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Dear Campus Community,

I am pleased to announce that Jim Pedas '50, H'97 will be visiting campus on **Tuesday, April 16**. He will be traveling with his brother Ted, along with other guests, including author and film producer George Pelecanos. I have earlier communicated this to the faculty so that they can arrange for student participation, and I am pleased here to extend to the full campus community an opportunity to participate in this special campus visit.

Mr. Pedas has not been on campus since the James Pedas Communication Center was dedicated in 2014. He has continued to be a generous donor to the Communication program at Thiel as well as a faithful supporter of the Thiel Fund. The son of a Greek grocer in Farrell who never thought he would attend college, He is deeply grateful for the opportunities opened to him at Thiel. Over a long career, he and his brother have had success in several business ventures related to film distribution and production.

At Mr. Pedas' recommendation, we have invited Mr. Pelecanos to speak on campus about his experience as a writer and producer of several acclaimed HBO series, including *The Wire* and *The Deuce*. He will speak during **Community Hour, 11:00 am-Noon**, in Stamm Auditorium. He has requested that it be in an interview format, allowing for a less formal conversation about his experience as a writer and producer. Below this message, you will find Mr. Pelecanos' impressive professional biography.

All members of the campus community are welcome to attend the Community Hour with Mr. Pelecanos, if their schedules allow. Several faculty are planning to bring their classes to this event.

Mr. Pedas is looking forward to seeing campus again and learning more about the Communication and Media program. He is especially interested in meeting students and learning about their experiences at Thiel. I know that campus will extend a warm Thiel College welcome to the Pedas Family and their guests.

If you could, please let Amy Taczanowsky (ataczanowsky@thiel.edu) know if you plan to attend the 11:00 am event.

Best regards,

President Traverso