Dear !*FIRSTNAME*!,

Throughout the last few months, I have been so proud to represent each of you as your Student Body President. As we near the first day of classes and the excitement mounts I would like to take this opportunity to share something, with each of you, that has been on my mind and in my heart.

Together, we are a Shark Family. The most important thing about a family is that they come together and take care of one another. As I walked campus last spring, I caught myself marveling at our community. Our diversity is our strength and our connectedness, love, and care for each other truly define who we are. This sentiment will be more important now than ever. As many of us prepare to come back to campus, we must remember the lessons that this pandemic has taught us on how to be safe and healthy.

We all want to enjoy a successful fall semester. I ask each of you to consider the fact that we are more than just students, classmates, or friends—we are one LIU community. Each of us are responsible for one another more than we could have ever imagined. To this end, I ask that you join me in wearing a mask, social distancing, and following all of the new guidelines and protocols that are designed to keep us safe.

Although we will need to socially distance, we will continue to find new and creative ways to remain connected. We can make this semester one of the best yet, all it takes is that relentless LIU spirit that I have seen in each of you. Together, we can be a model to the world on how to respect and care for one another.

As members of the LIU community, we pledge to:

- Respect Ourselves
- Respect Each other
- Respect Shark Nation

We can do this, LIU. So let’s mask up and get ready for a great semester.

Sincerely,

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