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Advancement of Nursing

In my role as associate dean of faculty practice at Rush University College of Nursing, I establish, maintain and promote a nationally recognized nurse-led academic-practice partnership care delivery model in service of the college's tripartite mission of practice, scholarship and education. All funds from the Judd and Marjorie Weinberg Presidential Professorship support me in this role. I serve as the executive leader of the college's faculty practices to both internal and external partners. I disseminate College of Nursing practice partnership model processes, strategy and outcome data to the international nursing community. I work with partners to incorporate student learning opportunities across all aspects of the practice enterprise. The endowment supports my time, easing financial pressure on service contracts, philanthropic budgets and tuition revenue. In fiscal year 2025, the college's nursing faculty practices were supported by philanthropic funds from the Bedford Falls Foundation, the Sue Gin Foundation, the Chicago Department of Public Health and the estate of Peter T. Roubos.

Research, Education and Community Outreach

With your generous support, my team and I accomplished the following in fiscal year 2025:

- Led nursing care at 12 clinics/programs, providing care to over 10,000 patients nationally
- Led Family Connects Program, a public-private partnership with Chicago, providing over 1,200 visits to new moms in Chicago
- Transitioned the Sue Gin Clinic, serving primarily children and their older guardians/caregivers, to a new geographic location and academic-practice partnership
- Opened Flying Food clinics in Newark, N.J., and New York City



- Secured over \$1 million over four years to support the clinic at St. Leonard's Ministries on Chicago's West Side
- Secured \$1 million over four years to support the practice infrastructure and faculty practice model dissemination
- Presented 13 national and international presentations, posters and publications on the topic of Rush faculty practice
- Consulted with two large public university colleges of nursing on how to create faculty practices at their schools
- Supported over 60 student learning activities across 12 clinics/programs
- Navigated through six partnership disruptions due to federal-level policy changes impacting community practice sustainability
- Led the formation of the Rombos study to measure outcomes of the faculty practices
- Restructured the administrative team, adding a clinical manager RN to focus on expanded clinical operations

The Year Ahead: 2025 and Beyond

In fiscal year 2026, I will focus on continued national and international dissemination of the academic-practice partnership care delivery model, strategic partnership growth and fiscal stewardship of philanthropy gifts and grants supporting the practices. I will also provide ongoing support for interdisciplinary learning activities in the college's faculty practices.

With Gratitude

My deepest thanks to the Weinberg Family. Our nursing faculty practices represent innovation in health care delivery. Across my career, I can recall no other time than now when there has been a greater need for creative solutions in health care. We have too many long-standing problems in our health care system that must be addressed — health inequities, poor or impossible access, soaring costs, provider burnout — the list goes on. My work centers around innovation within our currently broken system, filling gaps where we can, and concurrently producing evidence in support of making permanent change to fix the problems. Innovating in health care can at times be uncomfortable, especially when new ideas clash with legacy ways of doing things. Yet, I have always felt supported



in this work at Rush. I am more committed than ever to continue my work blending health care delivery innovation with nursing education in the service of our patients and communities. All of this is made possible through the Weinberg family's generosity. Thank you!