

Woughter reacts to Virginia Tech shootings

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Dear students, faculty and staff, Today we all grieve with the students, families and community of Virginia Tech after the horror and senselessness of yesterday's shootings. Virginia Tech will be having a convocation on their campus at 2pm today to help their university community begin to deal with the grief, fear and anger they're feeling. We will be broadcasting that convocation at 2pm in Holmes Auditorium. The counseling center staff and Reverend Laurie DeMott, our interfaith advisor, will be present. Our Carillon bells will toll today at 2pm for five minutes, and in the words of University of Virginia President John Casteen, "I urge all within the sound of the bells to pause, reflect, and each in her or his own way express sorrow for the losses that so many families are now discovering." If you are personally affected by this tragedy, please contact the Counseling Center at 607.871.2300 to talk to a counselor. If you wish to write a note of support or send a card to the students at Virginia Tech, I will collect them in the Student Affairs office (please use intercampus mail) and send everything to their VP for Student Affairs at the end of the week. Our Public Safety webpage is here: <http://my.alfred.edu/inde...> <<http://my.alfred.edu/inde...>> . Feel free to review our own policies, crime statistics, and reporting requirements if you are wondering about emergency response on our own campus. We may have more information for you as we gather, process our own reactions to this tragedy, and try to best find a way to express our sympathy to the Virginia Tech community at a time when most of us feel helpless. Thank you, Kathy Woughter Vice President for Student Affairs Alfred University