



Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Solidarity Statement

Dear Honors Community,

UHP firmly supports and stands in solidarity with the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community (AAPI). As a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council, we will continue to promote values of human dignity, justice, and inclusivity at our university and beyond.

[Unity, Solidarity, and Commitment Statement](#)

NCHC Statement on Social Injustice

The recent shootings of Asian American women in Atlanta and the continued targeting of the AAPI community during the COVID-19 pandemic have heightened the nation's awareness of racism and injustice in our society and justifiably led to ongoing concern and dialogue within the NCHC community. We stand in support of the AAPI community and with the victims and targets of these racist and violent incidents. *(For resources on reporting hate incidents, making donations, and other support, we encourage you to visit www.stopaapihate.org.)*

On behalf of the members of the NCHC Board of Directors and National Office staff, we affirm our support and solidarity for all victims of systemic racism, discrimination, bias, and prejudice, as well as for the people who defend said victims.

Acknowledging that words mean little without accompanying actions that foster and facilitate transformation and growth:

- We recognize that to enable change, we need to increase our opportunities to listen and invite discussion with our membership. We acknowledge that enduring change will not happen until everyone is engaged, whether at the level of self, community, campus, country or world.
- We remain committed to fostering inclusion and belonging for all within the organization and honors community and are determined to implement our strategic initiative of diversity and inclusion. NCHC's staff and leaders pledge to continue training in organizational diversity and both anti-racism and anti-discriminatory practices, ensuring that NCHC's dedication to this work is enduring and effective for all members.
- We will continue and increase our efforts to find, develop, and make available to our membership resources that assist in anti-racism and anti-discrimination discussions and practices designed to create a more inclusive and equitable organization and honors community.

NCHC's community is built around sharing honors pedagogy and practices that lead and innovate. As we continue to promote and expand diversity and inclusion efforts among and for our honors colleagues, we encourage consistent and continued conversations that lead to action. We invite you to utilize NCHC resources to share the work in which you are engaged in your programs and the changes you are promoting locally. In this way, we can create successful models of transformation from within the national honors cohort to build a more equitable future.

Thank you for the work you do as honors leaders, advocating for needed change to support and celebrate the dignity and freedoms of all people everywhere.

Signed,

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on behalf of the NCHC Board of Directors and National Office Staff

NCHC Diversity and Inclusion Statement

The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) supports and values inclusive excellence by promoting educational equity and non-discriminatory practices. As an organization of institutions, honors educators, students, and staff, it is our responsibility to promote the inclusion and success of academically motivated and high-potential learners from all communities, understanding that each of us holds varied, intersectional identities. We make inclusive excellence possible by understanding that differences between and among us are strengths. In response to historical, cultural, and institutional restrictions that have limited student access to honors education and the hiring of diverse faculty and staff, the NCHC is committed to modeling best practices in inclusion, and to using inclusive leadership strategies, research, and partnerships with other organizations to help honors colleges and programs pursue honors practices and programs that serve and empower all communities.

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