

DEAN'S WELCOME



Welcome to NYU School of Medicine! You have embarked on a marvelous journey that will ultimately help define who you are and how you spend your talents.

For sure, parts of the journey will be arduous. There are vast amounts of knowledge to acquire in the next four years, and—with the ever-accelerating pace of scientific discovery, the constant evolution of technology, and the steady accumulation of financial and ethical challenges in health care—many things will be shifting even as you master them. I cannot pretend there won't be moments when all this seems daunting.

Beneath the dizzying pace, however, are timeless values that hold sway at our School. I think you will feel, more and more strongly as time goes on, that you have come to a special place. A place where you will be standing on the shoulders of many giants, and will have the privilege of learning directly from others. A place where the great traditions of humanism imbue everything from the library to the lab.

What stretches before you is not just a career, much less a “job.” It is a *calling*, with a noble lineage of compassion, empathy, and generosity of spirit. As you advance through your coursework, I hope you will sense the power and inspiration of that calling with growing clarity.

Our faculty is here not just to teach you, but, we hope, to inspire and support you in every way we can. Over these next four years, I wish you the openness of mind to derive the greatest benefit from the resources that surround you here, and the openness of spirit to explore even avenues you may already consider shut.

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