

# Niagara University

## The Campus Link

Niagara's Newsletter for Parents and Friends

December 9, 2011

### **Campus Updates for Parents from Father Levesque**

To our Niagara University parents:

By now, you probably are aware that Niagara University experienced a significant loss last night when Brandon Johnson, a junior accounting major at Niagara University, was shot and killed during an off-campus altercation.

The entire Niagara University community is deeply saddened by this tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of this student. This type of incident is uncharacteristic of the Niagara University community, which makes this situation even more difficult.

We have been assured by the Niagara Falls Police Department that our campus was not at risk during the incident and continues to be safe at this time. During the events early this morning, we sent alerts to the campus community via text message, email and voice mail, informing them of the situation, and we also added additional security personnel.

We are taking a number of steps to help our community deal with this tragedy. This afternoon, we held a prayer service for Brandon on campus. As well, the university's offices of Counseling Services (716.286.8536) and Campus Ministry (716.286.8400) are making special efforts to be available to any students who feel they may need assistance during this difficult time. If you believe that your student, or any others that you may know could be in need of assistance, please be sure to refer them to one of these offices for support. Regular campus events will be proceeding as scheduled this weekend, and we will continue to inform the campus community of any new information as needed.

Please keep Brandon and his family and friends in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Levesque, C.M