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# Rhodes College

## Dear Rhodes Community,

I am writing to update you on the status of campus after four days of severe and unrelenting storms, a weather event that the National Weather Service warned would lead to “generational flooding” in the Mid-South. We received more than 12 inches of rain over this period and as a result, did sustain some flooding on campus.

The storm drains were overtaxed across the city and on campus. Our retention ponds were overflowing as was the city drainage ditch behind Parkway Hall which looked like a raging river. It has now begun to recede.

The areas where we had major water issues were:

- Kennedy basement
- FJ Southwest corner office/lab area
- Voorhies basement east end
- Parkway Hall first floor
- Ellett Hall East
- East Village C electric room

All impacted students have been offered the chance to relocate and received temporary new housing assignments. Remediation work will continue for the next several days. All classes will proceed as scheduled on Monday.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to our Facilities, Campus Safety, and Residence Life teams, who have worked tirelessly over the past few days to support our students and care for our beautiful campus. Despite the severe weather conditions, we managed to successfully host a Board of Trustees meeting, our beloved Rites of Spring concert, and a host of sporting and other events, so I also need to thank the entire Student Life team, our Athletics staff, College Events, and the staff in the President’s Office for their incredible efforts. I am so grateful to you all for the love and care you have shown to our community. I know we are all looking forward to some beautiful and sunny spring days ahead!

**Jennifer M. Collins**  
President

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