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A Message to the York Community on the Tragic Passing of a Schulich Student

It is with tremendous sadness that I confirm the tragic loss of a member of our York University student community last night.

Veno (Venojan) Suthesan, a third-year Accounting student at our Schulich School of Business, was the casualty of a fatal shooting near Lester B. Pearson Collegiate, a high school in Scarborough, late last night. Veno was very active in the Schulich community, serving as the Vice-President of Corporate Relations on the Undergraduate Business Society, and as a Schulich Ambassador. Veno was regarded as an incredibly bright, energetic, kind and compassionate individual, who was always there to help out his fellow students.

On behalf of the entire York community, I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. The York University flag will be lowered to half-mast in his honour, and our team is reaching out to the community members who are most directly affected.

As we come to terms with this sudden and unexpected loss, the University has services and supports in place for community members who are impacted and who may need help in dealing with this tragedy.

For students in need of support, I encourage you to reach out to our Student Community Relations team at 416-736-5231 or the Student Counselling & Development team at 416-736-5297. For after-hours support, please call the 24/7 Good2Talk line at 1-866-925-5454.

A number of resources are available to support the mental health and wellness of our faculty and staff members: <http://mhw.info.yorku.ca/resources/resources-at-york/staff/> These include the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP), whose services are accessible 24/7.

Together, we mourn the tragic and untimely loss of this member of our student community.



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