

NACA Statement Condemning Antisemitism

May 25, 2021 - The National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) condemns the recent rise in antisemitism and violent acts directed towards Jewish persons and communities across the country. As the Association strives to empower members "to create college communities where everyone belongs," we value creating with intention, environments where all people can thrive and be successful. We are soberly reminded once again that the fight against intolerance of identities different from one's own is not complete. As we tackle these challenges and mourn the murder of George Floyd on the one-year anniversary of his death, our ongoing work to further understanding of diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, white supremacy, and privilege can help every campus community foster belonging and dismantle racism, hate, and intolerance.

As you look for ways to create brave spaces for your campus communities to process recent events, we'd encourage you to:

- Review the hundreds of diversity and social justice speakers, educators, and workshop facilitators listed in the NACA® 24/7 database who can aide you.
- Participate in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Week as a part of the virtual <u>Summer Series</u>.
 This is a great opportunity for both students and staff to learn how to integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion into their campuses and reflect upon their own identities.
- Participate in the monthly DiversiTEAs, which are candid conversations around diversity, equity, and inclusion. The <u>June 3</u> topic is "Identity Matters."

As you develop your professional and personal growth and facilitate diverse and engaged college communities, we encourage you to utilize the NACA Competencies for Diversity & Inclusion, especially:

- Articulating awareness and understanding of one's attitudes, values, beliefs, assumptions, lived experiences, and biases, and identify how they affect one's integrity and work with others.
- Recognizing the ways in which behaviors and physical spaces can explicitly or subtly create perceptions that certain groups are not welcome.
- Developing affirming groups/spaces for individuals from marginalized populations and their allies.

The Association is committed to creating an engaging environment that empowers members to intentionally center inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility. NACA will continue to lead higher education in providing members with educational and training opportunities, resource development, and brave spaces for dialogue, all of which derive from our competencies. Visit naca.org/diversity to learn more about the resources and programs NACA provides.