Dear Einstein Class of 2019,

On behalf of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Alumni Association, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Einstein. You are embarking on an extraordinary educational experience and we share in your excitement.

Over the next few months you will participate in many alumni/student traditions where you will hear from an Einstein alumnus who will share some of his or her own memories. The Einstein Alumni Association is proud of its programs that help you throughout your medical education:

- On August 12th you will be formally welcomed at the On Becoming a Physician/White Coat Ceremony, during which you will be “cloaked” by an Einstein alumnus, who represents the many alumni whose contributions helped sponsor the white coats you will receive.

- On September 16th at the Stethoscope Ceremony we will present you with a stethoscope, a gift from Einstein alumni, as you begin your “Introduction to Clinical Medicine” course.

- On September 30th at the Scrubs Ceremony we will present you with a pair of scrubs, also a gift from Einstein alumni, as you and your lab partners prepare for your first encounter with your cadaver.

Representing more than 9,000 graduates of the medical school who serve the nation as leading physicians, medical educators and biomedical scientists, the Einstein Alumni Association provides support and encouragement to students in many ways, including: alumni-funded scholarships and research and global health fellowships; the Student Mentoring Program and Career Speed Networking Event; student representation on the Alumni Association Board of Governors; Student "Ceremonies" (White Coat, Scrubs, and Stethoscope Events); a Graduation Luncheon for fourth year students, and more.

I hope you will get involved with the Alumni Association through participation in our special events, by serving as ambassadors at alumni events, and by sharing suggestions with your representative to the Alumni Board. Einstein alumni are gratified by interacting with you and these programs provide you with wonderful opportunities to network with them.

We would also like to keep both you and your families up to date on campus and alumni happenings and send your parents photographs from the white coat and other events. Please click here to provide us with their most updated contact information.

If you have any questions about Einstein or the alumni community, please contact Emily Snyder, in the Alumni Office, at 718 430 2922 or emily.snyder@einstein.yu.edu. You can also reach me directly at janina.galler@gmail.com.

Once again, welcome to Einstein. I look forward to greeting you in person soon. And please be sure to check the Orientation web site (this will be hyperlinked) daily for updates.

Warm regards,

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President, Einstein Alumni Association