



THIEL COLLEGE

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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

The Thiel community mourns the loss of Donel Wheeler II, who died in an automobile accident early Saturday morning. A first-year student, Donel was just getting started at Thiel. His friends on the Football team and classmates remember him and grieve his passing as do faculty and staff who worked with him.

As we move into a busy time of the semester with mid-terms, campus activities and a new athletic season, we need to take care to support each other. Grief can be a lengthy process, and it affects people in different ways. Campus resources are available to help students, faculty, and staff, and I urge you to seek whatever help you need during this challenging time.

While College activities will move ahead this week and toward spring break, let's be mindful of the loss our community has experienced. Showing kindness and care for others can bring comfort. The tight-knit community that is Thiel is woven together by each of us in love. We are Tomcats all.

Sincerely,

President Traverso