



## Dean's Remarks • January, 2024



Dear NYU SPS Community,

A new year provides each of us with the opportunity to reflect on the past and chart a bold path into the future. In that spirit, I'm excited to welcome you to the start of a new term and to share some reflections on SPS's past, present and future.

2024 marks SPS's 90th anniversary. For nearly a century, SPS has been built on a promise to help working professionals access knowledge and build paths toward greater economic opportunity. Today, that mission is as strong as it has ever been, rooted in commitments to equity and innovation that drive action. For us, keeping equity in focus means providing expanded program offerings, including the only online undergraduate degree at NYU, increasing financial aid and merit scholarships, and closing access gaps for Global Field Intensives, among other initiatives. On innovation, we continue to listen to industry and to ensure technological best practices in areas like AI are built into the foundation of our programs.

One of the reasons SPS has thrived across its 90-year history is our unique emphasis on connections and conversations. While we are deeply connected to industry across New York City, our industry connections also span the globe. Within the last few weeks, SPS students have participated in Global Field Intensives in Brazil, Kenya, and Singapore, to name just a few places where our students are having impact. We are also investing significantly in partnerships in China (Institute for Cities and Real Estate), India, Indonesia, and the UAE, where we will leverage our skills and expertise to help learners and workers benefit from the hands-on and real world applications of our training and degree programs. Our ability to engage with organizations globally keeps our knowledge and experiences nimble and responsive to a rapidly changing world focused on issues like AI, sustainability, talent management and transformative leadership.

Connections lay the groundwork for conversations, and at SPS, our collective expertise draws today's greatest thinkers and practitioners into our classrooms. As we think about the conversations we'll have together this year as a community, I've been inspired by President Mills' recent charge to "*foster spaces for constructive engagement, reflection, and discourse, where we commit to dialogue with each other, not at each other.*"

In a year that will be filled with important conversations and connections for all of us, I'm looking forward to celebrating past achievements, staying present in the moment, and building a future for continued growth, together.

Warmly,

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