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**TO:** University of Idaho Faculty, Staff and Students  
**FROM:** Chuck Staben, President  
**DATE:** October 2, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Thoughts About Recent Tragedy in Oregon

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Yesterday, a mass shooting occurred at Umpqua Community College in Oregon. The shooting is tragic for the victims and their families. To the students, faculty and staff members, and to community members affected, we extend our sympathy for their profound heartbreak and loss.

Tragedies like this have too often visited college campuses. These situations are unpredictable and not easy to manage. The University of Idaho's Public Safety and Security Office collaborates with local law enforcement regarding threats and incidents on our campus. A number of training modules and other resources are available. These tools are part of a commitment to maintaining a safe campus for all UI community members. If you have not yet viewed these resources, I urge you to do so.

Our university is continuously examining options and best practices for emergencies. Counseling resources are also available for all university students and employees. The [Counseling and Testing Center](#) offers multiple resources to help those in need.

As Vandals, we offer our deepest sympathies for the events in Oregon yesterday. We are united in our resolve to do what we can to protect and care for each other as a community.

If you have concerns or questions about UI's policies or to access training modules, visit the Public Safety and Security website at [www.uidaho.edu/public-safety-and-security](http://www.uidaho.edu/public-safety-and-security).