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"Hi! My name is Michelle Estilo Kaiser, and I am thrilled to be joining the Mailman Alumni Board this year. My relationship with Columbia University began almost forty years ago in 1983, when I enrolled in Columbia College's first fully co-educational class. During this time, New York City experienced the HIV / AIDS and crack epidemics, and this awakened my personal belief in the critical importance of public health. Shortly after college, I began classes at Mailman, graduating with an

MPH in Epidemiology in 1992. I worked for several years in clinical research, using skills learned at Mailman, before returning to Columbia to attend medical school, where I met my husband while he was a neurosurgical resident.

After completing my training in internal medicine, I worked clinically as an internist in NY and NJ and raised three children (two are now also Columbians). I began volunteering at Columbia, initially through my college's mentoring program, and then for the university through the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA), serving on the University Senate beginning in 2018, and currently as co-chair of the CAA through June 2023.

As part of the Mailman Alumni Board, I hope to help find synergies and opportunities for collaboration between Mailman and the greater university community, breaking silos so all can benefit from the talent throughout our remarkable university. The global pandemic has again highlighted the vital significance of public health. I felt great Columbia pride as the Mailman School community met the challenges of Covid-19, now leading the NYC Pandemic Response Institute. I am gratified by Mailman's substantive work to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Mailman community and beyond, and am excited to join its efforts."