



When I interviewed for a job at NJMS, Dr. Heinrich was one of a handful of people to interview me. And no, he didn't call me directly to tell me I got the job like he does with accepted students, but he did invite me over to his office shortly after I started to welcome me and see how I was doing. It was the start of a nice friendship we developed, as we enjoyed talking about IT issues, how IT could assist with the future of medical education, and things in general. He always asked me about my family, and genuinely cared about my well-being. Some of these conversations happened at 12 midnight (or later), as we were both night owls. He was kind and warm, and I will miss him.

Jim Boyce

DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
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Like every medical student, I vividly remember the much anticipated phone call from Dr. Heinrich, a moment that marked the start of my journey at NJMS. I later had the honor and privilege of working with him more closely, and serving on the admissions committee gave me the chance to see firsthand the profound impact he had on thousands of individuals. His guidance shaped not only the future physicians he welcomed to our school, but also the countless patients those physicians will go on to serve. It was incredible to work with someone so widely respected and genuinely loved. His kindness and steady presence made every interaction meaningful, and his example will continue to guide me throughout my career. Dr. Heinrich is deeply missed, and his legacy will live on in all of us who had the privilege to know him.

Shivam Rangolia

NJMS CLASS OF 2027



Dean Heinrich was the first person who made me feel like I had a family at NJMS. Without much family of my own to rely on, his belief in me gave me a sense of belonging I'd been searching for. He was thoughtful and strategic, but what set him apart was how deeply he cared for people—building a home where every student from every background felt welcomed, valued, and part of real change. He saw the power of compassion, courage, and heart, and he built a community that allowed those qualities to thrive. He could spot a good heart better than any cardiologist, and his example inspired us all to lead with our own. He reminded us that our patients are the ultimate winners of this work, and that we are here to serve them with dignity and humility. His legacy still defines NJMS today, and I will spend my career striving to become the kind of physician he believed I could be.

