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Dear Students:

As we approach the end of the Fall 2017 semester, I felt it would be remiss in my role as Student Council President if I did not contact each of you personally to wish you all the best on your final examinations and continued success in your nursing education.

As future nurses, we have the responsibility to begin using our platforms for meaningful change, not only for our institution, but for the communities in which we will serve. I trust that we were transparent this semester in how Student Council addressed all of your concerns, and I fully believe that we have set a precedent in which future class representatives can successfully emulate.

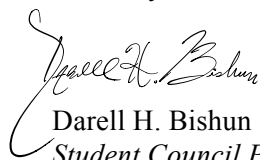
Thank you for your participation in all of our initiatives this semester, from our very successful Hurricane Maria-relief fundraiser for Puerto Rico, our enriching Peer Advisement Night, the Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative's Cultural Competency and Health Literacy training seminar, and our implementation of Montefiore School of Nursing's first annual Thanksgiving Multicultural Exchange.

To my fellow Nursing 4 graduating class, it was truly a privilege being on this difficult journey with all of you, sharing many tears of sadness and of joy, but mainly creating lasting memories that will guide us to becoming change agents. It is with strong proclamation that I say that each one of us has what it takes to far supersede any humanitarian limitation on what a perceived role of what a registered nurse entails. We will advocate for our patients, use our voices to bring about positive change in our profession, and understand that we are ultimately the strongest influencers as alumni in the recruitment of prospective Montefiore School of Nursing students.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for allowing myself to represent you as your President. It has been an honor using my platform advocating for our student body. If there was any lesson or legacy I would like to leave behind, it is to always be humble, empathic, dependable and be accountable, not only as a student, but as a representation of Montefiore School of Nursing. It was one of my goals throughout the past two years to ensure that every interaction I have had outside of school left an impression on the individual that our school fully deserves the distinction in which we are regarded, and I trust that you can follow my approach so we can all affirm our gratification in being associated with Montefiore.

I wish you all the best for your continued success, and I look forward to hearing of the positive change our student body and faculty will continue to bring about in the future.

Sincerely,



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