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Myles Spence

Sent via e-mail to: [REDACTED]

Dear Myles Spence:

Thank you for writing to Parkland College (the College) with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On April 12, 2025, you requested the following documents related to your time as a student enrolled in the aviation program between 2019 and 2021:

1. All internal emails, text messages, or digital communications (including but not limited to Outlook, Microsoft Teams, Slack, or other messaging platforms) referencing or discussing Myles Spence being "out of town" from December 2020 through March 2021.

This includes messages sent or received by:

- Mandy Briggs
- Kyle Schum
- Jon Moore
- Any other aviation faculty or administrative staff

2. All internal communications referencing or discussing social media posts by Myles Spence that were used to assess or assume travel status.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Screenshots
- Hyperlinks
- Attachments
- Internal comments or evaluations

Any mention or review of Instagram, Facebook, or other personal accounts used to inform academic or disciplinary decisions.

3. Any faculty meeting notes, internal memos, summaries, or discussions in which it was decided or suggested that Myles Spence should be disciplined, suspended, or reviewed due to:

- Alleged off-campus travel
- COVID-related conduct

- Social media posts showing flight activity or location

Includes both formal and informal discussions across departments.

4. Any disciplinary memos, documentation drafts, or proposed sanctions referencing Myles Spence and off-campus activity, travel behavior, or quarantine-related decisions.

Includes communications between aviation leadership, legal counsel, and upper administration.

5. Any written COVID-related policies, internal memos, or procedural guidelines used to justify disciplinary review or action toward Myles Spence during the above-referenced time period.

This includes:

- Travel restrictions
- Quarantine protocols
- Social media monitoring practices
- Student conduct expectations during hybrid, remote, or in-person semesters

6. Any internal documentation, screenshot records, file logs, or stored files showing that Myles Spence's Facebook content was accessed, downloaded, saved, or stored on Mandy Briggs' work computer or any other Parkland College-issued device.

Includes metadata such as file creation dates, internal transfers, or attachment records within institutional systems.

7. Any written justification, policy, internal memo, or authorization that permitted Parkland College faculty or staff to access, review, or store personal social media content belonging to Myles Spence for the purpose of academic or disciplinary evaluation.

8. Any emails and texts from or to Kyle Schum specifically referencing other students informing him that Myles Spence was "out of town."

9. All internal communications, emails, or documentation regarding Myles Spence's request to change flight instructors during the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.

This includes:

- Any records, memos, or meeting notes discussing the instructor change
- Emails between aviation staff, administrators, or legal counsel regarding the rationale for approving or denying the request
- Any policy or procedural documentation outlining Parkland's instructor reassignment process and whether it was followed

10. All progress reports submitted for Myles Spence by any flight instructor, including but not limited to Bryson Chancellor and Jake Walwer.

Please include:

- All original and revised versions
- Records showing when Jake Walwer's grades were added to the cumulative evaluation
- Communications between instructors and/or administration discussing changes to progress report content or grade inclusion

11. Complete flight grading records for Myles Spence from Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

This includes:

- Flight block evaluations
- Attendance records
- Any adjustments or modifications to submitted grades
- Documentation explaining rationale or justification for grade changes

12. Any written or digital communications (emails, Microsoft Teams, memos, or otherwise) referencing or documenting the decision to update Myles Spence's grade to include Jake Walwer's performance evaluations after the fact.

This includes any instructor-to-instructor or instructor-to-admin correspondence about grading recalculations.

On April 15, 2025, we notified you the College extended the time to respond to your request by 5 business days, to April 29, 2025.

We have enclosed copies of the documents responsive to your request to the extent they were not included in the documents previously provided to you through your April 8 and 12, 2025 FOIAs. See enclosed Parkland 000479-000734.

Your request is granted in part and denied in part.

The College is denying your request in part relating to information that is protected pursuant to Section 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). The denied information has been redacted in the enclosed documents, due to consisting of personally identifiable student record information and a person's unique identifier, specifically signatures. See, e.g., Ill. Att'y Gen. Pub. Acc. Op. No. 14-015, issued November 25, 2014, at 11. I am the person responsible for the denial.

You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Fax: 217-782-1396

E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Very truly yours,

IFMK LAW, Ltd.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Anderson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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