Dear World Scholars,

We're writing to you today to let you know that we're thinking ofyou and all of our World Scholars with your individual faces, stories, and situations in mind. The world dramatically changed in an instant but we are still here and are still committed to supporting you. We don't know what everything will look like just yet but we're optimistic and have ideas to share!

- 1. We're programming in new ways. Like your favorite faculty, we're repurposing our offerings for the digital world. We'll host live workshops on the same dates (excluding Year 3's March 20 event) but you'll join us via Zoom. See the World Scholars Google Calendar for dates, details and login links. We're still figuring out our bigger events, such as the Spring Scholars Symposium, but promise to have more info for you soon.
- 2. We're gathering our community. Wherever you are, you are a World Scholar and a member of our community. We miss you, so this Wednesday and next (March 18 and 25), we're hosting World Scholar Wednesdays on Facebook. Join us for an hour of conversation, emoji-sharing and connecting with each other during these Facebook Live events in each World Scholar Class group. If you haven't already, join the Class of 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023 group.
- 3. We're confident in you. As World Scholars, you are constantly navigating new environments and new experiences. While we're all traveling through uncharted territory, we are proud of the skills you acquired while abroad and are confident you will put them to good use during this time. Embrace the uncertainty, be creative in your solutions, allow yourself to feel all the "feels" and remember that you are resilient.

And in the midst of the strangest spring break we've ever experienced, we recognize that these changes may be difficult for you. Through social media posts, texts and 1:1 conversations, we see and hear your disappointment and frustration. Our freshmen spent less than 50% of a single semester on our beautiful campus, while our sophomores are on the verge of making major decisions with uncertain options for fall. Year 3 Scholars abroad are returning home much earlier than expected, while those on campus may be missing out on the opportunities they saved for this semester. And Year 4 Scholars are trying to process the impact on senior year traditions, celebrations with friends, and future academic and professional plans.

As a World Scholar, you may have a higher tolerance for ambiguity but you are only human. Our advice is to take good care of yourself, be empathetic to others and know that you are not alone. Connect with us on Facebook, be alert for upcoming opportunities from the Community Building and Community Service Committees, and continue to monitor your UD email.

Sending you an abundance of care,

Meghan, Amy and Nikki







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