

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

VLS strives to provide a safe and secure environment in which to learn and work. While we live in idyllic surroundings, we should not take safety and security for granted.

It is the responsibility of all members of the VLS community to take certain preventive steps and to report incidents and/or suspicious activity or persons to the Deans office (Peg Trombly, Executive Assistant, 831-1314 or VLS extension 1314). We encourage you to always be alert to your surroundings, especially at night; avoid unlit areas; walk in groups; know the proper exit routes from the buildings you occupy in case of an emergency evacuation; keep valuables locked in your car or office; and report security or safety problems or concerns promptly to VLS authorities.

We also want to remind you that the VLS Buildings & Grounds crew have staff scheduled from 2:30PM-12:00AM every day of the week to secure the buildings. These staff members are available to escort you to your car. They can be contacted at 831-1100 (or VLS extension 1100).

For more information, please see the Student Handbook and the Staff and Faculty Handbooks. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. We believe we are in a safe community and are being pro-active to keep it that way.

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