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Niner Nation Remembers

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To the students, faculty, staff, families, alumni, and friends of Niner Nation:

The events of last week are woven into the fabric that binds Niner Nation together, from the fear and shock we shared as the tragedy unfolded to the acts of heroism and sacrifice that saved many lives.

To honor Riley Howell and Reed Parlier and in support of the four other students who suffered injuries -- Rami Alramadhan, Sean Dehart, Emily Houpt, and Drew Pescaro -- we have established a permanent website, Niner Nation Remembers. The site includes an index of information from the week, as well as a photo gallery and a video archive of Wednesday's vigil inside Halton Arena and the candlelight vigil which followed outside. The website will also permit you to share your personal thoughts and reflections about the tragedy we suffered on Tuesday, April 30.

In time, we will memorialize Reed and Riley in other ways after we have talked with their families and considered a number of options. To ensure what we do is reflective of their lives and dreams for the future, I have formed a Niner Nation Remembrance Commission to provide guidance and insight on next steps. I will share more about the commission and its charge in the days ahead.

In addition to reflecting on the events of the past several days, we are looking down the road to the coming weeks and months. As I said in my previous message to the campus community, my continuing priority will be the safety and security of our campus. It is my responsibility to keep you informed of all the work that we do, including the results of the independent external after-action review of the incident that we will commission.

I am so grateful for the love and support you have shown to me and for each other. I am so proud to be your chancellor. The events of last week are a part of all of us, but Niner Nation must be defined by how we have pulled together in response. Niner Nation is #CharlotteStrong.

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