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Office of the Superintendent / President
Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.

CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 1000 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741-1899

Dear Citrus College Colleagues,

Yet again, I write to you as our nation experiences racial injustice. Since the beginning of the pandemic, a surge of hate crimes, incidents and bullying against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have occurred. The Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees and I stand in solidarity with the AAPI community, and we remain committed to the safety and well-being of the Citrus College community.

We share our grief for the loss of the eight people murdered on Tuesday, March 16, in Atlanta. While we do not yet know all of the details, some reports indicate that many of these individuals were targeted for violence based on their perceived race and gender. Six of those killed were of Asian descent and seven were women.

Anti-Asian hate crimes have increased by 149% in 2020, according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism's survey of police departments in 16 major cities in the United States¹. Throughout the pandemic, we have also seen an increase in violence against women worldwide².

Please know that the college community is here to support you. For eligible Citrus College employees, I encourage you to utilize the college's employee assistance program, EASE, offered through the Los Angeles County Office of Education by calling 800-882-1341. You can also refer to your individual health insurance plan for additional, covered resources.

Students are urged to utilize our remote mental health services offered through the Student Health Center by visiting www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrv/healthcntr. In addition to making an appointment, students will find information on resources offered through the county.

A healing space for students, coordinated by the college's Infinity K-Pop Club, is being organized via Zoom on Friday, April 2, 2021.

Healing space and check-in for Citrus College students:

Friday, April 2, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Zoom meeting ID: 93205480453

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/93205480453>

Additional online resources are listed below, and will be shared with students under separate cover.

Ally Training for undocumented Asian and Pacific Islander students

[ALOE Training](#)

Resources:

<https://www.aapicovid19.org/resources>

<https://stopaapihate.org/about/>

<https://www.advancingjustice-aaajc.org/expertise>

Our commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion must be embedded in our work. So many among us have been working diligently on this for years, but we have much more to do as a society, given the magnitude of challenges we face.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geraldine M. Perri". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

1.) <https://www.csusb.edu/sites/default/files/FACT%20SHEET-%20Anti-Asian%20Hate%202020%203.2.21.pdf>

2.) <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/in-focus-gender-equality-in-covid-19-response/violence-against-women-during-covid-19>