

Message from President Clark - WCSU stands with the Asian Community

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Dear members of the WCSU community,

In the aftermath of the mass murders of eight innocent people — six of them of Asian heritage — this week in Atlanta, I want to share with you my feeling of grief and horror at this continued violence and hatred against our fellow Americans of Asian and Pacific Island descent. Again, I want to state that our University community completely and utterly condemns racial hatred in any form against any group.

To our students, faculty and staff of Asian and Pacific Island descent, I want to assure you that this university is committed to your security and safety and will stand with you against assault, hateful speech and terror. Indeed, this assurance extends to our entire University community as we fight against this horrible racial pandemic which is absolutely un-American and traitorous to our American ideals and the virtues of inclusion, diversity, mutual respect and understanding that our University stands for.

It is important for everyone to know that the University has a full support system for those persons affected by these terrible events.

Please contact any of these offices if you feel threatened or unsafe:

- The [WCSU Police Department](#) at (203) 837-9300. Call 911 to report an emergency.
- [Counseling Services](#) at (203) 837-8690.
- The [Women's Center for Greater Danbury](#): (203) 731-5204 and (203) 731-5206.
- [Employee Assistance Program: New Directions](#). (Enter University Login User Name: *Western Connecticut State University*).
- The [Office of Diversity and Equity](#), which offers information and resources related to safety and crime prevention. This office is responsible for addressing all issues of discrimination, harassment, and sexual violence within the WCSU community and stands ready to work with students, faculty, or staff. The Diversity Council is offering a Virtual Coffee to engage the campus on recent events. It will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31. Click [here](#) for more information.

It is unfortunate that another outrage which greatly upsets our lives requires me to address our community again. However, it is my hope that we will remain strong against these oppressive acts and support each other against these murderous attacks. We will continue to fight against these terrible threats to our democratic way of life and we will overcome!

Sincerely,

Dr. John B. Clark
President