



Message from Chancellor Philip L. Dubois

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The violence seen in Uptown Charlotte last night saddens all of us. In stark contrast, yesterday we witnessed two meaningful and moving peaceful gatherings organized by our students in and around the Student Union. I was extremely proud of them.

The campus remains safe and secure. Regularly scheduled classes and activities will go on today as planned. Although some have encouraged me to cancel classes, I believe that the unique power of the University as a place for education, dialogue, and reflection is a compelling reason not to do so.

I encourage faculty members who wish to dedicate class time to discuss the events of the last few days in Charlotte or the larger national issues with respect to racial equity to do so. I also encourage them to exercise flexibility with respect to their class attendance policies to the extent that circumstances allow.

Tomorrow marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the institution that has become UNC Charlotte. Founders Week activities have continued in full recognition that the events of this week have been both saddening and challenging. And so it will be today (Thursday), as we dedicate the naming of our Student Union to two former student government presidents who have taken the success they enjoyed in their careers as a result of their college degrees and have chosen to support the University they love.

Notably, one of our honorees is a white female, a successful lawyer. The other is an African-American male, a first-generation college student and a graduate of our University Transitional Opportunities Program, who has enjoyed success in the financial services industry. The union of their names permanently attached to our Student Union is a fitting reminder that our diversity is a strength. Please join us at noon.