Dear Faculty, Administration and Staff,
I wanted you to be aware that the email below was sent to all students this afternoon, to build upon President Riggs’ statement earlier this week. Please note that the Escort Service offered by DPS is also available to faculty and staff.

Best, Julie Ramsey

Dear Students:

I write today to follow up on the emails President Riggs sent following the election. As she pointed out, the feelings of many across our nation are being experienced on our campus. There are many members of this community who feel pleased with the results, while there are others who feel discouraged, and some who feel as though their future in this country is uncertain.

But I also know that for some of our students, their feelings after this election go beyond a sense of uncertainty or discouragement. Many students are experiencing growing apprehension and fear. The safety and well-being of our students is of our utmost concern and we want students to know that this institution supports you and will do all that it can to ensure your safety.

While there have been no major incidents reported, we have increased security presence on campus. In addition, I would like to remind our community that DPS provides safety escorts for students, staff, and faculty who might be travelling around campus who have concerns about their personal safety. You may call 337-6912 to request this service.

Students experiencing issues or concerns should reach out to DPS day or night. DPS is open 24/7 and can connect students with any necessary on- or off-campus resources. Students should report any
incidents to DPS, with all details that they can remember. If incidents are reported, DPS can then follow their investigative process. Having reports to compare also helps them put together a profile of what’s going on to create an appropriate response. They can’t do anything, however, without reports and students talking to them about what’s going on.

Crimes, concerns, or incidents can be reported to DPS in the following ways:

- Call the Department of Public Safety by dialing (717) 337-6911 or on-campus extension 6911
- Report in person to the Department of Public Safety at the Public Safety office located at 51 West Stevens Street
- Crimes or emergency situations can be reported to the Gettysburg Borough Police or local emergency services by dialing 911
- Complete the online “community concern” form (This form should only be used for non-emergency or non-urgent reporting)
- Please also be aware of relevant safety tips from DPS.

College Life is reaching out to students who feel most impacted by the election for one-on-one meetings to discuss their concerns. However, please know that any member of College Life, including me, is available to meet with students who have concerns. In addition, the Counseling Center is also a great resource for students who are looking for additional support.

Finally, I would like to direct you to a college webpage that will continue to be updated with post-election resources and programming that are taking place throughout our community. If you are aware of an event that you would like included on this webpage, please submit it to news@gettysburg.edu.
As always, the College is committed to staying up to speed on any developments that might have an impact on our community.

Acts of bias and harassment are inconsistent with the mission and values of Gettysburg College and will not be tolerated on our campus. Now is the time for students to support one another, to show empathy, to make a special effort in their residence halls, clubs, classes, and daily interactions to ensure that we are upholding our values and strengthening our sense of community.

Thank you,

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