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Our tragedy

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To: students@cnu.edu, employees <employees@cnu.edu>, faculty@cnu.edu

All,

Earlier today I let you know about two students who were injured in the horrific car accident that took the life of Sierra Smith. I have updated information that I need to share with you.

Sadly Sierra's roommate, Kimberley Brin, lost her battle earlier this evening and passed away. She was surrounded by family throughout her fight. Kimberley was a 2011 graduate of All Saints Cathedral School in the US Virgin Islands. An avid volleyball player during her high school years, Kimberley was exploring the liberal arts curriculum this semester. Kimberley lived life to the fullest during her brief time with us; she will make a lasting impact as an organ donor.

Emani Wade's family has asked that I let you know that she is in serious but stable condition. While she has a long road ahead of her, there is optimism that Emani will continue to make progress in her recovery. Please continue to keep Emani and her family, as well as Kimberley and Sierra's families, in your thoughts and prayers. I also ask that you offer even more support to Kimberley and Sierra's friends and floor mates as they deal with these shocking events.

These past two days have been heart-wrenching. I know they've taken their toll on many of you, so be sure to find comfort and support from each other and from the resources available to everyone. As one of the family members shared with me earlier today "you told us CNU is a community, a family, and we've really felt that." That's what makes CNU special, and that's why we will pull through this tragedy...together.

Yours,

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