



A Letter From Dean Ambrosia WINTER 2019



As the Phillips School of Nursing at Mount Sinai Beth Israel (PSON) continues to evolve into a robust academic environment, I am pleased to present some of our recent accomplishments.

In late August, we welcomed 50 new students to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, and 58 new students to the Accelerated Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. There is just as much excitement in the air when our new nursing students begin their academic journey as when we watch them walk across the stage at graduation.

In October, the New York State Department of Health awarded the school a \$216,000 grant under its Health Workforce Retraining Initiative. The grant will support the revision of the format of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Program to respond to two primary barriers often cited by nurses—work-life balance and economic issues. The new executive-style format will enable students to complete the majority of courses through an online learning platform and attend classes onsite for just a few sessions per semester. The grant also provides students with a tuition credit.

At the beginning of the academic year, we accepted our second cohort of four nursing students to the Phillips Fellowship Program. This evidence-based practice (EBP) fellowship is a 12-month mentored program in which our nursing students develop their leadership, problem-solving, and research skills. Applications for this competitive fellowship opportunity are reviewed and scored by faculty and administration here at the school and by Marilyn Hammer, PhD, DC, RN, Director of the Center for Nursing Research and Innovation at The Mount Sinai Hospital. The Fellows are mentored in the development, implementation, and evaluation of EBP projects by seasoned clinicians at The Mount Sinai Hospital. Our Fellowship actively supports the development of future nurse scientists and aligns with the general areas identified by the National Institute of Nursing Research to advance nursing science and improve patient lives.

I'm pleased to announce several new additions to our faculty and staff. Laly Joseph, DVM, DNP, CNE, RN-C, MSN, APRN, ANP-BC, has recently joined us as Senior Associate Dean and Professor. Jay R. Horton, PhD, ACPHN, FNP-BC, who shares a dual appointment with Mount Sinai Downtown, has joined us as a senior faculty member. Chelsea Rein, MLIS, BLS, has assumed the role of Librarian, and Tuan Le as Communications and Marketing Assistant. We welcome all of them to the PSON family, and look forward to having them share their expertise with faculty, staff, and students.

I am proud of our accomplishments this past year and look forward with great anticipation to the year ahead.

Sincerely,

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