



**DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY**  
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Mr. John Foster  
President  
Student Government Association

At a recent Town Hall meeting for employees, I outlined the progress that has been made in the Student Life area including the purchase of Brottier Hall, construction of the Power Center and Des Places Hall. There have also been major renovations of existing residence halls including a 10-year, \$100 million investment in the Towers. It was also pointed out that some students move off campus in their junior and senior years as our rules allow and the percent who did so rose a bit last year.

When attempting to account for some of this, I made the point that life off campus allows for greater access to alcohol, sometimes in violation of state law. It also allows for sexual behaviors that we cannot accept on the campus of a Catholic university. We know these things from multiple reliable sources.

I did not mean to imply that every student who moves off campus does so for these reasons or for either of them. I know this is not true. And I apologize to anyone who took my remarks to imply that I believe this.

Sincerely,

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President