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Dear NYMC School of Medicine (SOM) Students:

First, I want to welcome the SOM Class of 2023 to New York Medical College (NYMC)! This is a very exciting time for the College as a new class joins our community, and our existing students advance into another year. I am thrilled to continue to work with a very dedicated group of faculty, staff and administrative leaders. I also want to thank all of the students who provided very constructive feedback in our Student Report Card Survey. I will continue to work with all of you to help make your experience here as rewarding as possible. I look forward to future town hall and individual meetings with you. I'd like to highlight again, some of NYMC's new initiatives and campus improvements. We are committed to doing all we can to enhance your student experience and the quality of education at NYMC's School of Medicine.

Exciting highlights include:

- **New Senior Leader Joins NYMC:** We are excited to announce that Jane Ponterio, M.D.'81, joins us on October 1, as **senior associate dean of student affairs**. Stay tuned for a detailed announcement.

- **New Affiliation Agreement with the Bronx VA Medical Center:** NYMC has signed an affiliation agreement for new student elective rotations at the James J. Peters Bronx VA Medical Center. Additional new clinical rotation opportunities will be announced soon.

**You Said, We Did:**

- **Furniture, Upgrades, Renovations, Chargers:** The lounge area outside the cafeteria received a facelift with the installation of new seating, tables and charging stations. In addition, several other campus renovation projects are in the works for September, during the least disruptive week for students.
  
  - Renovations inside the Health Sciences Library are in progress to expand study space and make the library more inviting with flexible and more comfortable seating options available.
to students. It is anticipated that this project will be fully completed during the fall semester. (See renderings of space and furniture below).

- Renovations inside all Grassland 2 apartments are planned to include replacement of desks, kitchen table, and chairs, as well as the addition of new ergonomic task chairs in each room; and
- All living room furniture in Grasslands 2 buildings 11 & 12 will be replaced.

- **Health Sciences Library:** The library now offers coil-binding service to the College community. You may use this service to create spiral bound notes, manuals, or to rebind existing publications such as study guides, etc. Click to learn more: [Library Guides, Coil Binding](#). New on-line clerkship resources are now available through the Health Sciences Library to enhance our students’ academic success.

- **Printing Services:** We expanded access to student printing by significantly increasing the medical student printing allowance to $100 per year.

- **Internet:** Plans are underway to upgrade internet services in student housing this summer and fall. Leadership in Housing and IT are reviewing student schedules to identify the best possible dates to minimize student disruption.

- **Career Advising:** This summer, the SOM will launch a refreshed longitudinal career advising program, Counseling on Medical Professions and Student Success (COMPASS).

- **Web Interface:** LCMS+ has changed its name to LEO, powered by DaVinci Education. Along with this name change is a more intuitive, modern web interface.

Sincerely yours,

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