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Remembrance ceremony

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Hi Everyone,

Over the last few days you've received a great deal of news from me about the tragic loss we suffered with the passing of Sierra Smith and Kimberley Brin. Having heard from many of you, I know that it has led to a lot of reflection as you've tried to make sense of everything. As we begin our healing process, I want to share with you our plans to honor our two young students.

On Wednesday (tomorrow) at 5 pm in the York River West Lobby, we will hold a private remembrance ceremony for Sierra and Kimberley. We'll celebrate their lives and recall their time with us. We'll comfort each other and we'll support their families as we try to move forward. As we do so, we'll continue to keep Emani Wade in our thoughts and prayers. We do these things as all families do during times of sorrow.

While Wednesday's ceremony is only for members of Sierra and Kimberley's immediate and CNU families, there are some other updates regarding memorial services that I want to share with you. The viewing for Sierra will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 3-5 pm at the Berceuse Funeral Home at 2609 Cunningham Drive in Hampton. Sierra's funeral will be on Sunday, December 11 at 1 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 2605 Cunningham Drive. The memorial service arrangements for Kimberley in the US Virgin Islands are still developing and will be finalized in the near future.

We've had a couple of really tough days, ones that have tested all of us. The outpouring of support for each other is a constant reminder of our strength as a community and how fortunate we are to have each other. It's a privilege to be with all of you.

Warmly,

Kevin

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