

PACE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

Dear Pace Faculty,

Pace University is planning and preparing for a **Fall 2021 semester that will feel very close to normal, with a return to in-person instruction and on-campus activities**. Additional details will be forthcoming, so be sure to continue checking your email.

Classes designed for in-person delivery and office hours will be delivered face-to-face. We expect to offer a robust on-campus environment with a wide array of learning, living, and co-curricular opportunities that reflect Pace's mission of *Opportunitas*.

The federal government has said that every adult in the United States will have access to a vaccine by May 1, and projections say that nearly all of us should be able to be fully vaccinated by the summer. We will continue to follow all appropriate health guidance, and likely will continue to require the use of face coverings, social distance, and other precautions. With those measures in place, we, like many other institutions, believe we can responsibly return to in-person life.

I encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as you can, to protect your own health and to protect our community. Let's continue to work together as we progress toward a strong Fall start.

This past year has been difficult, requiring all of us to be flexible and adapt to a changing environment, to be resilient in the face of challenges in our professional and personal lives, and to demonstrate strength and grace in the face of uncertainty and loss. We've also accomplished a tremendous amount. Let's use the strength and wisdom we've gained in the past year to move forward as One Strong Pace.

Sincerely,

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