Special Edition Dedicated to Spring 2020 Returnees

To all the study abroad alumni who are receiving this email, we want to take a moment to say thank you for your leadership, your courage, and your resilience. We are so grateful for your sacrifices and your presence in our lives. We all wish that you would have come home safely and soon. And we hope that you'll continue to share your stories and insights with us.

Please know that the University of Notre Dame is committed to supporting you as you prepare to return home. We understand that your plans may have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we want to make sure that you have the resources you need to complete your studies and make a successful transition back to your home countries.

This email is intended to provide information about the resources available to you as you prepare to return home. We hope that you'll take advantage of these resources and that you'll stay connected with us as you continue to navigate this challenging time.

Pablo Elliott, a junior, shared that studying abroad in Puebla granted him so much: the opportunity to improve his Spanish, try all sorts of new foods, immerse himself in Mexican culture, and take a slew of interesting classes at UPAEP. However, what really defined the program for him was the relationships I formed. The depth and extent to which I was able to bond with my host family, professors, fellow ND students, and Lisette exceeded all of my expectations. "You expected to be on campus, I expected for you to be in the classroom, and we expected that distancing would not be a primary duty of social life. And yet, here we are. The semester none of us ever envisioned is over, and it is evident that bringing you home was truly a team effort. However, without your support and understanding, doing the very challenging tasks to complete this process the right way would have been impossible. It is evident that bringing you home was truly a team effort. However, without your support and understanding, doing the very challenging tasks to complete this process the right way would have been impossible.

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Around the Globe

While we all may be feeling this global distancing right now, you can still explore many places around the world that are a home away from home. Although we have to first recall students in Italy, France, and Spain, we know that you would have come home safely and soon. And we hope that you'll continue to share your stories and insights with us.

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Study Abroad Advising

While the Study Abroad office is currently closed, our staff is working remotely and remains available to you by email or phone. Appointments are currently being conducted virtually, so please visit the advising website or call us at 574-631-1138. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to stay connected.

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