



**Robert M. Franklin**  
President

September 3, 2009

Dear Morehouse College Community:

It is with profound sadness that I share the news of the death of Spelman College sophomore Jasmine Lynn, who was felled by a stray bullet fired between unidentified parties on the campus of Clark Atlanta University early this morning. During the same incident, a Clark Atlanta University student was struck by a bullet. He sustained minor injuries and was released from the hospital later this morning.

The Chapel Assistants, along with several other campus organizations, have organized a vigil in Ms. Lynn's memory this evening at 5:30 and invite the campus community to assemble in prayer around the Howard Thurman crypt. Dr. Lawrence Carter, dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, will serve as the main celebrant.

Such senseless violence in our midst is both frightening and a threat to our sense of safety. The Morehouse administration, however, is determined to foster an environment where everyone is free from harm. To that end, we are working in tandem with all the campus security units in the AUC, as well as with the mayor's office and the Atlanta Police Department, to determine the best course of action.

In the wake of this tragedy, please know that the Counseling Resource Center is available to students who desire to speak individually with a professional or in small groups. The Center and the Employee Assistance Program are available for employees who also would like assistance.

Please join me in extending condolences to Ms. Lynn's family, as well as to the Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University communities, during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert M. Franklin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert M. Franklin