Dear Campus Community,

Across the country, including Maryland, we have seen an increase in acts of discrimination and violence against the Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander American community. On this past Tuesday in Atlanta, eight individuals were targeted and killed; seven of those killed were women and six of the seven killed were Asian American. We support our Asian American and Pacific Islander community as well as those who identify as female. We mourn the innocent lives lost on Tuesday in Atlanta. To target anyone for violence is wrong and we disavow it. We stand in solidarity against xenophobia, racism and violence against women. Let us all stand and work together to stop identity-based violence. Over the last year, Asians and Asian Americans have increasingly been victims of racism and xenophobia. Stop AAPI Hate (https://stopaapihate.org/), a hate tracker created last year by several Asian American groups, has recorded more than 2,800 incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans between March and December 2020.

We are committed to sharing in the responsibility to educate and engage our community in dismantling bias and other structures that perpetuate an environment that allows hate and violence to permeate our society. You may contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion regarding educational and engagement opportunities.

Below are some links to resources from various sources to learn more about the Asian American experience and how to stop violence against women.

In Solidarity,

Joan Williams,
Chief Diversity Officer
Associate Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion

**We Are Not A Stereotype**
A video series from the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center

**The Asian American Racial Justice Toolkit**
A collection of resources from grassroots organizations hosted by Asian American Pacific Islanders for Civic Empowerment.

**Asian Americans K-12 Education Curriculum**
Lesson plans and additional resources from Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Los Angeles.
A Different Asian American Timeline
An online tool for exploring the history of Asians and Asian Americans in land that is now the United States, starting in the 1400s.

Asian Americans
A PBS series exploring “the history of identity, contributions, and challenges experienced by Asian Americans.” Streaming online.

Sikh Coalition
An organization offering resources for teaching about Sikh traditions, history and identity.

Asian/Asian American Children’s Books
A collection of titles from Lee and Low publishers that highlights the diversity of Asian and Asian American identities.

Next Shark
A popular source for “Asian American News and Asian News including business, culture, entertainment, politics, tech and lifestyle.”

NBC News Asian American Resources

Stopping Violence Against Women

10 Steps to Stop Violence Against Women