

## **NAAHP Statement on Violence Against AAPI Community**

NAAHP's commitment to our membership's well-being and the students we serve is a pillar of our association. Our goals are to help develop pre-health advisors and advocate for equal opportunities for our members and future health professionals. NAAHP does not tolerate hate, in any form, towards any people, and it has no place in the educational and professional pipeline.

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities have recently experienced a significant increase in senseless hate crimes, racism, bias, and discrimination. Since March of 2020, hate crimes against Asian communities have increased by over 149 percent. Sickening news reports of these incidents have become commonplace. We want to be clear that the NAAHP wholly supports our AAPI members, their students, and AAPI communities at-large.

The NAAHP is a community of professionals working together to prepare all those who pursue a healthcare career, and we strive to lead by example. To achieve these goals, the NAAHP affirms our dedication to diversity, equity, inclusion, and the ethical, fair treatment of our fellow human beings.

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