

February 1, 2010

Dear Members of the Brockport Community:

We are off to another good semester of teaching, learning, scholarly activities and service. Although each and every day we rightly focus on our core mission of student success and delivering *The Brockport Promise* we should all give pause and think about larger issues in the world. The tragedy in Haiti provides an opportunity for our community to come together and help others in meaningful ways. World events also provide a global perspective to keep things such as the state budget and national politics in proper perspective.

Rarely has a need been greater. The outpouring of support as the world responds to the needs of the people of Haiti following the unimaginable destruction of Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area has been truly inspiring.

The College at Brockport, State University of New York, as an engaged member of the global community, is stepping up to the challenge by partnering with the American Red Cross and H.O.P.E. Haiti to help meet the emergency and long-term needs of the survivors of Haiti. Closer to home, please know that a number of our own College community members are directly impacted by these events as they have family and other loved ones living in the quake area.

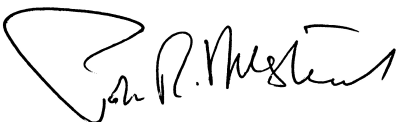
The Office of Leadership and Community Development, Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity Program, Recreational Services, Residential Living/Learning Communities, Brockport Student Government, Greek organizations, and campus clubs—as well as other areas of the College—are making a strong commitment to the people of Haiti. The Brockport Helping Haiti Committee has been convened and is coordinating the College's efforts.

Already donation collection sites have been designated campus-wide, information sessions are being organized, and fundraising events are being scheduled as the College community comes together to raise critically needed funds for food, water, shelter, and medical supplies. The Brockport Helping Haiti Committee is also reaching out to the greater Brockport community by partnering with area merchants and community organizations in creating additional fundraising activities.

The Committee is asking that our faculty consider dedicating classroom time to engage students in discussions of related topics, to consider preparing and presenting lectures to the campus community, and to invite students to participate in Scholars Day and other campus activities topical to the situation in Haiti.

On behalf of our entire campus community, I invite you to support these endeavors, critical to the success of the Help Haiti campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Halstead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John R. Halstead, PhD
President