

## Campus Update 10-17-20

I am aware of and concerned by recent hateful acts directed at others based on religion and identity – all of them anonymous, which is telling. Defacing a student's white board, for example, with anti-Semitic language is reprehensible, like the racist zoom bombing we witnessed earlier this year. I know it does not reflect the values of the vast majority of our community – but it should not happen at all. While it does not eliminate the harm that is done, I want to thank students and other leaders for speaking out against such acts and in support of our community, and the staff who immediately reach out directly to impacted students when incidents like this are reported. I want to add my support for the communities that have been assaulted and my assurances that when we are able to identify who is responsible for acts that are harmful we will continue to explore all available avenues to hold them accountable.

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