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Dear Pleasantville Resident Student,

I'd like to take this opportunity to provide an update on a recent event on the Pleasantville campus. On Tuesday night (9/11/18), a former Pace student named Ariel Caro gained entry to three residence halls by "piggy backing" his way in. While in the buildings he knocked on doors. In some cases, he gained entry into rooms that were left unlocked or where the occupants opened the door for him. A resident student contacted the campus security staff at 914 773-3400 and provided a description of him and he was observed walking near North Hall. Pace Evening Coordinator, Andrew Elliott, detained the individual and the Mount Pleasant Police were called and responded to campus. After a thorough investigation, Mr. Caro was placed under arrest and taken into police custody. Several Pace students were interviewed by the police. Mr. Caro's personal property was found on campus and turned over to the Mount Pleasant Police. In addition, his vehicle was located and towed off campus and impounded. Extensive review of the campus camera systems raised some issues that need to be addressed.

The safety and security of the student is paramount and I'd like to remind you of several safety precautions that we encourage all students to take:

- Do not allow anyone to "piggy back" into the residence halls, walking in behind you without using their ID card.
- Never let strangers into the residence halls.
- Keep your door locked and secured at all times, even if you are away for a short period of time or in your room.
- If you see something, say something. Call 914 773-3400 with any security issues.
- **Pace Safe** is now available for download via iTunes and Google Play, and includes a variety of safety features, including, emergency contact information, emergency procedures, an electronic form to report security matters, a "Friend Walk" feature that can share a student's location with a friend while walking home, and direct access to other on campus safety resources (Health Care, Title IX, Counseling Center, etc.).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me or my staff at 914 773-3700 if you have any questions or concerns. My email is: vbeatty@pace.edu.

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