

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members of the Adler University community,

I am honored to join you at the beginning of this academic year as the new president of Adler University, and I am energized and ready to get to work. My journey to Adler has been shaped by a commitment to higher education, cultivating dynamic inclusive communities, advancing research and innovative solutions, and fostering multi-sector collaborations and partnerships.



Today not only marks the start of a new academic year, but an exciting chapter for Adler. The conversations I've had with many of you since my appointment have filled me with anticipation and enthusiasm about the opportunities that lie ahead and how, together, we might build on our successes, address challenges with resilience, and continue to have a meaningful impact on the world.

During my first 90 days, I will gather information through a comprehensive organizational assessment to help us lay the groundwork for the future. This will include detailed reviews of our brand and market position, fundraising and friendraising efforts, enrollment strategies, leadership structures, student, faculty, staff, and alumni engagement practices, infrastructure, and institutional alignment.

Additionally, I will begin scheduling town halls and other events to provide information and engage all members of our community. The assessments, community engagements and input, and prioritization, will guide my immediate actions and ensure our efforts are deeply rooted in the three core principles that will guide and focus my work as president: **people, purpose, and partnerships.**

With this in mind, and by aligning our strategies and principles, we can more effectively build on the successes of our community, drive meaningful change, and strengthen our collaborative efforts to build pedagogical models and educational praxes that continue to address global health inequities.

Our people are at the heart of Adler University — our students, faculty, staff, practitioners, alumni, and partners who make up the Adlerian community. As a community, we will come together to discuss, debate, synthesize, and collaborate to build a better University for the future.

Our purpose extends beyond our walls as we work to build the capacity of our community to address the social determinants of health. Our commitment to ensuring our pedagogies equip our students — our future leaders — with the comprehensive skills to continue addressing health disparities and health equity issues remains central to our work. Together, we will build on our already successful programs, foster new innovative initiatives, and cultivate strength-based approaches that focus on wellness, how we care for one another — health and care — and how we accelerate our ever-growing educational and leadership platforms.

Our partnerships are essential to our work and will continue to be a key component of Adler University. Building multi-sector and transdisciplinary collaborations within and outside the University will enhance our educational experiences, foster research advancements, and expand our impact on the broader community.

In my recent conversations with members of the Adler community, I have been inspired by the passion for creating positive change in our health systems and practices — a change focused on health equity, health justice, and the elimination of health disparities. I want to thank all members of the community for their passion and commitment to making Adler stronger.

One of the reasons I remain in higher education is because what we do often will shape the future. To this end, I am committed to ensuring that our strategic priorities align with our purpose, driving initiatives that reflect a future-oriented institutional stance that both expands the impact of the University and strengthens our Adlerian student, faculty, staff, and alumni communities.

In the coming days, [posted on the President's page](#), you will be able to view the invitation to my first President's Town Hall, where I will share more about our plans for the upcoming year and discuss how we can work together to achieve our goals.

Let us embrace this new beginning with a sense of purpose and collaboration. Again, I am truly honored to be a part of this remarkable institution and excited to work with all of you — and I am confident that, through our collective efforts, we will achieve great things.

Here's to a successful academic year ahead!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Coleman', written over a light blue circular background.

Lisa Coleman, Ph.D.
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