



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you in good health and good spirits as we all work to respond and adapt to the global crisis stemming from the spread of coronavirus disease.

At University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC), we have taken steps that align with guidance from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and School of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.S. Department of Defense. We have made the health of our faculty, staff, and students our top priority, and in many ways, we are fortunate: Our significant online presence offers a degree of protection while also preparing many of us to do our jobs remotely with a minimum of disruption.

On March 17, I shared the following status update with our global community, along with sincere thanks for their flexibility and resilience: “Stateside, we have completed our transition to telework and shifted hybrid classes to online, and our colleagues overseas have already taken similar steps to comply with Department of Defense directives. While we are encountering challenges, we are responding in measured ways and maintaining operational stability.”

I went on to add that, “Our mission and our focus on the needs of our students will continue to guide us, and together we will learn, grow, and adapt as needed—and we will emerge stronger for it.”

I am confident of this, in large part, because of the foundation that so many of you helped establish for UMGC's global operations—a foundation marked by the same flexibility, resilience, and teamwork that is now on such full display here at our global headquarters and at more than 175 other locations around the world.

Thank you for the part *you* have played in making UMGC the remarkable 21st-century institution that it is.

Again, be safe, be well, and I look forward to more opportunities to connect and reconnect in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Javier Miyares".

Javier Miyares

President

University of Maryland Global Campus