



**Flagstaff, Arizona. October 9th, 2015.**

"As a lumberjack, I don't even know where to begin. Education for so many of us is our dream. I for one, grew up dreaming of a day that I was almost certain would never come. But it did. The day I waited for my entire life came. The day to go off to college, to pursue my dream of receiving a higher education. My dream came true May 9th, 2015. But now I have new dreams. I dream of achieving a Master's degree, a PHD. My safety has now become part of my decision on whether or not to pursue these degrees outside of the U.S.□□

The victims of this morning's shooting were pursuing dreams. They had dedicated their current lives to receiving an education. For one student that dream is now over. For three others, the future is still uncertain. I can't begin to understand the grief and sorrow their families and friends are going through right now.□□

NAU is where I grew up, it's where I decided who I wanted to be and found who I was. NAU is my home, it's our home. Home is supposed to be safe. Students should not have to fear for their lives every time they step on their college campuses. Parents should not have to receive news that their child has been shot in front of their residence hall at 1:20 in the morning. No more excuses. It's time for our elected officials to do something, now."

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"This morning, while I was up late doing homework like any other student at any University does I received an email from NAU informing me about a campus shooting. The thoughts that ran through my head were just unreal. I started to think the unthinkable and right away reached to contact my friends. To know that school shootings have become a thing around different campuses around the United States and for it to actually occur within my own university and community is just so unreal and disheartening.

My condolences to anyone who has been affected by this event and my prayers go out to the students in the hospital and their families. This is especially hard on NAU families as they wake up to this and hear about it through their local and national news. This has become a common event around campuses in the United States and an event you never wish to occur at any university.

Today is a sad day, and an awakening moment in history, as more students are added to the statistics of school shootings.

Prayers and condolences to all students and families as they mourn."

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