

# Inspiration and Aspirations



AS THIS IS MY FIRST CHANCE TO ADDRESS MANY of you, especially the esteemed alumni of NYU School of Medicine, I want to take this opportunity to set forth briefly what I hope to accomplish during my tenure as Dean & CEO. • In essence, I want to rekindle and help fulfill the aspirations so many of us share: to see this institution take its rightful place as one of the very top academic medical centers in the world. The alleviation of human suffering is the noblest of missions. The legacy of discovery and service we build on is inspiring. The talent we

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have at all levels is peerless. How could we aspire to anything less? • Greatness matters because of what it allows you to contribute. In research, it means taking the brilliance that is still hiding in many of our laboratories and applying it, through collaborative multidisciplinary efforts, to solving patient problems. In education, it means guiding the doctors we train through all the exploding knowledge and all the complexities of the healthcare system, to the core of their calling: tending to those in their care. And in clinical practice, it means not just striving for the best possible outcomes, but also making every encounter an act of outreach, marked by empathy, solidarity, and respect. • I firmly believe that our faculty and staff yearn for this, and that *my* job is to help them give what they want to give. •

*Robert I. Grossman*