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To:
The Students of the University of Delaware

From:
President Patrick T. Harker
Provost Domenico Grasso

Last night, a group of disorderly University of Delaware students took to the streets of Newark, causing damage, engaging in high-risk behavior and endangering their well being and others.

Make no mistake—this behavior will not be tolerated at the University of Delaware.

Through the UD Police Department, local law enforcement and the University's Office of Student Conduct, the University takes quick and firm action on violations of its Code of Conduct. Students who violate the Code risk sanctions including expulsion. The University is working closely with the Newark Police Department to ensure that those responsible for last night’s incident are held accountable.

To be sure, the vast majority of students did not and would not participate in such an embarrassing, dangerous and costly episode. The few who did have cast a negative light on the University as a whole and on the character of our community.

The privilege of being a University of Delaware student brings with it responsibilities and opportunities. You are part of the accomplishments that span our distinguished history and extend around the world. This is not only a matter of institutional reputation, but one of personal integrity. Let's work together to make sure this is an institution where all can feel safe and in which all can take pride.