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Dear Alumni:

The Pace community has responded to Hurricane Sandy with grace, compassion, and resolve. Over the course of the storm and its aftermath, our students, staff, and faculty banded together under extremely difficult conditions, and their dedication to one another has been a deeply moving reminder of what it means to be a member of the Pace family.

As a graduate of Pace, you are a vital member of that family, so I wanted to share with you a brief update on the University's status and our ongoing responses to this devastating storm. I am pleased to let you know that classes have resumed on all campuses, facilities are largely back to full strength, and faculty and staff are focused on ensuring that all students have the opportunity to complete the semester successfully and enjoy a fulfilling academic experience.

While we are returning to normal academic operations, we remain mindful that many challenges remain - for the University, members of the Pace community, our neighbors in Westchester and New York City, and all those who are suffering due to Hurricane Sandy. We are reaching out to storm victims in many ways. Reflecting the great Pace spirit of service, many departments, offices, and individuals have been contributing their time and collecting goods for donation. In Pleasantville, we established a warming center in Willcox Hall, where local residents can come in to charge their cell phones and other electronic items and enjoy some heat and refreshments. We also provided housing in Willcox Gym for a crew of Con Edison workers who traveled from out of state to assist in the recovery efforts in New York. Pace Law School has held a week-long hurricane relief drive.

You will not be surprised to learn that the Pace students who remained in Lower Manhattan put aside their own fear and discomfort to help others. They began volunteering almost immediately, delivering meals to our elderly neighbors who became homebound by the storm. The experience has been a powerful one for them and a wonderful example of the Pace character. Our students' ongoing outreach endeavors were spotlighted in a recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

While Pace is stepping forward to help others in need, we want to make sure that members of our community are cared for as well. We have established a University-wide task force to offer assistance to Pace faculty, staff, and current students and to mobilize the volunteer efforts of our community. We are especially concerned about the many Pace students and their families who have suffered financially because of the storm. To ensure that all of our students can complete the semester successfully, and to help these families with educational expenses, we have set up the Pace Cares Fund. All contributions to the fund will go directly to students in need. If you would like to make a gift, please [click here](#).

I have never been more proud to be a member of the Pace family. Thank you for all you do to support this University. I will continue to keep you informed of major developments as they arise.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen J. Friedman