

September 16, 2013

Dear UNC community members,

I hope that all of you and your families are safe from the devastating floods that have affected our community and state in the past days. As I continued hearing the news today of so many whose lives are affected by this unprecedented event and began working with my leadership team to map out our response, I was struck by the complexity of the situation and how dispersed the devastation is. My thoughts and prayers, and those of our university community, go out to the many people whose lives have been touched.

Our campus infrastructure remains largely undamaged by the heavy rains, and we are acutely aware of our good fortune. We will resume normal operations at our Greeley campus on Tuesday.

We have established a Web page, which we are regularly updating, with information on the flooding, travel routes and resources, which can be accessed at <http://www.unco.edu/news/releases.aspx?id=5755>. The site includes details on how UNC community members displaced by flooding can arrange to stay in campus residence halls, how to get assistance if you are directly affected by the flooding, and how you can help with flood relief efforts. In addition, Provost Robbyn Wacker will be communicating shortly with students and faculty regarding the academic resources available to them in the coming weeks.

I am postponing the State of the University address until Sept. 24 while we gather ourselves and make sure we have attended first to the needs of our campus community members. If you are no longer able to attend, please contact Elaine Quam at elaine.quam@unco.edu or 970-351-2121. There will be a few additional spaces available, so if you did not RSVP and would like to attend, please check with Elaine.

Once again I am heartened by the way we have come together as community in the face of a challenge. Thank you all for your care and concern.

Best,

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