

*The following email from Mike Whaley, Vice President for Student Affairs was sent to to the Wesleyan community this afternoon.*

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To the Wesleyan Community:

Our thoughts are with everyone who has been impacted by Hurricane Ida. We hope that if you had loved ones caught in the path of the hurricane, that they are now safe.

We want to let you know that the significant rain over night associated with the remnants of the hurricane caused flooding in the basement mechanical areas of Butterfield A, B and C. Some ground floor student rooms in Butterfield A were also damaged.

As a result, the Middletown Fire Department asked Public Safety and Residential Life to evacuate the buildings. Students sheltered over night at the Bacon Field House with their RAs and Student Life staff. The evacuation was wet, but it was an orderly transition. The students were fortified with a massive order at Dunkin' in the morning before heading off to their daily activities.

The University Facilities team completed an initial assessment and several contractors were called in to make repairs as quickly as possible. Thanks to their hard work, Butterfield reopened to students shortly before 1 p.m. Residential Life has contacted the few students in Butterfield A who have been impacted by water damage, and they are being provided temporary accommodations in other rooms tonight. We expect all students to be back in their assigned rooms tomorrow.

If you have seen additional leaks or damage to other campus structures, please put in a work order with University Facilities for repairs.

As always, your patience and goodwill are much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike Whaley  
Vice President for Student Affairs