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EINSTEIN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN THE MARCH FOR SCIENCE

Dear Einstein Community:

A number of you are planning to take part in the March for Science—a non-partisan defense of scientific values and the research done here at Einstein and other leading biomedical research institutions—on April 22, 2017, in Washington, D.C. Others of you may also attend one of the many satellite marches such as the one planned in New York City. To better coordinate an Einstein presence at these important events, students, postdocs and faculty are holding a planning meeting this afternoon at 4 p.m., in Price 451, to organize plans for participation.

Your efforts and involvement—aimed at reminding our fellow citizens and those charged with representing us about the crucial relevance of scientific investigation and education to human health and to society at large—are commendable and resonate with our institution’s history. From its inception, Einstein has stood for social justice, supporting persecuted scientists blacklisted during the McCarthy era, pursuing ethical research for the benefit of underserved communities, and providing a welcoming environment to all. Your participation in this historic march is very much in that tradition.

As someone who has testified before Congress numerous times on behalf of the NIH budget that provides critical funding in support of scientific investigation, I identify with your efforts now, and the College of Medicine also supports the principles of the march and your participation in it. More than 150 organizations, professional groups and institutions are serving as march partners. These include the AAAS, the New York Academy of Science, the American Medical Student Association, and Research!America.

If we wish to see a continuation of the tremendous gains made in recent years with regard to our understanding and treatment of infectious diseases, cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other human diseases, the march represents an opportunity to advocate for science. I encourage you to attend the planning meeting to learn how you can join Einstein colleagues and classmates in taking part in the March for Science.

Visit https://sites.google.com/a/phd.einstein.yu.edu/eiscimarch/home for further information. You also can find information at https://www.facebook.com/MarchForScienceNYC/.

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