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Dear Queens Community,

We are looking forward to seeing you on campus this fall. Today we are pleased to announce the academic calendar for the fall semester, as well as some additional details on our residency plan. The updated calendar includes undergraduate courses starting a week early and concluding prior to Thanksgiving break, and remote final exams. This updated undergraduate calendar enables us to have a full semester while reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 related to travel during the semester. There will be no changes to the graduate calendar.

Our commitment to you throughout the pandemic has been to be transparent and forthcoming with our information and decisions. In that spirit, we are sharing with you the details below. In the coming weeks we will follow up with a comprehensive plan to return to campus in a way that's safe and responsible.

Undergraduate Fall Calendar

The university considered many factors to develop this academic calendar, prioritizing the health and safety of our community first. Other considerations include academic integrity and learning continuity, federal compliance, and accreditation requirements.

1. **Classes will begin on August 24**, a week earlier than originally planned.
2. There will be **no fall break** and we WILL have classes on Labor Day.
3. **Instruction will end on Tuesday, November 24**, right before Thanksgiving.
4. Reading day and **final exams** will be conducted **remotely from November 30 – December 8**.
5. There are **NO CHANGES to the graduate calendar**.

Residency Plan

Our decisions related to our residence halls are guided by the recommendations of the federal and local health organizations, as well as the American College Health Association. We are prioritizing safety and considering student preference. With this in mind, we have made the following changes:

1. **Move-in** will happen over a three-day period during the week of **August 17**. Details on when specific students will move in is forthcoming.
2. Residence halls will have **additional rooms designated as singles** enabling us to provide more choices for many students who may prefer this option.
3. Upperclassmen who would like an **exception from the residency policy** will be permitted to live off campus.

There will of course be other changes as you return to campus related to wearing masks, social distancing, dining services and more. This information will be shared in the coming weeks. We know we will need our entire Queens community to pull together in order to re-open safely, and to stay open. We will draw on

our shared commitment to others before oneself – “not to be served, but to serve” - and our collective strength in order to accomplish this goal.

We expect you will have questions! More emails will be coming over the next few weeks, with specific information and details. Additionally, live chats with our leadership team are being scheduled for next week between June 22 and June 26. ***Please watch your email in the next few days for details.***

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate these constantly changing conditions. We look forward to seeing you back at Queens very soon.

With Royals Pride,

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