Solidarity Statement and Support for the AAPI Community
March 19, 2021

Diversity & Multicultural Student Affairs (DMSA) and the Division of Student Life at Kansas State University wish to express our compassion for and solidarity with the Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi American (APIDA) community in the face of anti-Asian attacks and violence occurring nationally, and most recently in Atlanta, GA. Since the start of the pandemic, we have witnessed escalating xenophobic and anti-Asian violence and harassment that has greatly impacted the mental health and well-being, and feelings of safety and security, of our APIDA communities. We must stand together to firmly denounce all forms of racist attacks and rhetoric, including these specific and targeted assaults on the APIDA community. DMSA is committed to continuing to support and connect with APIDA students and student organizations in our fight against anti-Asian racism.

DMSA and our Asian American Student Union (AASU) wish to share some constructive ways to meaningfully engage and support our APIDA students and community:

AASU will be sponsoring Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi American month (celebrated in April), and invite you to attend and support the scheduled activities and events, beginning with the “AAPI Hate Crimes and Anti-Blackness” virtual workshop led by Belinda Lei on April 8 at 6pm. Please find a complete listing of the scheduled events and additional DMSA and Morris Family Multicultural Student Center programming at https://www.k-state.edu/diversity/.

A Wildcat Mini-Dialogue session called, “Let’s Talk About It,” centered on topics of race will take place at noon on April 13. More detailed information will be shared via K-State Today and the DMSA events page.

Additionally, you may report hate incidents toward the APIDA community at https://stopaapihate.org/, and can help the families of those impacted by the anti-Asian violence in Atlanta, GA by making a financial contribution at https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/support-georgias-asian-american-community/.

Resources for Students

Counseling Services at Kansas State University

We encourage students to reach out to Counseling Services if they are feeling unsafe and needing support:

Location:
1105 Sunset Ave, Rm 101
Manhattan, KS 66502

Hours:
Monday - Friday: 8am-5pm

Phone:
785-532-6927
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