Dear students,

Earlier today, you received a communication from the central administration of the 64-campus SUNY system, of which UAAlbany is a campus, strongly recommending that all students participating in University at Albany study abroad programs return to the United States as soon as possible due to the rapidly evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

In addition, the Madrid Province (Comunidad de Madrid) has required all educational institutions in the city to shift from onsite to remote delivery of courses beginning March 11th. UAAlbany in Madrid faculty and staff have prepared for this possibility and are ready to deliver courses remotely using online tools through the remainder of the spring term. This includes courses taught by UAAlbany faculty and courses taught at the DiLe. The UAAlbany in Madrid office is still open and program support services are still available.

Many, if not all of you, may choose to return to the U.S. over the coming days. To accommodate students traveling, and to allow faculty more time to migrate their courses to a virtual setting, the UAAlbany in Madrid spring break that was originally scheduled between March 27th and April 4th has now been rescheduled for the week of March 16th through 20th. Remote learning will continue throughout the rest of this week, and will resume on March 23rd. Inquiries regarding residence hall cancellations or finances should be directed to your local housing provider.

The University understands this is a difficult situation and we are here to support you throughout this transition. Please reach out to local staff in Madrid, Dr. Vela, or your education abroad advisor, Carmeisha Huckleby, with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your patience and understanding.