

Dear LSC Community:

Last night, a vigil was held in Duluth to "stand against hate" in the wake of the race and gender-based violent crimes committed in Georgia on Tuesday. Once again the twin pandemics of racism and COVID have merged in a deadly mix, this time fatally directed at Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. Studies have shown a spike in hate crimes against Asian and Pacific Islander communities (149% according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at Cal State San Bernardino) due in large part to politically charged speech blaming COVID -19 on the people of China.

As we continue to face the twin pandemics of racism and COVID amplified by major politicized divisions in our nation, it is more important than ever to stay strongly focused on our goals for inclusion and equity at our College, in our city, and in our region. It is more important than ever to stand in unity as a community of learners determined to advocate for our core values of democracy, freedom, and justice. Lake Superior College welcomes opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to engage in dialog on issues facing our community and country. Doing so leads to actions to build a better, stronger, and more inclusive and welcoming community.

We can do this, Icehawks!

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