

# Campus Update 2-22-21

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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to share an update on two recent bias incidents on the Storrs campus.

On Friday, a swastika was found drawn on the wall of the men's bathroom in the Biology/Physics Building. Later that day, the University was also informed of graffiti of an anti-Black racial slur discovered in the same facility. These actions are abhorrent and harmful to the diverse students, faculty, and staff who call UConn home.

We are appreciative of the individuals who reported the graffiti to the University through [inform.uconn.edu](http://inform.uconn.edu). The UConn Police are investigating the incident and University administration is following [bias response protocol](#). The graffiti has been removed, after the police were able to document it. At this time, the individual or individuals responsible have not been identified. Although it is likely that additional investigative leads will be limited, should the individuals responsible be identified, we [will share that information](#).

Our bias response protocol has several objectives, including raising awareness when these incidents occur, providing information about the University's response, and offering resources to support affected communities and educate our community. Given the public location of this incident, we cannot determine all of the populations who may have encountered this graffiti, so we are reaching this broader group to ask for your help in sharing this information and resources with your faculty, staff, and students.

A list of resources to consult:

- [InForm](#)
- [Office for Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [African American Cultural Center](#)
- [Africana Studies Institute](#)
- [Dean of Students](#)
- [Faith at UConn](#)
- [Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Life](#)

These incidents are troubling and show we still have work to do in building a community and culture that is inclusive of all our diverse members. We appreciate your partnership as leaders in identifying bias incidents and connecting your communities to resources to recognize and respond to acts that threaten the safety and well-being of members of our community.

If you have further questions, you are welcome to reach out to any member of the Provost's Office leadership team, the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, and the Dean of Students.

Sincerely,

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