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**MSU Community:**

It is with a sad heart that I share with our campus community the untimely passing of an MSU student while with us. We have not released the name of the 19-year old female in order to be sensitive to the family and friends around her, and as we work with the family we will determine their wishes related to notification of her identity. She was found unresponsive today, Monday.

We are deeply saddened by this and will continue working with the family, as well as contacting known friends to offer support and healing during this time.

One of the most difficult things to communicate is having to relay this type information to family members of a student and to a campus. As a parent myself I cannot express to you the emotions that I have as well, as these unfortunate situations are heart breaking.

As we offer support and healing, we would like for any individual affected to know that we have a number of support resources available for any student or staff who understandably has been impacted. Our MSU Counseling and Health Services Clinic has professional mental health counselors on standby should you wish to speak to one by phone or in-person. They are located in Allie Young Hall within the center of campus and will have extended hours of operation today and tomorrow until 6 pm, or as long as needed. They may be reached at 606-783-2055 or <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Student-Affairs/Counseling-Health-Services>.

We ask that our faculty and staff work with any student needed to offer support, compassion, and understanding at this difficult time. Our MSU family is known for supporting students. Likewise, we also have a number of affiliated campus ministries which can be a source of support and healing as well. We encourage you to seek one or more of them out, as they are an additional support system that can be beneficial in times of loss and grief. Their contact information can be viewed below for ease of communicating with them.

Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM)  
Matthew Mofield  
606-784-4490  
[matthew.mofield@kybaptist.org](mailto:matthew.mofield@kybaptist.org)

Methodist Student Center  
Drew McNeill  
606-784-7293  
[drew@msuwesleyfoundation.org](mailto:drew@msuwesleyfoundation.org)

Catholic Newman Center  
Darrinda Merriner  
(606) 776-2129  
[josmsunewman@gmail.com](mailto:josmsunewman@gmail.com)

CRU  
Patrick Keene  
606-424-2129  
[Patrick.Keene@Cru.org](mailto:Patrick.Keene@Cru.org)

We extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and to everyone impacted by this unfortunate passing. I hope that you will keep them in your thoughts or prayers.

Jay Morgan  
MSU President