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Dear Students,

Welcome! I hope you had an excellent summer. As your new Dean, I'm excited to lead the way as we kick off the 2024-25 academic year here at the University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHS). If you don't already know, I'm confident you'll soon discover how special this place is.

It's no secret our School attracts some of the most outstanding and motivated students in the country. You represent diverse communities, are passionate about health care, and are deeply supportive of your peers. We are honored to embrace you as part of our close-knit SONHS family. During your time here you will forge lifelong bonds of friendship and collegiality that will accompany and support you throughout your careers.

Our job as dedicated faculty, staff, and mentors is to empower you to shine even brighter and guide you to resources that will help expand your vision of all that is possible in your future. You've chosen to pursue the indispensable fields of nursing, public health, and health science at a time of urgent need for compassionate and committed world-class health care. You are exceptional students with unique gifts and abilities that will allow you to meet the moment—to contribute mightily, to advance the profession, and to change lives. Your opportunities are limitless, and your impact will be transformational.

It's my great privilege to lead our School with a new vision for innovation and partnership, and with a passion and perseverance that matches your own. With our top-ranked faculty, academic programs, research portfolio, and state-of-the-art simulation hospital—S.H.A.R.E.—together we are poised to become the nation's preeminent school of nursing and health studies.

As your journey begins this semester, please let me know how your experience is going. I truly believe in the team approach to science and education. We're a team here at SONHS, and we're YOUR team! Let's have a great year together. Go, 'Canes!

All the best,

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