

Campus Update 2-18-21

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Dear Residents of Baldwin, Hurley, and McConaughy Hall-

On Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 it was brought to our attention that an incident occurred that is considered to be bias related in nature. An RA Board pertaining to Black History Month was torn down in Hurley Hall. This type of behavior is directly against the University of Connecticut's values of striving to create a safe and inclusive community for all students.

A bias-related incident is an incident that negatively targets, intimidates, or threatens an individual or group due to race, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, physical, mental, and intellectual disabilities, as well as past/present history of mental disorders. This includes, but is not limited to, graffiti or images that harass or intimidate individuals or groups due to the above characteristics.

If you would like to discuss the impact that this incident had on you or the greater community, please reach out to arrange for a time for us to meet.

We expect that you all have an active part in building an inclusive community. As you move forward in immersing yourself into the community, please keep in mind that small actions have a major impact. We can be proactive and not reactive to situations like this by making the following changes in our daily behaviors: Hold your peers accountable for their decisions; if you see something, say something. You can tell your RA or your Hall Director. Lastly, remind your guests that you are responsible for their behavior and that you will not tolerate these types of acts within your community.

If you encounter any other bias related incidents within the community please do not hesitate to report it through the bias reporting form. <https://dos.uconn.edu/bias-reporting-2/>

Best,

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