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Dear Marquette Parents:

As your sons and daughters prepare to come home for the Thanksgiving holiday, we take this opportunity to write to you about recent events at Marquette and to share the resources we have made available to students on campus.

You may be aware that a freshman student, Andrew Siebenaler, died by suicide in McCormick Hall on November 14. The death of any member of our university community, but especially that of a young person, affects the entire campus. We continue to hold this student and his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers, and we remain very mindful of the needs and concerns of all of our students as we approach the final weeks of the fall semester and the stress of final exams.

We invite you to join with us in supporting our students through this difficult time. Please note the many resources available to students on campus, from faculty advisers to counselors, from resident assistants to campus ministry staff: all are committed to your son or daughter's success and well-being. To that end, we have offered on-site counseling in McCormick Hall and at the Counseling Center and Campus Ministry, and held on-campus services to pray for Andrew's family and friends. We continue to work throughout campus, especially by connecting with students in the freshman English classes and residence hall communities, to encourage students to seek help if they experience stress or difficulty, or if they recognize these signs in others.

Information about Marquette and several off-campus mental health resources has been collected and posted online at <http://www.marquette.edu/dsa/VP>. This information has been widely shared with students and the Marquette community. If you have concerns about your own son or daughter, or he or she expresses concern for a friend, please utilize any of the resources posted on the Web page.

Please accept our warmest wishes for a peaceful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

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