November 13th, 2015

Good Evening,

As the study abroad emergency contact of a St. John’s University student currently in Paris, France, we are reaching out to let you to know that all St. John’s students are safe and accounted for.

Though we expect to learn more about this developing situation in the coming days, our priority remains our students’ safety. We have asked all students to be in touch with their loved ones back home tonight, and will continue to ask them to reach out often, both to keep you apprised of their safety and to ensure that they benefit from your support.

We are strongly encouraging students to stay on the SJU campus tonight and will continue to make the same firm recommendation tomorrow. Our team will meet with the campus community in the late morning to walk through our guidance, to review available resources, to ask students to seek on-campus activities for the day, and to provide meal options. We ask that you support our decision when you speak with them, and that you reach out to us if you have questions.

We also want you to be aware that the entire team—in Paris and NYC—is marshaled to take care of SJU students. In addition, we will closely follow the Department of State’s guidance and the directives of the French authorities. We will also make students aware of local resources, including off-campus mental health and wellness supports that they can utilize in order to ensure that their needs are met.

In addition, please note that the U.S. Department of State has not yet provided updates about the situation on their main website (http://travel.state.gov), though we expect details to be posted over the weekend. In addition, we expect information to be posted by the US Embassy in France (http://france.usembassy.gov) as well as by the French government, other governments, and all major media sources.

If you have continued concerns, a member of our team can be reached 24/7 through the Office of Public Safety by calling 718-990-5252.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in France, and everyone affected far beyond France's borders.