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Subject: Student Message Series: Free Speech at NDSU

Hello students,

This email is the first in a series of messages to address important information that may impact your student experience. A few times each semester, you'll receive a message that outlines policies, processes, resources, and other pertinent topics.

Freedom of speech is a hot topic these days, and those words get thrown around a lot in argument and debate. So, what does that mean at NDSU?

As an institution of higher education, NDSU *must* be committed to a free and open exchange of ideas. It's simply a foundational piece who we are and what we do.

As a public, state-supported institution, NDSU *may not* punish students for anything considered protected speech. Almost all speech is protected. [Unprotected speech](#) is limited to very specific definitions and instances. NDSU can restrict the [time, place, and manner](#) of speech, expression, and assembly events in ways that protect physical safety and effective operations of the University (e.g. no rallies in the middle of your chemistry lecture). See [Policy 154](#) for full details.

Please remember that while you have the right to express yourself, other members of the community also have the right to react and express themselves. The way you choose to communicate will likely either build your relationships or hinder them. It may open opportunities or close them.

We encourage you to express yourself in ways that demonstrate your integrity and build a better NDSU community. A reminder of some of our many campus resources follows.

Emergencies

- Dial 911
- Campus Police, 701.231.8998

General Safety

- 24/7 Campus Safety Escort Service, 701.231.8998
- [Pathlight App](#)

Counseling Center

- 24/7 Counselor on Call, 701.231.7671

Equal Opportunity and Title IX Compliance Office:

- Director: Heather Higgins-Dochtermann 701.231.7107, Heather.Higginsdocht@ndsu.edu
- Complaints and reports may be filed [here](#).

Office of Multicultural Programs

- Director: Jaclynn Walette, 701.231.7314, Jaclynn.Walette@ndsu.edu

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