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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our latest edition of TEMPO. In this issue, you'll find examples of the many exciting achievements of our faculty, students, and alumni, as well as exciting news on the extraordinary generosity of loyal friends of this School and of music and the arts in Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania, and beyond.

It is both humbling and inspiring to be in a community with so many passionate, hard-working, and highly-successful artists, teachers, and scholars. We continue to expand upon and strengthen the opportunities provided our degree-seeking students—both within our School and with campus and community partners: within our curricula, in career preparation and professional development, and in engagement with our community. We are ensuring too, that campus-wide, non-degree-seeking music students, faculty, and staff know that they have a place within our School and its offerings. After all, Einstein isn't the only scientist who embraces the value of music.

In all of this work, we are guided by our new University Strategic Plan (2018–23): Reimagining Duquesne's Spiritan Legacy for a New Era. Change is scary; it is also exciting. As we look towards the next decade, we recognize that

excellence, relevance, sustainability, appeal, and agility are all essential to our future successes in our quickly-evolving world. As such, we are expanding, retracting, and re-designing our offerings to meet the avocational and vocational desires and needs of our students and the communities in which they will live and work.

I invite all of you to play an integral role in our future. Your past experiences—our heritage—enrich who we are today and inspire us as we move forward. In these past months, we have met with alumni and friends to hear your thoughts. More gatherings are being confirmed for the coming months and I hope each of you will participate.

As always, I would welcome hearing from you. And, if you have not visited campus recently, I hope you will plan a visit to see us again soon. We would love to welcome you back to YOUR school.

Seth Beckman, D.A.
Dean and Professor

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— ALBERT EINSTEIN

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