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To our international community:

I'm so inspired by all the opportunities for learning and discovery that take place at the University of Delaware every day, and even more so when such moments are explored through our international programs. Whether studying abroad or coming from other countries to pursue degrees here at our U.S. campus in Delaware, never has it been such an exciting time to be an international student.

Across the University, we embrace academic excellence, interdisciplinary learning, groundbreaking research, and cultural enlightenment. Such pursuits, however, are only as strong as the diversity of perspectives, backgrounds and possibilities that join together to create a life-changing experience for our Blue Hen community. At UD, we not only learn from our assignments, books, labs or classrooms...it's a place where we learn from each other.

Our values are anchored upon the foundation of an inclusive environment, where dignity and respect translate to unity and purpose. Nowhere at the University is this more evident than through the programs offered by our Office for International Students and Scholars. As someone who left his homeland of Greece to study abroad, first in England and then in the United States, I know firsthand the value of broadening horizons, experiencing new cultures and making connections with people from different backgrounds. It's an experience that has shaped my entire life.

I encourage you to take advantage of every growth opportunity that an international education offers. My high regard for the program at UD goes beyond my position as the University President; it comes from a respect and recognition of the global view of the world that this institution has embraced since founding the first study abroad program in the United States in 1923. UD consistently ranks among the top schools in the nation for its percentage of students who study abroad, and currently more than 4,000 international students, scholars and family members call UD "home." This commitment continues to strengthen global outreach and interaction as one of our top priorities.

Please know that you are welcomed and supported by our diverse group of faculty and fellow students, and feel free to contact our Office of International Students and Scholars for more information about the resources we have available to serve you: www.udel.edu/oiss. You can also learn about the experiences of members of our international community through their own words, as students share their stories to promote intercultural awareness across the University: <http://www1.udel.edu/oiss/essay/awardees.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Assanis".

Dennis Assanis
President