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Dear Pace Community,

As we head into the Thanksgiving season, I wanted to share how grateful I am to be your new President and take a moment to reflect on some of the recent accomplishments that make Pace such a unique and uplifting community.

First of all, thank you to everyone who participated in and attended the inauguration events. Despite the less-than-favorable weather on inauguration day, the Pleasantville Campus was bustling with nearly 1,000 students, faculty, and staff members from our New York City, Law School, and Pleasantville campuses; alumni; members of the Board; local community members; delegates and colleagues from other universities; and my friends and family. A special thank you to all who made it possible—it was a remarkable day and I am incredibly humbled by your support. No one person can lead a university alone and I'm fortunate to have such an extraordinary community of faculty, staff, and students to help write the next chapter of Pace's story.

At the student and faculty showcases, I was able to speak with dozens of students and professors who are working on exceptional projects—from the Pace Federal Reserve team, which just last week advanced to the semi-finals of the 2017 College Fed Challenge, to the ground-breaking research being conducted on pancreatic cancer, parasitic diseases, rehabilitation using virtual reality, and so many other topics. Every person I met had a unique story—stories that reflect the opportunities available at Pace. I was also excited about some of the interdisciplinary projects like Babble Lab, which is reimagining humanities and computer science instruction by combining Shakespeare and robots (BardBots). This collaboration across schools and programs is so important and already I am seeing its impact and potential to really make a difference in people's lives.

During my speech at inauguration, I mentioned a recent graduate Matthew Mainzer, who came to Pace after serving in the US Marine Corps for five years including two tours of duty in Afghanistan. With full coverage under the post-9/11 GI Bill including Pace's unlimited Yellow Ribbon Program which paid his entire tuition and fees, Matt served as a head delegate for the University's award-winning Model UN team, secured a coveted

internship with the US Department of State in Azerbaijan, and was awarded a Fulbright to teach English in Serbia.

This example and the University's unwavering commitment to our veterans, is one of the many reasons I am both grateful and proud to be president of Pace. We are ranked a top 50 Best for Vets College by *Military Times* and among the top 25 online bachelor's program for veterans by *U.S. News & World Report*.

As we approach Veterans Day, I wanted to take a moment to thank the 338 veterans currently studying at Pace. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your commitment to protecting our nation and know that we are firmly committed to helping you and your families achieve your goals.

This month also marks the start of the Pace health and wellness challenge on the NYC Campus. As work continues on our [NYC Master Plan](#), we recognize some of the challenges this has presented, including elevator overcrowding. When the project (or Pacelift, if you will) is completed, we will have a transformed campus with exciting spaces for you to live and learn. But until then, let's make the most of it together. Throughout this month, if you spot me or Dean Marijo in the stairwell, say "#PaceWellness" for a \$5 gift card voucher. Also, this Monday, I am inviting 50 students, faculty, and staff to have lunch with me in my office on the 18th floor. The catch? You'll need to take the stairs. [Learn more and sign up today!](#)

I look forward to continuing to meet with our students, faculty, and staff, and hearing more of your Pace stories. As I mentioned in a previous letter, student office hours will begin soon so please contact Jennifer Ross at [jross@pace.edu](mailto:jross@pace.edu) for an appointment. And if you see me around campus, say hello!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marvin Krislov".

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