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Dear Student,

I am writing to you with official news that the University of Delaware has canceled all spring study abroad and domestic travel study programs. Unfortunately, the probability remains quite low that safe travel and entry into other countries, [due to COVID-19](#), will resume in the coming months. With your health and safety in mind, we have made this difficult decision now so that you have time to plan for the semesters ahead.

We continue to focus on your global learning as a World Scholar. We were thrilled to host 165 members of our community during our [All-Class Welcome](#) and will continue our tradition of Wednesday evening programs throughout the fall. Remember to check our [Google Calendar](#) for details on semester activities.

We recognize that many of you have done the hard work of gathering documents needed for the visa application process. We apologize for the inconvenience and ask you to hold on to all materials until we request them from you in the new year. We are checking mail on a regular basis and will return documents, including passports, to students who may have already sent them to us. We anticipate that visa guidelines may change and will work with our partners and consulate representatives to provide you with the most current visa instructions moving forward. Students heading to Athens who have paid for their background checks should keep their receipts. If the consulate requires new documentation, we will reimburse you for those costs. Thank you for your patience and flexibility. These attributes will serve you well once abroad!

As we shared in our previous email, we remain committed to providing you with an internationalized undergraduate experience and two opportunities to study abroad, including a semester in junior year. With the cancelation of spring 2021 study abroad, it is our intention that you and other members of the World Scholars Class of 2024 would begin your sophomore year abroad in fall 2021. In our October e-news and at our ["Priorities & Your Future" Workshop](#) on October 14, we will share more details, including next steps in planning for your time abroad.

We share your disappointment about the cancelation of semester study abroad in your first year, and appreciate your patience as we await safe travel. For additional updates on the University's response to COVID-19, please visit [UD's Forward to Fall website](#). Should you have any questions regarding the World Scholars Program, please [contact our office](#) at any time.

Sincerely,

Amy Greenwald Foley, Associate Director  
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