Virginia Tech Convocation â€“ The Final Words from the Podium

Description

Received via email:

> Our last speaker was Nikki Giovanni, a huge poet at our school and she said what the hokie nation needed to hear. Also they have this on our website.
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> â€œWe are Virginia Tech.
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> â€œWe are sad today, and we will be sad for quite a while. We are not moving on, we are embracing our mourning.
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> â€œWe are Virginia Tech.
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> â€œWe are strong enough to stand tall tearlessly, we are brave enough to bend to cry, and we are sad enough to know that we must laugh again.
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> â€œWe are Virginia Tech.
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> â€œWe do not understand this tragedy. We know we did nothing to deserve it, but neither does a child in Africa dying of AIDS, neither do the invisible children walking the night away to avoid being captured by the rogue army, neither does the baby elephant watching his community being devastated for ivory, neither does the Mexican child looking for fresh water, neither does the Appalachian infant killed in the middle of the night in his crib in the home his father built with his own hands being run over by a boulder because the land was destabilized. No one deserves a tragedy.
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> â€œWe are Virginia Tech.
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> â€œThe Hokie Nation embraces our own and reaches out with open heart and hands to those who offer their hearts and minds. We are strong, and brave, and innocent, and unafraid. We are better than we think and not quite what we want to be. We are alive to the imaginations and the possibilities. We will continue to invent the future through our blood and tears and through all our sadness.
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> â€œWe are the Hokies.
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It reminds me of another school that suffered a large loss of their classmates and staff. I reviewed the movie â€œWe Are Marshallâ€• earlier. I can pray the VT family will use the example of Marshall to lead them forward.

Tracked back @: Yankee Sailor

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