November 18, 2015

Dear Boston College Community:

The Office of International Programs expresses condolences and deepest sympathy to the families of victims of the Paris attacks on November 13, 2015. We stand together with the citizens of Paris, our partners in France, our students studying abroad, and the international students and scholars on Boston College’s campus.

We are fortunate to confirm that all 30 students on our BC in Paris program, as well as the seven others currently studying in France on other programs, have been accounted for due to the quick work of overseas staff and partners in France.

The safety of our students remains a top priority. We continue to monitor the situation abroad through a number of sources including the US Department of State, Overseas Security Advisory Council, experts here and abroad, and our overseas staff. At this time, there are no plans to cancel our programs abroad, either for fall 2015 or spring 2016 semesters. Students currently abroad or planning an overseas experience for spring 2016, and who have any questions or concerns, are encouraged to contact the Office of International Programs.

Exchange students here at Boston College are also very much in our minds, and particularly those from France, who are far from family and friends during this difficult time. We invite any students who need additional assistance to reach out to our office, as well as to avail themselves of counseling services on campus. A memorial service will be organized by Boston College’s Campus Ministry to honor the lives lost in France. Details will be posted on the Office of International Programs site once the date and time have been set.

Please keep Paris in your thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. For additional information, contact the Office of International Programs at oip@bc.edu.

Sincerely,

Office of International Programs