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I am honored by this opportunity to join the Alumni Board of the Mailman School at Columbia, an institution that has given me so much.

I am Health Communication Specialist from Hungary, currently living in the Greater New York area. My background spans medical science (MD, PhD, trained in Hungary, the UK, and Harvard as a Fulbright Scholar) and public health (MPH with a certificate in Health communication, Certified Health Education Specialist). I am a VP, Director of Learning Strategy at YuzuYello, an IPG Health Network Company, and a Senior Lecturer at Semmelweis University, Budapest, where I have gathered 10+ years of experience in higher education. I currently serve as a board member for the Institute of Global Health and Technology, as well as a Science Communication Lead for eUniWell, an EU-wide cross-university collaboration to advance the field of science communication—a topic that could not have been more relevant since the inception of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am excited to bring my interdisciplinary lens, strategic thinking, and passion for supporting international students to the Board. I hope that these skills will serve the Board well in advancing health for all, with a special focus on those from underserved communities. I do not take this appointment lightly. The amount of support the school has given me is only comparable to what parents provide—and I am committed to giving back to the Columbia & Mailman communities in every way I can.