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Dear A+ Families and Friends,

We are currently on our way to Cartagena after leaving the beautiful port of Porto. Our first day out to sea the Rolling Queen (the nickname for Sørlandet) was living up to her name, but soon after the seas calmed down and we've had two peaceful days at sea since. The weather has been gorgeous, and everyone onboard has been enjoying the sun and keeping a sharp eye out for dolphins. On main deck yesterday, there was even a spontaneous badminton game between some of the crew members and students.

In S3 class, we have started talking about personalities and are learning about how to effectively use knowledge about personalities to better interact with peers and work as a team. Each student took the *16 Personalities* test, and we are collecting the data in order to create a ship personality profile which should provide some interesting insights into our community here onboard. At the end of the program year, the students will retake the test and see if there are any changes to the results after spending a year traveling and growing.

A change we've had to our community this sail is that Gaby, the Dean of Students, has now rotated off ship and will be working from shore until Las Palmas. Gaby and I rotate throughout the program year, with one of us supporting the program from the ship and the other from the shore. We were all sad to wave goodbye to her in Porto, but thankfully we will see her soon in the upcoming Parent Port. See you soon, Gaby!

The upcoming port of Cartagena is a maritime crew change port, so the current maritime crew will be heading home for some well-deserved rest and the maritime crew that we started the program year with will be returning. Adam, our Director of Admissions, will also be heading off ship and we are very grateful for his assistance in teaching the Social Science classes these past two sails since Jeff unfortunately needed to go home for medical reasons in St. Malo. We are currently still looking for a permanent replacement for Jeff, but in the meantime, Adam has been doing a wonderful job teaching those classes. We are all hoping that he can come back and sail with us again in the future.

As always, thank you so much for your support and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Happy early Halloween!

Best Wishes,

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