Dear Students,

As we quickly approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I am thankful for your continued commitment to a safe and successful fall semester. It has been important for us to communicate with you regularly and share information as it becomes available. While we understand that the need to adapt and change is a necessity throughout this pandemic, we remain committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. To that end, I want to take a moment to share some updates regarding Thanksgiving Break and the Spring 2021 semester.

**Thanksgiving Break**
After the Thanksgiving Break, the University will move to remote learning beginning Monday, November 30. Classes will be conducted virtually through the end of the Fall semester. All offices, residence halls, and food services will remain open for resident students as scheduled until December 23, 2020. Your academic dean will be in touch with more program-specific information including additional instructions regarding labs, clinical rotations, or other hands-on instruction.

**Spring 2021 Semester**
In order to help prevent the spread of the virus and limit non-essential travel, the University will suspend holiday breaks, including Spring Break and President’s Day. The Spring 2021 semester will now begin on Monday, February 1, 2020. Residence Halls and Food Services will also remain open as scheduled during the entire semester. LIU Promise will be communicating with resident students via email in the next few days with specific information related to move-in, early arrival quarantine, and other important residential updates. During the Spring semester, all enhanced safety measures will remain in place, including social distancing, face coverings, and daily self-checks, in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

While these decisions were not easy to make, it is important that we take all necessary steps to ensure a safe, healthy and successful completion of the 2020-2021 academic year. I appreciate your understanding, and I continue to encourage all of you to abide by the University’s health guidelines and all state-mandated restrictions as you work toward a strong finish to the Fall semester.

As always, we are here to support you and answer any questions you may have regarding these changes. Please feel free to contact me at deanofstudents@liu.edu or 516-299-1200/718-488-1200.

Sincerely,

Michael Berthel
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