

May 26, 2014

To our friends and colleagues at UC Santa Barbara,

Below is a message I sent today to the entire UC community beyond Santa Barbara. We want you to know that all of our thoughts and prayers are with you as you weather this tragic and sorrowful series of events. We know that Tuesday will be a day of deep sadness for all of you and that the pain of this loss will be with you for months and years to come. I know I speak for my colleagues across all the campuses when I say you can count on us for support and compassion in these difficult times.

Yours very truly,

Janet

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President

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TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY

Colleagues,

By now I am sure that every member of the University of California community is aware of the horrific rampage near UC Santa Barbara this past Friday night that took the lives of six of our students and injured nine other students.

Words cannot adequately express my shock over this senseless event and my profound sadness about the loss of these young people. I ask that you join me in sending thoughts and prayers to the victims of this tragedy, their families and the entire Santa Barbara community.

This is a time for mourning and grieving, and for consoling and supporting each other. It will take time for our UCSB colleagues to recover and heal from this. To begin that healing, UCSB has canceled classes on Tuesday, May 27, and declared the day one of mourning and reflection. A memorial service organized jointly by students, staff and faculty will take place at 4:00 pm on campus. In the days and weeks ahead, as the campus continues to recover, I ask that you please extend understanding and compassion to our UCSB colleagues.

To honor the memories of the victims of Friday's senseless and tragic events, I am ordering flags at all University of California facilities to be lowered to half-staff through Sunday, June 1. As you look upon those lowered colors, I hope you will pause to reflect on these lost members of our UC family.

During this terrible time for our UC community, I ask that you join me in the belief that the process of healing and reflection we will go through in the coming days will draw us closer as a university community. Together, we will get through this.

Yours very truly,

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