Dear Iowa State University students, faculty and staff:

We were deeply saddened to learn yesterday of the death of Celia Barquin Arozamena. Celia was a dedicated student in civil engineering. She was a talented student athlete and an acclaimed golfer with a bright future. Celia was a champion and a proud ambassador for Iowa State. Our hearts are with Celia’s family and friends as we grieve her passing. It’s a terrible, tragic and senseless loss.

In these moments, we recognize our own mortality and realize that each day is a gift. I hope everyone will take time today to meet with their friends and loved ones, value those connections and feel thankful that they can do so. A bright candle in our Cyclone Nation no longer shines, and our community and the world are less for it.

We encourage students who may be struggling with this sad news to reach out to the many resources available on campus.

Student Counseling Services, 515-294-5056

Student Assistance, 515-294-1020

Thielen Student Health Center, 515-294-5801 (24/7 access)

Crisis Text Line, text “ISU” to 741741

ISU Police, 515-294-4428

Faculty and staff may access support through the University’s employee assistance provider, Employee and Family Resources, 800-327-4692 (24/7 access). Support services are confidential and free to university employees and their family members.

Because our community has been touched by this act of senseless violence, many of us may be feeling anxious or even unsafe. If you are feeling this way, please reach out to the resources listed above and get help.

I also want to echo Chief Newton’s message from last night. We are constantly working to enhance campus safety, but we encourage everyone to be vigilant with respect to personal safety and the safety of our friends and loved ones. Be aware of your surroundings, look out for those around you, and never hesitate to contact the police if you are ever in a situation that makes you feel unsafe or even just does not feel right to you.

As we remember Celia, it is my hope that we can continue supporting each other in this difficult time.

Wendy Wintersteen
President

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