



ATE Statement in Support of AAPI Community

The Association for Teacher Educators (ATE) condemns the horrific anti-Asian violence that occurred on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia where eight people were killed, including six women of Asian descent. This, unfortunately, was not an isolated incident as we are witnessing escalating hate crimes perpetrated on Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).

We acknowledge anti-Asian discrimination and violence are woven throughout our nation's history, from the Chinese Exclusion Act (1882), to the Japanese American Internment during World War II, to today, where the AAPI community is suffering increasing incidents of racial discrimination and violence. Research from Stop AAPI Hate (<https://stopaapihate.org/>) revealed nearly 3,800 violent incidents, representing a nearly 150 percent increase from the previous year. Members of the ATE family stand with the AAPI community in grief and solidarity against racist violence and discrimination in all forms.

Acts of violence, bullying, and racism should not be tolerated in a civilized society. We must work together toward liberation, justice, anti-racism, and strive to eliminate all forms of violence and intersectional oppression with the goal of creating a society free of prejudice, hate, and violence. As professional educators, we must hold ourselves accountable and commit to dismantling discrimination in all forms. We must challenge the silence around the hateful actions directed against the AAPI community, and work to learn about and celebrate the history, culture, and lived experiences of people of Asian descent.

As professional educators, our students, colleagues, and community partners are first and foremost in our thoughts. With that in mind, we hope that you will help us to promote the American ideal that we are all created equal, that America is a country where one's hopes and dreams can be realized, and that all individuals should have the opportunity for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Kind Regards,

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