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Dear Trojan Family Members,

This week the University of Southern California suffered a tragic loss to our community. The hit-and-run incident that resulted in the death of Adrianna Bachan and critically injured Marcus Garfinkle has left us stunned and distressed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Bachan family as we grieve together. At the same time, we send Marcus our collective best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Student Affairs
Michael L. Jackson
Vice President

Many thanks to the students, parents, staff, faculty, and community members who have written in recent days to express support and sadness. The incident serves as a grim reminder that, despite our best efforts, there are individuals who will act without regard for the lives of others. As a community, we will work through this tragedy together, reaffirming our commitment to the well-being of every member of the Trojan Family and friends around the world.

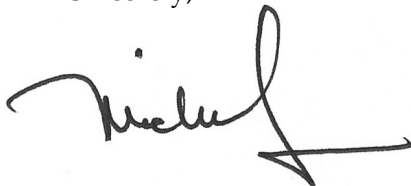
Maintaining a safe, vibrant campus environment remains our top priority. USC has worked with the City of Los Angeles to improve the safety of the intersection where the incident occurred and a new system was implemented within the last several years that allows pedestrians to cross at several points while all traffic is stopped. As a result of this accident, the university and the city will immediately begin working on further safety improvements to this intersection. In addition, in the last year, the university has increased physical and electronic monitoring in high-traffic areas on and off campus, enhanced lighting throughout University Park, increased our Campus Cruiser service, implemented a new Yellow Cab transportation option, added an additional tram route (offering service to local late-night hangouts near campus and Greek Row), and hired new campus safety officers to provide additional patrols and security capabilities in areas with large concentrations of students. We will continue to monitor and evaluate these efforts to ensure that we are bringing the full resources of the university to bear in providing for our community's safety.

As further evidence of the region's support, the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have offered a collective reward of \$85,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case. The university has announced its own reward of \$50,000, and an anonymous donor has offered an additional \$100,000, bringing the total amount to \$235,000 for the identification and conviction of the responsible parties. One suspect has been arrested. Anyone with additional information about the incident is asked to call the Los Angeles Police Department at 1-877-LAPD-24-7.

Since the tragedy, staff from the Counseling Center and Student Affairs have reached out to our student community through the campus residences, greek houses, and other networks. University support resources, including the Counseling Center, Religious Life, and other offices are available to all who need them. Our Trojans Care for Trojans (TC4T) program, designed to safeguard and support each member of our USC family, is also available as a referral and information resource: www.usc.edu/tc4t.

Each of us plays an important role in keeping our campus, and our surrounding community, a safe and dynamic place to work, study, and play. Thank you again for your commitment to this effort and for your support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Jackson, Vice President for Student Affairs