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Dear Hokie,

Hello. I'm Nicole Aguilar, a film major at the Savannah College of Art and Design. I am from New Jersey and have many friends that attend VT. A few hours after the students at my college heard the news of the tragedy at your university, we were all trying to think of a way to reach out and support your community. My friend Dustin and I were sitting on the couch that evening and came up with the idea of making you all a commemoration video. We felt, as art students, this might bring more hope and pride to you all than an excessive amount of flowers and cards. So, we got a crew together and made you, what I think, is something that will help you keep the Hokie spirit your loved ones had, alive. Rather than dwell on what you lost, reflect on what you have...Hokie spirit and massive support from the nation. Our entire SCAD community truly admires the strength and pride you have all had through this rough time. This project was put together for you all to see what an amazing institution your loved ones were and are still a part of. Dustin and I realize that nothing will be able to fill the void of what you lost, but we do hope this brings a little joy to your troublesome times.

Hello, my name is Dustin Berry and I am from Bristol, Tennessee. Being a film student at the Savannah College of Art and Design and having a brother that attends Virginia Tech and several friends as well, I was shocked and horrified when I first heard of the unimaginable event that befell Tech's campus a couple weeks ago. Immediately my friend Nicole and I were trying to think of the most appropriate way for us to send our condolences and thoughts to our friends and loved ones at Virginia Tech. Since we attend an art college, we both felt it would be most special to display the talent of our student body by creating a commemorative video showcasing Tech's achievements, traditions, values, and pride which is what Virginia Tech is credited for nationwide. The goal in mind was to praise the colleges' best attributes and to help rebuild that strong and powerful Hokie spirit that is respected and admired by the students at SCAD. We wanted to give words of encouragement through personal interviews from SCAD students and give a sense of hope during these days of sadness and loss. But remember just as people are remembering all around the world, you are the HOKIES, you will prevail, you will get through this. You have the support and prayers of the students, faculty, and staff of the SCAD community. So as you watch this small token of our condolences, keep in mind that Virginia Tech and the Hokie nation is truly an inspiration to us all and we hold you deep in our hearts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Dustin Berry and Nicole Aguilar

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