

## ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Dear members of the Assumption College family,

We are all still in disbelief after the events at the Marathon on Monday. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families. In true Assumption fashion, the community came together to support one another and those in our community who were personally affected by this senseless tragedy. Sadly, one of our staff members has a daughter who was a spectator who was seriously injured, and a graduate student, whose father works here, who was treated and released the next day.

Immediately, we planned a Mass and prayer service on Tuesday to help demonstrate our concern, and to enable us to join together as a faith community to pray for all those affected and to pray for peace.

As we continue to grapple with this situation, the Assumption community is again coming together to demonstrate their solidarity and support for Boston and the injured. On Friday, April 19, we will have a banner for students, faculty and staff to sign, and purple ribbons will be distributed. We are also collecting donations for OneFundBoston to help aid the victims of the explosion.

On Saturday, April 20, PAWS and Campus Recreation are hosting a Color in Motion 5k/10k Run/Walk, starting at 10 a.m. We have invited the Assumption community to come down to the starting line by the Plourde (Laska lobby if rain) to sign the banner, take a ribbon, and donate. We will offer a prayer at the start of each race.

A letter-writing campaign to first-responders and victims will begin next week. This is a difficult time for all of us. I hope you and your families are well. All those affected by this tragedy will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

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