



## *The University of Oklahoma*

STUDENT AFFAIRS

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TO: All OU Students

Welcome back, students-

Hopefully you are settling in for the fall semester. Student Affairs exists on this campus to serve you and help you thrive as you pursue your degree at the University of Oklahoma. We strive to meet your needs outside of the classroom and provide a healthy and positive experience for every single student. You have different backgrounds, beliefs, nationalities, cultures, and identities that are all welcome in the OU community, a place that is rooted in justice and care.

The events of the past few weeks have been painful and difficult for our country. They will likely reverberate in the coming months as college campuses continue to serve as places of demonstration and free speech. Acts of hate and terror may have left you feeling vulnerable and unsafe. We have resources across campus that are ready to serve you should you need them. Please make contact with a mentor, friend, staff member or professor so that we can connect you to the help you need.

Here are some of the places you can go for support:

If you experience bias, discrimination, physical or mental harassment or misconduct by OU community members, please make a report on our 24 hour EthicsPoint Hotline at 844-428-6531 or visit [www.ou.ethicspoint.com](http://www.ou.ethicspoint.com). You can also contact the Institutional Equity Office for direct help: 405-325-3546 or <http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo.html>

If you are experiencing mental or emotional stress and need to talk with a trained professional, please reach out to Counseling Services: call 405-325-2911 to make an appointment or visit <http://www.ou.edu/ucc.html>

If you witness suspicious activity of any kind, please alert the OU Police Department immediately: 911/ 325-1911 (emergency) or 405-325-2864 (non-emergency) or visit <http://www.ou.edu/content/police.html>

If you experience any kind of sexual violence, harassment or stalking, reach out to OU Advocates for 24 hour confidential support: 405-615-0013 or visit <http://www.ou.edu/gec/advocacy.html>

If you are on campus and do not wish to walk alone, call 325-WALK (325-9255) and request an escort from 8 p.m. till 2 a.m., 7-days a week.

We ask for every student's help in keeping our campus as safe as possible. Please remember that you are not alone.

We are here to support you. Good luck this semester.

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