Dear fellow Spartans,

I need not reiterate the immense pride that we all feel as MSU students for our Spartan basketball team. While many people across the nation counted MSU out, I know that within Spartan Nation our faith in our team remained as strong as ever. That faith and pride are part of what makes Michigan State University so unique and our experiences as Spartans so special. Even when given limited expectations, Spartans will always exceed those expectations and make an impact wherever we go.

As the basketball team takes the court Saturday evening, it is important to remember what being a Spartan means. We all will be representing Spartan Nation before, during and after the game, so we need to make sure that what we do reflects well on all of us. It is very important that we not participate in behavior that could harm ourselves, others, or the property of others. While the Spartans make us proud in Indianapolis, we must take pride in our actions in East Lansing and behave in a way that represents the class and integrity of our school. Celebrate – but do it with class.

The ramifications for actions harming our community cannot be understated. The fact of the matter is: You will get caught. Anonymity can no longer be expected, or even hoped for, when hundreds of people have gathered in celebration. We encourage those of you that will be celebrating to do so responsibly. While it may seem like a good idea to be destructive in celebration, the legal ramifications have the potential to follow you for a very long time. Even small actions during unsafe celebrations can have long-term consequences. What may seem insignificant in the moment will often times implicate you in something far larger.

Bearing this in mind, let's celebrate our Spartans this weekend and hopefully on Monday, with the class and integrity that embodies the true spirit of the MSU community.

Go Green!

James Conwell
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