Chun Yen Chen

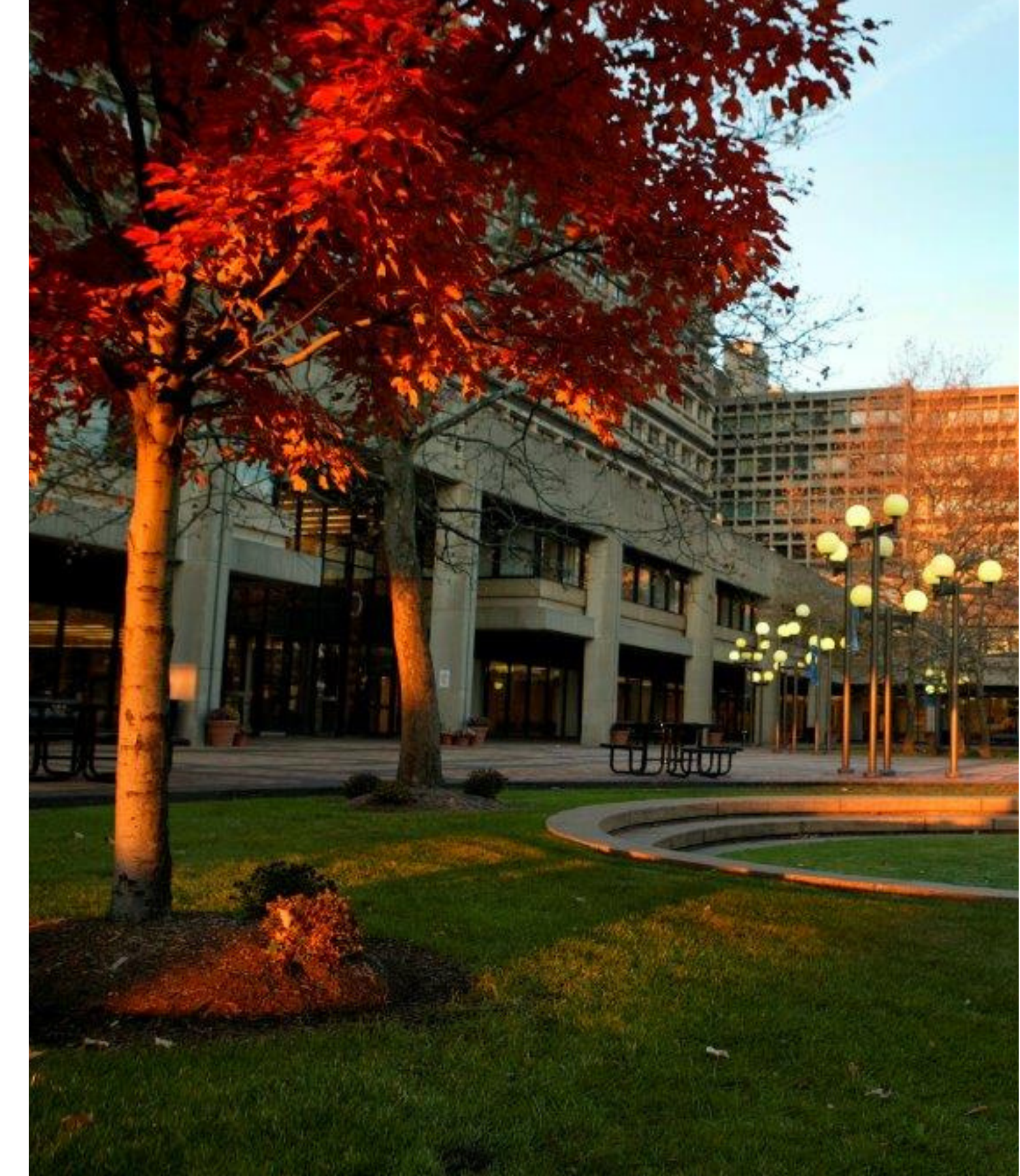
NJMS CLASS OF 2028



Dr. Heinrich profoundly shaped the lives of the students he guided and called to accept into NJMS. His calm voice and gentle encouragement had a way of quieting the doubts that often accompany the journey through medicine. He made each of us believe that who we were was already enough, long before the world confirmed it. His kindness felt effortless, and his attentiveness made every conversation meaningful. The faith he placed in his students continues to grow within us and will live on in the patients we serve. I am deeply grateful to have known him and will carry his light forward in the way I practice and live.

David Kim

NJMS CLASS OF 2029



You forever changed my life. Your impact will be felt for years and generations to come amongst the many whose lives you changed. I am forever grateful to have worked with you over 20 years interviewing for NJMS. Knowing you has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

Carolina Cabral, MD

NJMS CLASS OF 2008



Dr. Heinrich had a significant impact on my journey to NJMS. Long before I became a student, he took the time to correspond with me personally, providing thoughtful and encouraging guidance that changed the course of my application—and ultimately, my life. What stood out most to me was his unwavering accessibility and support; he made me believe that my goals were attainable, even when I doubted myself. He answered emails at all hours with the same care and thoughtfulness, regardless of how small the question might have been.

I am deeply saddened that he will not be a physical presence on campus while I am a student, as he played a pivotal role in my decision to join NJMS, as I'm sure he did for many in my class. Even in his absence, his legacy is felt everywhere. We have lost a great ambassador for medicine and a remarkable advocate for every student he encountered.

Charles Pace

NJMS CLASS OF 2029



I still have vivid memories of my acceptance call with Dr. Heinrich, a call that forever changed the direction of my life. I also had the unique pleasure of getting to know him while serving on the admissions committee during my years as an MD/PhD student. In those quiet moments reviewing applications together, I witnessed his remarkable compassion and unwavering belief in every student's potential. He approached each file with care, looking not only for academic excellence but for the humanity and purpose behind each applicant's story. Dr. Heinrich deeply loved NJMS and took immense pride in assembling classes that reflected its mission of service, community, and diversity. I owe so much to him, for the opportunities he opened, and for the examples he set of what it means to be both an extraordinary physician and an even better human being. His influence continues to guide the doctor and person I strive to be today.

Jason Domogauer, MD, PhD

NJMS CLASS OF 2018



The world lost a true legend the day Dr. Heinrich ascended into heaven. I know myself and many other students would not be where we are today without his unwavering belief in us. He empowered countless students to chase their dreams, often instilling confidence in those who had none. I still don't know how he managed to give so much of himself to all of us while also being a devoted husband and father. His selflessness was unmatched, and he lived a life driven by vision, purpose, dedication, and compassion.

Our medical school will never be the same without his presence—especially in the Admissions office, where his influence was deeply felt and his touch truly transformative. His absence leaves a void that cannot be filled.

To his family: thank you for sharing him with us during some of the most formative years of our lives. His impact on me is immeasurable, and his memory will forever live on in the hearts of those he guided and believed in.

He will be deeply missed.

Kristen Echanique, MD

NJMS CLASS OF 2018