Dear Tisch Alumni,

As you may have heard, an explosion destroyed three buildings in the East Village on Thursday afternoon March 26, 2015. We immediately and safely evacuated Tisch buildings at 111 and 113 Second Avenue. Some students in the Green House Residence Hall on 7th Street have been displaced temporarily, and they have been given assistance by NYU. We’ve heard from Graduate Musical Theatre Writing alumna, Diana Oh, who lost her home. A fund has been established to help Diana. Film & TV alumna Lia Jusino was also displaced. A fund has been established to help Lia.

After discussions this afternoon with university officials and the city's Office of Emergency Management, the FDNY, and NYPD, I am happy to report that classes, rehearsals, and performances will return to 111 and 113 Second Avenue beginning at 8 a.m. Monday morning.

I could not be more thankful for the patience, kindness and resilience the entire Tisch community has displayed over the last few days. Students immediately offered to house other students at their residence halls, and parents called to offer housing, meals, and clothing. The departments of Graduate Acting, Design, and Production restaged the productions of “Three Sisters” after the sudden displacement from 111 2nd Ave. into 721 Broadway, and the actors performed brilliantly with a model of the “show must go on” dedication. Staff have been working tirelessly to make arrangements for weekend activities and to clean and prepare the buildings for our return.

Tisch is an integral part of the vibrant, multicultural East Village community that is reeling from this tragedy. 111 2nd Avenue has been our home for years, and the people in businesses and restaurants in the neighborhood have enriched and sustained us all. Let’s take time today to think about the families of the missing and injured, those who have lost their homes and places of work, and the many who helped in the escape from burning buildings, and now are working in the recovery. Take a moment to thank someone you appreciate and love.

With gratitude to all,

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