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Dear Pace Community,

Tomorrow is Election Day. I am a deep believer in the power and the privilege of the vote. The ability to choose our leaders is the magic of our democracy, something people have fought and died to defend. If you are 18 or older, and if you are a US citizen, I strongly encourage you to take time tomorrow to go to your polling place and cast your vote—whatever your political beliefs, and wherever you are registered.

If you're a New York City student registered to vote at your campus address, your polling place is either Southbridge Tower II at 66 Frankfort Street, for Maria's Tower residents, or the Leadership and Public Service High School at 90 Trinity Place, for students in other residence halls. CCAR will be organizing Poll Walks throughout the day, leaving from in front of the Birnbaum Library. In Pleasantville, CCAR's Voter Van will take you to your polling place, leaving from Goldstein Fitness Center every half hour starting at 11:00 a.m. And at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law, your polling place is the White Plains Presbyterian Church, just down the block.

Voting is more than just choosing leaders. It's also how we as Americans work out our political differences. This truth is especially important now, as we have experienced painful and tragic violence that has devastated communities across the country. I mourn the lives lost in these tragedies, and my heart goes out to those affected by them. I condemn the perpetrators, and the incendiary rhetoric that encourages it. And I encourage all of us to do what we can to make the world a more peaceful, more understanding place.

Our answer, as a nation, must be the ballot box. It is our peaceful means of resolving disputes and setting the direction for our country.

I traveled recently to China and India, where I met with Pace alumni and spoke to prospective Pace students. It was wonderful to bring alumni together, to help them reconnect with their Pace family. And it was inspiring to meet young students who dream of coming to the United States, to learn new things here and experience life in our vibrant, diverse society.

Those prospective students reminded me of the power of this country's ideals. Even as our public discourse has become coarser, the United States remains a beacon for the world. Let's do our part and vote tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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