Dear Parents and Families,

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead of us with Halloween, Homecoming and the World Series, and I am reaching out to share a potentially challenging aspect of campus life with you.

Most of you are aware of the events on campus following the Patriots’ loss in the 2018 Super Bowl. Students destroyed university property and put themselves and others in danger.

Related to these concerns, the email below was sent to your student today. While we know the vast majority of our students make responsible choices every day, I am asking that you reach out to your student concerning their plans for next ten days. Check in with them and ask if they are making responsible decisions, communicate your family values, and reinforce the importance of upholding community standards, both on- and off-campus.

It is particularly important students understand the significance of a Dispersal Order. When students congregate and celebrate responsibly, intervention is not required. If, however, they become involved in a disturbance and engage in unlawful activity, intervention is required. In the past, students have been attracted to these gatherings and, in the moment, exercised bad judgment. If it becomes necessary, law enforcement gives a clear Dispersal Order over a loudspeaker, instructing students to return to their residence halls. Students who do not leave the area will be subject to arrest. Once a dispersal order is given, there is no such thing as “just standing around and watching.”

Again, the majority of our students make responsible choices every day. As we begin an especially busy time on campus, we want to ensure everyone's safety, and I thank you for partnering with us to create an enjoyable and supportive community for your student.

Sincerely,

Enku Gelaye
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life

Dear On-Campus Student,

Over the next couple of weeks the campus will be especially busy with students celebrating Halloween, participating in Homecoming Weekend, and watching the World Series.

As we wrote to you in an email on September 9, to ensure our community standards and the safety of the campus community, the university will adjust the guest policy on Halloween and Homecoming weekends this year as follows:

- **Beginning Friday, October 26 at 4 p.m. and continuing through Sunday, October 28 at 8 a.m.,** each resident is allowed a total of four (4) guests, two (2) of which may be non-UMass visitors.
- **Beginning Friday, November 2 at 4 p.m. and continuing through Sunday, November 4 at 8 a.m.,** each resident is allowed a total of four (4) guests, two (2) of which may be non-UMass visitors.

Remember, everyone has a role in keeping the community safe. Thank you in advance for your active participation and support as we all work to create a caring and safe campus environment. Visit the Student Life safety site for more information about related campus resources.

Sincerely,

Jean Ahlstrand MacKimmie, Director of Residence Education
James Meade, Residence Hall Security Manager