Dear New Paltz student,

As you continue or begin your education in the U.S., we hope you will find time to learn about this country, her history, and her citizens. We cannot offer a simplistic explanation for these events, but we do validate your feelings, concerns, and your intellectual curiosity regarding what you witnessed.

You may have watched the events unfold with confusion, shock, or horror as many of us did as well. This attack on U.S. Capitol democracy is a well-known event, but it remains a difficult moment for all of us to process. As we learn about what happened, it is important to acknowledge the magnitude of the moment. This was a despicable act of terrorist activity. It is important to remember the impact this had on our country, our democracy, and our citizens.

As you begin your classes, please be sure to check your email regularly. You may receive a lot of communication from the college in the first week of classes. We hope that you will always experience the learning the beauties and the struggles of the great American experiment. We hope that you will always experience the moments that benefit you as an individual, those in your circle of influence, and your homes. This will come with both engagement, or mental health support.

A snippet of the full text: "We want to start the issue by first welcoming both our returning students and our new students. We know the start of the mornings. All of those feelings are completely understandable! We want to draw your attention to..."