

## **Dear Einstein Community:**

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, which traditionally offers a welcome respite in all our lives and an opportunity to express our gratitude with family and friends.

In addition to personal reasons for giving thanks, we have much to celebrate at Einstein. I especially want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the College of Medicine. Many in our community receive accolades and awards, reminding us of our institutional excellence. Yet all of you, in one way or another, contributes in some important way to the fulfillment of our research and education missions.

Because we observe Native American Heritage Month during November, it is also fitting to acknowledge our fellow citizens of Native American heritage and to offer our gratitude for their descendants' stewardship of the land that our College of Medicine calls home and that also forms our nation.

To honor this important legacy, I invite you to review Einstein's Land Acknowledgment and take to heart the ideals to which it refers. They are directly relevant to our mission of pursuing equity and social justice, as well as our namesake's expressed desire to establish a medical school that welcomes students of all creeds and races. There is no better time to celebrate these ideals—and strive to achieve them—than during the upcoming holiday season.

In closing, I wish everyone the very best as you spend time with family and

friends in the coming days—and look to what I hope will be a promising and exciting new year.

Sincerely,

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