TO: All Students

Many members of our OU Family have been directly affected by the catastrophic and unprecedented storms in Houston. The University is ready to assist those impacted by the disaster, working to coordinate services for students with family in the Houston area. Vicky Bumgarner, Volunteer Coordinator in the Office of Leadership and Volunteerism, will serve as the Student Affairs point person for those affected. Counseling services are available for students who need to speak to someone about what they are experiencing and plans are currently underway to provide on-site counseling support in the Residence Halls. The University is working to financially assist students through Sooners Helping Sooners as well.

If you are in need of any assistance or support, please reach out to Vicky at Vicky@ou.edu or visit leadandvolunteer.ou.edu for updates. Vicky will connect students to the resources they need.

If you need to miss class for any reason related to this situation, please communicate with your professors as early as possible.

Those students that wish to provide assistance to those in our OU family impacted by the storms can do so by donating to Sooners Helping Sooners, OU’s student organization that raises funds to help students overcome unforeseen financial barriers to graduation. Visit http://www.ou.edu/give/shs.html to donate. Additionally, we encourage students that wish to support recovery efforts in Houston to donate to recognized organizations like the American Red Cross or United Way agencies.

Our thoughts remain with our OU Houston family.

Clarke Stroud
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