



From the President's Desk

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Colleagues,

Like me, I am sure you are hearing the unfolding details of the tragic shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon. I hope that your family and friends were not directly impacted. If they were, I extend my deepest sympathies to you.

In addition to a collective sorrow we feel for the victims, their families and others affected by this terrible event, you may find that you are experiencing angst which you could use help processing. I encourage you to take advantage of our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) benefit. At no charge, EAP can provide you with counseling to help you process your feelings. EAP can be reached 24 hours at 1-800-327-0449.

If you have students who appear to be struggling with this news, or any other matter, I hope you will suggest that they visit the on-campus Student Health Center next to the ASO Office in A-9. Counseling through the Center is FREE for all West students. Just bring a photo ID and proof that you are a student (e.g. Student ID, Print out of Classes, or use your phone to show your SIS account). Phone calls to (310) 287-4478, walk-ins, or appointments are all welcome. Hours are from 8:00am – 4:00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and 9:30am – 6:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Also know that West takes campus safety seriously. While we hope that West never experiences an active shooter on campus, our Sheriff personnel regularly prepare for such an occurrence. Periodically, we also publish what actions you should take in the event of various emergencies on campus. Find more information at www.WLAC.edu/Documents-Sheriff/Responding.pdf. In the event of an emergency on campus, if able, check your cell phone for text updates from the college and/or the college web site. Also listen for instructions from law enforcement.

May we continue to enjoy our very collegial environment here at West.

Sincerely,

Bob Sprague

Interim President