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Dear Fall 2020 Study Abroad Students,

We hope this message finds you and your families in good health and that your classes, now that they have resumed, are going well.

We are writing to provide a brief update on the current status of fall study abroad. As of now, we hope to be able to run all of our global education programs worldwide next semester. To that end, as you know, we have been holding pre-departure orientations to prepare you to be abroad next semester.

In these uncertain and unprecedented times, however, there are many factors that could prohibit our ability to offer these study abroad programs and that we are monitoring daily. The ongoing pandemic could very well lead to travel bans and CDC warnings remaining in place, foreign governments not processing student visas, and partner universities and educational organizations not being able to host our students. The situation remains fluid; the future unclear. We will notify you of a final decision on study abroad during the first few weeks of May.

Should we suspend study abroad in the fall because of these factors or others we cannot yet foresee, we want to ensure that you will still be able to fulfill your academic and curricular goals on campus. To that end, you will be assigned a time during April registration by the registrar. We ask that you register for courses on campus as a backup plan should fall study abroad be suspended.

As we stated at this email's outset, as of now, we remain hopeful that you will be abroad in the fall. Should it come to pass, however, that you are on campus for fall semester, we know that you may also be concerned about on-campus housing. We are planning for this possibility. Most importantly, we anticipate there will be adequate space on campus to accommodate study abroad students if necessary. An additional housing lottery and room picks process would be conducted to allow as many students as possible to return to their home hall.

Please know that your health, safety, and well-being are our number one priority always. We recognize that responding to COVID-19 has asked much of all of us and we appreciate your flexibility, understanding, and support during this difficult time.

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