon.
- The inaugural [Therapeutics Venture and Pitch Competition](#), held on June 7 and hosted by our office of biotechnology and business development. Congratulations to [Evriz Gavathiotis, Ph.D.](#), whose team secured first place., and [Kira Gritsman, M.D., Ph.D.](#), and [David Shechter, Ph.D.](#), who took second place, and everyone else who participated.

- Our [fourth Presidential Lecture](#), on June 16, featuring presentations by Uli Steidl, M.D., Ph.D., and Amit Verma, M.B.B.S., two faculty members who together represent outstanding examples of the full spectrum of research at Einstein and Montefiore, highlighting its excellence.
- Our [Juneteenth Lecture](#), on June 17, where Drusilla Konzonzi offered a riveting history of the celebration and its relevance today as we continue to battle inequities and racism in our nation.

We also have two events this week—one academic and the other for our campus community:

- On Tuesday, June 28, former graduate students and postdocs of Robert Singer, Ph.D., are hosting an all-day symposium to celebrate his contributions as their mentor and a pioneer in the field of mRNA research.
- On Wednesday, June 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we return to an in-person Einstein Appreciation Day for the first time in three years. Please join us in the Central Courtyard for food, games, and raffles.

Many of these events have been or will be featured in Einstein and Montefiore's new, unified digital publication, [Montefiore Einstein Update](#). Publishing every other week, this combined e-newsletter shares highlights from the communications departments at Einstein and Montefiore. On our campus, it replaces *Einstein Montefiore Connections*, so be sure to look for it in your inbox.

Sincerely,



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