## Welcome to Your 3rd year Psychiatry Clerkship!

## **Dear Students**

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I am delighted to welcome you to the Department of Psychiatry at Loyola University Medical Center. The field of psychiatry offers a unique lens to explore the complexities of the human mind, behavior, and emotion. During your sixweek rotation, you'll work directly with patients facing mental health challenges and hopefully appreciate the critical role psychiatry plays in whole-person care.

You will learn from dedicated teams of clinicians, educators, and support staff who are committed to your growth and success. Even though our rotation sites can vary in scope, setting, and patient population, my goal is to provide you with as supportive and enriching experience as I can.

This rotation is designed to:

- Deepen your understanding of psychiatric evaluation, illness, and treatment
- Provide you opportunities to apply your clinical reasoning
- Strengthen your empathy and communication skills