

Letter to the Longwood Community

From: Dr. Patricia Cormier, Longwood University President

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Subject: Tragedy at Virginia Tech

To the Longwood community:

By now, most of you are aware of the tragedy at Virginia Tech. I know I speak for all of us at Longwood when I express my profound sorrow about this tragic day. We offer our support to the many individuals in the Longwood family who have connections or relationships with the Virginia Tech community.

Please keep our colleagues at Virginia Tech—faculty, staff, and students—and the community of Blacksburg, in your thoughts and prayers today as they try to cope with this tragedy.

The president of Virginia Tech issued the following statement following the tragic shootings this morning: "Today the university was struck with a tragedy that we consider of monumental proportions," said university President Charles Steger. "The university is shocked and indeed horrified."

I am working with Dr. Tim Pierson, Vice President for Student Affairs, to plan a "Moment of Remembrance" on our campus soon, and we shall keep you posted as those plans are finalized. Our counseling center is open should anyone wish to talk with someone about this tragedy.

Again, our hearts go out to our friends at Virginia Tech. This is a sad day for all of us.

Patricia Cormier
President