



Office of the President

March 19, 2021

Dear Pirate Crew,

I am reaching out to you all to express my deep regret for the hate and discrimination that our Asian American and Pacific (AAPI) Islander colleagues and friends are experiencing. The mass murder in Atlanta, Georgia this week is a horrendous reminder that we, as a nation, have a long way to go to create a safe community for all people. I am particularly saddened to learn that many of our own students, faculty, and classified professionals have experienced discrimination and hate here in our community and at our college. This behavior is unacceptable, and we as a campus need to stand up to those who mistreat and harm our AAPI friends and colleagues.

I have developed a [webpage](#) to clearly identify where I stand on Ventura College becoming an AntiRacist college. This page provides information on our efforts related to **S**ocial Justice, **I**nclusion, **D**iversity and **E**quity (SIDE). I am also in the process of initiating a SIDE Advisory group to the President. Issues like hate and discrimination against AAPI and all BIPOC citizens will be at the forefront of this group's work. I am looking to others to collaborate with me on how we can better respond to all matters that threaten equity – of all types – at Ventura College. More information on the SIDE Advisory Group to the President will be coming soon.

With deep sadness,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. L. ...'.

President

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AAPI Resources:

[Student Health Center with an AAPI Mental Health Counselor](#)

[LifeMatters- Mental Health Counseling for Employees](#)

[Asian Mental Health Collective](#)

[Asian Mental Health Project](#)

[AAPI Mental Health Resources](#)

[AAPI Toolkit](#)

[Stop Asian American Pacific Islander Hate](#) (reporting)

[Bystander Intervention Training](#) to stop anti-Asian American and xenophobic harassment

[United Nations High Commission for Human Rights to #FightRacism](#)

[Proposed COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act](#)

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