



Alumni and Parent Engagement

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Message of Care and Student Resources



Dear Parents and Guardians,
The following message was sent to students yesterday and we wanted to share it with you as well.



Dear Students,

We write to follow up on the messages yesterday from President Holmes-Sullivan and Associated Student Body President MacWilliamson, in order to emphasize their messages of caring for yourself and those around you, and to provide some additional information about campus resources. Students, staff, and faculty have been using those resources and should continue to do so. We encourage you to direct your classmates you see in need to those services, and please seek them yourselves if you're in need of support.

Yesterday morning, the academic dean's office sent a message to all faculty to let them know that some students may feel unable to attend class, for various reasons, and that faculty should show understanding and grace to those affected by the news. We asked them to make space for the grief many students are feeling, and to recognize that students will be processing the news in different ways. And we encouraged them to be generous with themselves and to reach out for support if they or a colleague needed assistance. We also recognized that just as students are processing the news in different ways, so too are faculty and staff. We provided some resources about talking with students in their classes, and plan to follow up with another message today to provide further support.

As the messages from yesterday emphasized, the families and friends of the deceased and injured have asked for privacy and have asked that the names of the students not be released. We are honoring that request, even as we recognize that students, especially new students, may be wanting more information. We are supporting the families and friends, we are working directly with students, staff, and faculty closely connected to what happened, and we are working with services and offices across campus to help all members of the community.

As noted in yesterday's message, the ASB is coming together as a community **Thursday, September 1 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm** in JRR Howard 202. Flanagan Chapel is continuing to serve as

a space for those who are seeking quiet reflection or support. In the coming days and weeks following, Student Life offices and a variety of student organizations continue to sponsor programs and events for community building and engagement. [Click here](#) for a list of those offices and programs and to get up-to-date information on event locations, dates, and times.

Here are additional resources of support:

- Students may access staff in the **Office of Spiritual Life** by calling (503) 768-7082.
- Walk-in grief support and crisis consultation are available at the [Lewis & Clark Counseling Service](#) **Wednesday, August 31, until 6 pm this evening**. Extended urgent walk-in hours will continue **Thursday, September 1 and Friday, September 2 from 1 - 4 pm**. To access counseling support, please walk in to the Templeton 180 clinic ('garden level', next to the Health Service). If you prefer to schedule an appointment, please call (503) 768-7160 or email counsel@lclark.edu.
- The Office of Equity and Inclusion will hold office hours to hold space for listening, processing, and being in community: **Thursday, September 1st from 2 - 4 pm and Friday, September 2 from 12 - 2 pm**. The OEI Offices are located in McAfee #116 & #117 (above the Mailroom). The [building entrance](#) is located at the north side of the building, at the red door, then proceed through the communications office area, and turn left to the OEI offices ahead.
- Both students and employees can access support from Valerie White in the Ombuds Office by phone or email: (503) 768-7336 or ombuds@lclark.edu.
- If you are a resident, you may seek support with your specific [Area Director](#) in Campus Living.

Please be kind to those around you and to yourself, and support those in our community who are in need.

Warmly,

Evette and Bruce

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