



Office of the President

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Greetings Evergreen Community,

The announcement of the Washington State Patrol's findings last week brought many of us back in time to December 11, the death of Jonathan Rodriguez, and the injury to others. The information renewed feelings of shock, grief, and anger. It has been a hard week for many.

It was also an occasion to reflect on the actions we've taken since December and the work that remains.

The college has taken assertive action on safety measures since December. We will continue to do so in earnest so that a tragedy like this never happens again. These actions include further investments in student housing, working to get caught up on the backlog of work orders, addressing the new work orders identified during the inspections, and updating our emergency protocols.

In addition to campus safety, we are working with members of the Geoduck Student Union and others to find better ways for students and administrators to engage directly in constructive dialogue going forward. And in Spring Quarter, we will turn attention to how to appropriately remember and memorialize Jonathan.

Today's message concludes my weekly cadence of community update emails, but the college's work is not done. Look for ongoing information in the monthly Leadership News and Notes messages and direct communications from Executive Leadership Team members.

The community-response@evergreen.edu email account will remain active, so continue sending your questions and comments to us for response. And the www.evergreen.edu/campustragedy will continue to be updated as needed.

I hope you all have a restorative Spring Break. Take great care of yourself and others.

Sincerely,

John Carmichael, President

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