Dear New Paltz Student,

This message pertains to policies, mandatory requirements, or other information necessary for international students. Let's break down a few key points:

**Contact Information: Travel Abroad & Travel Signature**
- Currently enrolled F-1 students must request a Travel Signature through the international student platform.
- Please continue to check your New Paltz email for updates from the College and the US Department of Homeland Security.

**Travel Restrictions**
- As you know, COVID-19 continues to be a fluid situation. This can potentially complicate any international travel at this time, and into the foreseeable future. If you have questions about your status or potential changes, please reach out for guidance.

**Marijuana Policy**
- Despite changes in state law, marijuana remains illegal on a federal level. This means that while you may be able to obtain a prescription for medical use, it is against federal law to possess or use marijuana.
- Convicted felons have the ability to request an I-20 change for travel purposes, but those with a history of driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol, but not convicted, would not affect their visa eligibility.

**Date of Birth & Social Security**
- People 18 and older can register for any of the 3 available vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you need to make sure you are registering for a Pfizer vaccine.
- Note: People who are 16 or 17 years old are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. If you are younger than 16 years old, please check the CDC website for more information.

**Vaccine Registration**
- To register for a vaccine, go to https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/vaccine-resource-center/ for local sites and links.
- If you are unable to travel to a vaccine site, you can register for an appointment online.

**Identity Influence**
- If you are an international student and have a DUI, you may be denied entry to the United States.

**Technology Tools**
- New Paltz ENGAGE is our campus platform for clubs, organizations, and events.
- REMINDER: CircleIn - The Peer to Peer Study App is a great tool for students to build digital communities and collaborate.
- For more information on CircleIn and how to get started, visit the link provided.
- The best way to stay connected with other students in your classes this semester is through the new HealthiestYou app!

**Student Engagement**
- We are proud of our students and their achievements. If you have something you've written or created that you are proud of, we would love to see it.

**Student Corner**
- New Paltz ENGAGE-listed Events:
  - People Power For A Livable Future: NYPIRGS 2021 Earth Day Celebration
  - Double Elimination Soccer Tournament (April 16)
  - Bingo Night (April 16)
  - Everyone's a Critic (April 16)
  - Google Day (April 17)
  - Take Back the Night 2021 (April 17)
  - Double Elimination Tennis Tournament (April 16)

**Quote of the Day**
- "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle

This message is designed to keep you informed and supported during this unprecedented time. Please feel free to reach out to the International Admissions Office or the Office of Student Affairs for any questions or concerns you may have.