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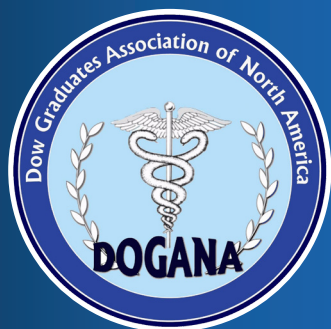
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EDITORIAL

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As graduates of Dow Medical College, we share something far greater than a common alma mater. We share a legacy.

For generations, Dow has produced physicians who have served communities across the globe with dedication, compassion, and excellence. Whether practicing in North America, Pakistan, or elsewhere around the world, every Dow graduate carries with them the values that were instilled within the halls of our beloved institution—integrity, service, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to humanity.

Today, as our alumni community continues to grow in numbers and influence, we are presented with an extraordinary opportunity. Our collective talent, experience, and achievements represent a tremendous force for good. Yet our greatest strength does not lie in our individual accomplishments. It lies in our ability to come together around our shared values and common purpose.

Like all vibrant organizations, our alumni family encompasses diverse viewpoints, experiences, generations, and perspectives. These differences should not divide us; rather, they should enrich us. The true measure of a great organization is not the absence of disagreement but the presence of mutual respect, understanding, and a commitment to the greater good.

When we focus on what unites us rather than what separates us, remarkable things become possible. We can strengthen our support for current students, expand philanthropic initiatives, enhance professional networking opportunities, advocate for meaningful causes, and deepen the bonds that connect Dowites across continents.

The future of our alumni community is exceptionally bright. We are physicians, educators, researchers, entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders. Together, we possess the experience, resources, and passion to create a lasting impact—not only for our alma mater but also for the communities we serve and the generations that follow us.

As we gather in Toronto for this year's Annual Gala, let us celebrate more than our achievements. Let us celebrate our shared journey, our enduring friendships, and our common identity as Dowites. Let us renew our commitment to collaboration, respect, and service. Most importantly, let us recognize the tremendous potential that exists when we work together toward a common vision.

The story of Dow has always been one of excellence. The next chapter can be one of even greater unity, purpose, and impact.

On behalf of the leadership and organizing team, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all attendees of the Annual Gala in Toronto. May this gathering strengthen old friendships, inspire new connections, and remind us all of the extraordinary community to which we belong.

Together, we honor our past, celebrate our present, and build an even brighter future.

Welcome to Toronto, and welcome home, fellow Dowites.

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