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Statement on Downtown Safety & Campus Resources Regarding Recent Events

Columbia, Mo. – This past Saturday morning, three people were injured, one fatality, in a shooting in the 900 block of East Broadway at around 1:43am and the suspect taken into custody by Columbia Police Department. Despite hospitalization, Stephens College student Aiyanna Williams passed away from her injuries Sunday morning.

The Missouri Students Association Kuykendall-Lineback Administration wants to reinforce its support and solidarity with the student body, and fellow peers, at Stephens College. We extend our deepest condolences to all those affected, with our thoughts with the victims, friends, families and community impacted by these recent events.

We recognize that such events can have a profound impact on the mental and emotional well-being of students. During these challenging times, it is crucial to remember that support is available. The University of Missouri is committed to providing comprehensive health and well-being resources to assist students in navigating times such as these.

Available Student Health & Well Being Services:

- **Urgent and Crisis Support** is available if you come to the MU Counseling Center during normal business hours, or at any time if you call (573) 882-6601 to speak with a mental health professional.
- **TAO (Therapy Assistance Online)** offers Mizzou students to have access to a suite of customized online tools and resources for well-being, resilience, and behavioral health.
- **Care Team** assists students with finding and accessing resources supporting many aspects of well-being. If you are concerned about a student, please complete a [Student of Concern Referral Form](#).
- **Mid-Missouri Crisis Line**, (888) 761-4357
- **Suicide Prevention Hotline**, 988

Furthermore, the Administration would like to reinforce the Association's unwavering support for student safety on and off-campus. We want to remind students at this time of the resources provided by the University and Association to ensure the safety of all undergraduate and graduate students.

Available Safety & Campus Resources:

- **[MizzouSafe App](#)** is MU's mobile safety platform, downloadable from Google or App Store. It can provide students with real-time alerts, safety resources and communication tools designed to enhance personal security and tips.
- **[STRIPES](#)** provides undergraduate and graduate students up to \$10 per month to go towards Uber rides from downtown Columbia to their residence each month throughout the academic year. Student can use this most Friday and Saturday's from 10pm to 2am through the Uber App.
- **BlueLight Telephones** are emergency red or gold phones across campus that provide a direct connection to the University of Missouri Police Department dispatch center with the push of a single button.

We encourage all students to utilize these resources and reach out for support. For more information on available services and resources, please visit the [Student Health & Well-Being website](#). The Association will continue to work with campus and community stakeholders as we navigate these times.

For those who would like further clarification or have any inquiries regarding the information covered within this letter, please do not hesitate to reach out via email at msa@missouri.edu. Please direct any requests for comments from the Association to <https://studentaffairs.missouri.edu/media-inquiry/>.

Founded in 1911, the Missouri Students Association is the recognized student government association for all undergraduate students at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri.

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