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Dear Students Enrolled in March travel,

As we continue to monitor the presence of coronavirus (Covid-19) across the globe, I am writing to provide an important update on the upcoming faculty-led undergraduate and graduate GBE international programs scheduled for spring break. With uncertainty surrounding international travel and restrictions, **the university has decided to cancel these programs to ensure that no students experience delays or difficulties in crossing borders and reentering the country.**

In light of these cancellations, faculty members will be adapting plans to ensure that there are no disruptions in academic credit and will communicate with you directly on what will be changing. Your professors will make adaptations to the syllabus to guide you to meet course objectives without the travel component. Thank you for your patience as your professors work to provide course continuation information in their next regularly scheduled campus meeting. While it is not possible to recreate the international experiences they have worked so hard to plan, your professors are working hard to adapt so that you can earn your expected credits.

All travel brings inherent risk. It is important to note that while public fears are running high, the mere presence of Covid-19 in a country was not the deciding factor in our cancellation of these March programs. While individuals can take many steps to minimize the risk of illness at home or abroad, the possibility of recommended quarantine following international travel is a factors that remains uncertain as the global situation continues to develop. These risks are particularly heightened at the current moment as countries around the world mobilize to curtail the spread of the virus.

We will work closely with Student Financial Services to refund all fees associated with the international components of your course. We will also work closely with Financial Assistance as needed. Refunds will not be granted for tuition as the expected credits earned will remain unchanged.

Students should make their own travel arrangements to leave campus during spring break. Residential students may choose to stay in their residence halls, but please be aware that campus services are limited.

Questions regarding academics should be directed to your professor. Questions regarding financial or other administrative matters should be directed to Lauren Schuller (lschuller@bentley.edu), Associate Director in the Cronin Office of International Education.

As always, the safety and wellbeing of our students remains Bentley's priority. We are happy to answer any questions you may have surrounding the March programs. We regret the significant disappointment that we know many students and faculty are feeling in these unprecedented times. Thanks to all for your flexibility and understanding.

Please share this information with your families.

Sincerely,

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