

MESSAGE FROM CAROLINA



The University
of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

Dear students, faculty and staff,

I am writing to acknowledge the incident on campus Monday evening, Aug. 31, in which an individual harassed and threatened students. Our students were directly affected by physical intimidation and racial slurs. I want to recognize the fear, anger and hurt this caused, both for those who experienced the incident firsthand and for others across campus who have been impacted by it.

What happened was frightening and unacceptable. Every student should be able to move through our campus without being subjected to threats or harassment and with full confidence that Carolina cares about their safety, dignity and well-being.

The individual, who is not affiliated with the University, was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for evaluation. The individual will be charged and trespassed from campus. Once the individual was apprehended, UNC Police assessed that there was no ongoing threat to campus, which is also a determining factor when issuing an Alert Carolina.

On Tuesday morning, Dean of Students Desirée Rieckenberg reached out directly to students who were affected and connected them with support, including:

- [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (CAPS), for both individual and group counseling;
- [The Heels Care Network](#), including our mental health resource hub;
- [Student Wellness](#), for non-clinical resources, skills development tools and wellness coaching;
- The [Dean of Students](#) team, to connect with campus services, assist with balancing personal needs and academic demands, and navigate other challenges; and
- The [University Compliance Office](#) (UCO), to connect with campus resources and provide information about supportive measures and reporting options.

We also recognize that caring for students requires more than responding after an incident. Campus leadership, including Student Affairs, is committed to working with students, student organizations and the campus community to advance violence-prevention

education, programming and community-based efforts. We will listen to students and the community, work alongside them and identify the University support that can help turn their ideas into meaningful action.

Sincerely,

James Orr, Senior Vice Provost for Student Success