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United Hebrew Appoints Kavita Dhanwada, Ph.D., and Jeff Klein to Board of Directors



Appointments bring expertise in healthcare education, workforce development, and public policy to support continued innovation in senior living

New Rochelle, NY — March 23, 2026 — United Hebrew today announced the appointment of **Kavita R. Dhanwada, Ph.D.** and **Jeff Klein** to its Board of Directors, further strengthening the organization’s leadership as it continues to expand its model for integrated, person-centered senior living that supports older adults in living healthy, connected, and purposeful lives.

“As communities rethink how best to support an aging population, United Hebrew is leading with new approaches that integrate high-quality care, wellness, and enriching programs,” said Rosemary McLaughlin, Chair of United Hebrew’s Board of Directors. “Kavita Dhanwada’s expertise in healthcare education and workforce development, together with Jeff Klein’s public policy experience, will be invaluable in guiding our continued growth as a model for integrative senior living.”

Kavita R. Dhanwada, Ph.D.

Dr. Kavita Dhanwada serves as the founding dean of the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Nursing & Health Sciences at Iona University. A respected academic and healthcare leader, she brings extensive experience in strategic planning, program development, and interdisciplinary education.



Prior to joining Iona, she was the founding dean of the Borra College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Dominican University, where she led strategic growth, launched new academic programs, and secured key accreditations across nursing, physician assistant studies, and nutrition and dietetics.

Dr. Dhanwada has also led major grant-funded initiatives, including serving as project director for a \$5 million U.S. Department of Education STEM grant focused on expanding access for underrepresented students.

Jeff Klein

Jeff Klein brings decades of public service and policy leadership experience to the Board. First elected to the New York State Senate in 2004, Klein built a reputation as a committed and effective leader, ultimately serving as President of the Senate and leading the Independent Democratic Conference.

During his tenure, Klein championed landmark legislation including marriage equality, gun reform, the \$15 minimum wage, universal pre-kindergarten, and paid family leave. He also advanced policies supporting seniors and vulnerable populations, including expansions to rent and homeowner protections.

Klein also played a key role in securing funding for infrastructure and housing improvements across New York, including major investments in public transit and public housing repairs.

Today, he serves as President of Allied Government Affairs, where he advises organizations on high-level policy and government relations strategies.

Strengthening Leadership for the Future

The addition of Dhanwada and Klein reflects United Hebrew's ongoing commitment to building a diverse and experienced Board to help guide the organization through a period of continued growth and innovation. Their leadership will support initiatives that enhance clinical care and ensure older adults across Westchester County and the region have opportunities to thrive at every stage of aging.

About United Hebrew

United Hebrew (uhgc.org) is a vibrant not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multiservice campus of comprehensive senior care, nestled on 7.5 acres in New Rochelle, NY.



United Hebrew has served the Westchester metropolitan area since 1919 and today supports more than 1,000 residents and clients daily through long-term skilled

nursing, short-term rehabilitation, assisted living, memory care, and independent senior housing. For more information, visit www.uhgc.org or call (914) 632-2804.

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