Dear Juniors,

We are hopeful that we will be able to offer opportunities for Fall 2021 study away. Therefore, we have opened the application process through the College's online system Terra Dotta. Given the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, we need to look carefully at each program request and evaluate it from a health and safety perspective. Health conditions in any given country are continually evolving, and we will need to follow international and national guidelines and restrictions with regard to permitting travel. We will also make clear our own internal specifications in order to minimize your risk in pursuing study away. Taking into account these precautions, we will do our best to support your goals for study away this fall.

You may access the instructions, list of programs and required forms at https://studyaway.conncoll.edu/

Additional programs may be added to the current list in the next few weeks. We will send out a subsequent notification if so. We will also offer several general information sessions to review the process. Links to meeting times via Zoom will be shared with all of you.

It is very important to note that even if you were previously approved to study away as a junior, you are still required to submit a new application as program options and forms have changed. There is no automatic guarantee that you will be approved again.

The application deadline for Fall 2021 study away applications is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, **2021**. It is your responsibility to be aware of the deadlines of the program(s) you are seeking permission to apply to as some may have earlier ones than the College. The Director of Study Away, Shirley Parson, will work with you on how to proceed.

Finally, please be aware that several new global programs will be available to students beginning in summer 2021, including a new international internship program focused on the UN sustainable development goals, foreign language internships, and short-term summer study abroad. These will be remote or in-person, as public health circumstances permit, with priority given to applicants who do not plan to study away in Fall 2021.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shirley Parson, Director of Study Away Lauren O'Leary, coordinator of the Walter Commons Jefferson Singer, Dean of the College