

From - the - Dean

As we reflect on our progress during 2023, we have many positives to celebrate together:

At nearly 800 students, our <u>current student enrollment</u> is at an all-time high, and our three-year growth rate (5%) is the highest of any school on our campus.

Scholarship funding and opportunities for our students continue to expand, especially for those incoming students facing financial difficulties, and in our effort to continue building the most diverse class of students ever. To these ends, our first-ever Making Health Care Heroes golf tournament raised more than \$40k in net proceeds – all specifically for student scholarships.

Our academic programs continue to excel, and existing programs achieved successful re-accreditation in 2023. With several major grant awards, the school's research enterprise remains strong as we look to step up <u>our school's first-ever research center</u> in the coming year. In addition, expanded faculty clinical practice efforts are <u>helping our local community</u>.

The achievements are too numerous to include all of them here. Please visit our <u>From-the-Dean and newsletter archive</u> to explore the many positives from the past year.

Our accomplishments, which are due to your contributions and hard work, inspire us to look forward to 2024 with high hopes and expectations. Our faculty, staff and students have continuously demonstrated exceptional determination and resilience. I am impressed and grateful for your individual efforts as well as our work together as a team.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy New Year, and thank you for all that you do.

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