

Shortly after the Influenza Pandemic of 1918, the University of North Dakota made a promise:

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“It is with sad hearts that we have to record the death of several of our choicest young people during the epidemic of influenza. The toll was highest among the young men in the University military camp. The University, the state, and the nation honor all these brave young people who offered their lives on the altar of their country and died in its service and in its defense as truly and as nobly as if it were on the field of battle. The University administration, the faculty, and the student body share in the bereavement of parents and friends, and wish to express to these our sincere condolence. Such deaths, in the prime of life, are real tragedies. It is some consolation to know that they all leave honored names, and to realize that these young men and women exemplify the truth that ‘the noblest place for man to die is where he dies for man.’ **Their names will not be forgotten at the University** [*emphasis added*]. They were, in a very true sense, her children, and she was their *Alma Mater*. Her heart also is painfully wrung, and her sorrow is mingled with that of parents, relatives, and friends at home.”

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