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Kai Mon Lee, Ph.D. President
Debra Heller, M.D. President-Elect
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Dear Kai, Debra and Sandra:

Time should not extend too long without my very grateful acknowledgement to you and to all of the UMDNJ master educators who have so honored me with the UMDNJ-Stuart D. Cook Master Educators' Guild's first Distinguished Service Award. It would be litotes to suggest that I was honored by this presentation, for my gratitude goes well beyond being honored. Indeed, I am humbled by this mark of recognition when I consider all of the fine work that the Guild has done. This is the one group that spans all of the schools of the University and does so out of a sense of dedication to and advancement of our noble mission of education.

I also want to make a special note of thanks to the Guild's resident artist, Dr. Kaplan. I shall especially cherish this award because I know that the hands that forged it were guided by a very big and generous heart.

Please convey my deep appreciation to the members of the Guild. This is one advocacy that I shall miss in a very special way.

Thank you all so very much and *ad multos annos* to you and to the Guild.

Dave