Dear Carls,

Yesterday, you may have seen a story about an alumna filing a federal complaint alleging that the College had not properly responded to a sexual misconduct complaint when she was a student.

Sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct have no place at Carleton and are not tolerated. These are real problems in our society, and the College works diligently to raise awareness with students and other community members about all types of sexual misconduct and to stop them before they occur. When we receive complaints, we take them seriously and have strong systems in place that provide a safe community where individuals are encouraged to report concerns and get the support they need.

As a general practice, Carleton does not comment on pending litigation. However, it is important that you are aware of the programs, staff, and resources available to you and others in the community. A description of many of these resources may be found at https://apps.carleton.edu/dos/sexual_misconduct/.

The Title IX Lead Team coordinates the College's sexual misconduct prevention, training, response, and compliance with Title IX. They are here to assist individuals at any time.

The Gender and Sexuality Center, along with peer leaders, offer year-round programming that encourages healthy relationships, supports and affirms people of all gender and sexual identities, and prevents sexual violence.

CAASHA Peer Advocates—students who are voluntarily available 24/7, and can help you through the steps of responding to a crisis.

The Title IX Student Visioning Team, started in Winter Term 2016, meets regularly with the Title IX Coordinator to provide feedback about the policy, the adjudication process, campus climate surveys, and support.

All new students complete Haven—the premier online program addressing the critical issues of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and sexual harassment among students, faculty and staff.

Last fall, we launched a “Green Dot” training pilot, a nationally-recognized bystander intervention program that focuses on building the skills for individuals to take action when they see a risk of possible sexual assault or sexual misconduct. More than 95 students have completed Green Dot training.

Last spring, the Office of Research and Assessment collaborated with the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS) to distribute the Sexual Assault/Campus Climate Survey (SACCS) on campus. We are always striving to make sure our policies and procedures nurture the kind of environment on campus that promotes student safety and learning and comply with the law.
No one on this campus should hesitate to file a complaint if they have concerns, and no one on this campus should feel frightened or unsupported. In addition to the resources outlined above, please let me know if I or my office can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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