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*From the* OFFICE OF THE DEAN

## Dear Einstein Community:

During Pride Month earlier this year, all of us sought to recognize the struggles and triumphs of those in the LGBTQIA+ community. However, too often, we are reminded that the challenges faced by our classmates, colleagues, and loved ones who identify as LGBTQIA+ occur year-round.

Today, I want to strongly reaffirm our deep commitment to our LGBTQIA+ community—a commitment that is not going to change. I also want to reiterate that at Einstein we always strive to conduct ourselves according to our namesake's ideals and values, and welcome all individuals regardless of race, religion, creed, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

And we continue to seek ways to support all who identify as LGBTQIA+. That means not having to hide one's true self in order to be accepted. It means advocating for and enjoying equal rights as human beings. And, it means celebrating all who choose to be their authentic selves.

I also want to remind everyone that we offer allyship at Einstein, to assure those in our community identifying as LGBTQIA+ that the College of Medicine is a safe haven. If you are interested in knowing how you can take part in our Safe Zone training or how you can become an ally, please [view our Safe Colleges offerings](#). For questions, please email Yvonne Ramirez, vice president of human resources, at [yvonne.ramirez@einsteinmed.edu](mailto:yvonne.ramirez@einsteinmed.edu).

As we share our solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community members, let's also remember how prejudice can have a detrimental effect on the health of already marginalized groups. Our compassion and support can provide solace and healing for those feeling threatened or hurt by the actions of others.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tomaselli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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