

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

February 17, 2023

Dear Music Students,

We are thinking of you often and hoping you are doing well. If you are having any trouble at all – even if you think it is something minor – please take advantage of the many resources ranging from your friends and family to campus services to off-campus programs. No one should feel alone at this time, and all of us in the College of Music are here for you as well. We hope you are able to process this trauma, to grieve, and to begin to move toward healing.

The march and [vigil](#) on Wednesday evening was an opportunity for thousands to be together and honor the lives we have lost and those injured. It was a powerful outpouring of care and concern in our community. Music students Phoenix Miranda, Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr. and Jordan Anderson, and faculty member Sadie Rucker, provided exquisite musicianship and brought the power of music as a healing force during the ceremony.

Like all of you, we are struggling to make sense of what happened this week. While it is early in our effort to process these events, here are a few things to keep in mind:



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- CAPS has provided a [helpful guide to managing distress](#).
- We rescheduled our **Dean's lunch** with students to **Tuesday, February 21** from 11:30 – 1:30, and we welcome the entire Music community. It will be a time for informal, supportive conversations as we help one another through this difficult time. Food and beverages provided. Drop in any time.
- Given that **Berkey Hall will be closed** for the remainder of the semester, MSU is asking that all colleges offer classroom and conference room availability to assist with rescheduling classes and other activities. Music will be generous in this regard when possible, so we ask for your patience, as our buildings may be a bit more crowded than usual.
- Running Start is **rescheduling two planned events** next week:
 - The Lobby Takeover on February 21 is postponed, and it will be rescheduled during the week of February 27. More details to come, but free portrait photos will be available at the rescheduled event.
 - The Running Start Alumni Mixer on February 23 is postponed until late March. More details to come.

The information above is also posted on our [Student Bulletin](#) web page.

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U N I V E R S I T Y

As we look forward to welcoming you back for classes on Monday, we want to encourage you to reach out to us for any reason. We say that with great sincerity in our message to you each week. Today, we emphasize this more than ever. So please stay connected, and together we will help each other through this difficult time.

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