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Statement on Anti-Asian Violence

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Dear Glendale Community College Community,

In the past year, there have been reports about racially-motivated hate crimes involving physical violence and harassment, targeting Asians living in the U.S. and worldwide. The three shootings in Atlanta, Georgia on Tuesday that killed eight people, six of them Asian women, has dramatically increased the sense of fear in the Asian community, which has already been experiencing an uptick in violence and hate incidents. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a notable increase in incendiary and xenophobic rhetoric, harassment, and violence against Asians and Pacific Islanders, their families, and communities. These acts damage our society and oppose the values of our community at GCC.

Advancing racial equity, access, and inclusion for people of all races and ethnicities is critical to guaranteeing the safety and security of everyone. We must work to activate every member of our community to take a stand against discrimination and assaults on those from Asian American and Pacific Islander cultural groups.

To help support our students, faculty and staff, we are providing a list of resources to help those who might be experiencing challenges or might know someone who is experiencing challenges.

Well-Being Resources

- [Student Services](#) is available to link students to needed resources. Students are also encouraged to reach out to advisors if they face challenges.
- [The Health Center](#) page has mental health support services during this trying time.

Report a Suspected Hate Crime

- [Glendale Community College](#)
Call EMERGENCY PHONE: (818) 409-5911 or dial ext. 4000 from a campus phone immediately. You do not need to be a citizen to report a crime and you will not be asked about your immigration status.
- [State of California](#)
If individuals experience incidences of hate, violence, or discrimination they can and should report it to their local police department, and/or contact the Attorney General's office: VSU at (877) 433-9069 or by email using the Victim's Services form here: <https://oag.ca.gov/victimservices/contact>

- [The Asian Pacific Policy Planning Council Report incidences of discrimination](#)

[Resource Guide on Anti-Asian Sentiment](#)

- [On Anti-Asian Hate Crimes: Who Is Our Real Enemy?](#)
- [What You Can Do About Anti-Asian Violence](#)
A new surge of anti-Asian attacks comes nearly a year after COVID spawned increased vitriol toward people of Asian descent across the country
- [Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus \(CAPAC\) Hate Crimes Tool Kit and Messaging Guidance on China](#)
- [Stand Up Against Violence](#)
- [Asian American/Pacific Islander Resource Page](#)

We encourage our community - students, staff, alumni, administration and faculty - to acknowledge, magnify, and denounce the ongoing anti-Asian hate crimes happening in the U.S. and all over the world. This is our commitment as educators.

In Solidarity,

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