



Statement of Solidarity with APIA Community

In many ways, our lives today look vastly different compared to a few months ago. We are in the midst of change as a global community. A change that has brought a sense of uncertainty and unanswered questions. Many are experiencing a range of emotions and concern over our well-being and those we care for deeply.

The [increase in racist and xenophobic incidents](#) directed to our Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community is both [hurtful](#) and [harmful](#). We know these dangerous acts of violence are [rooted in American history](#) and ultimately further exacerbate the injustices experienced by our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

At APIA Scholars, we stand in solidarity with our community of Scholars, alumni, and partners in this unprecedented moment. As a community, we include first-generation college students, professionals working across diverse sectors, and champions advocating for better access to education, health, and safety. We draw on our stories of resilience, strength, hope, and passion as badges of pride and honor. Though we may have different stories, we are all part of the Asian and Pacific Islander American community.

At APIA Scholars, we are working hard to secure more resources for Scholars through an [emergency fund](#), connect with our Scholars individually, and facilitate shared Scholars spaces by hosting [virtual groups](#). We also encourage our community to [report](#), and if safe, [respond](#) to any hateful discrimination that you may experience or witness.

Moments of change allow us the opportunity to choose how we want to be remembered. Amidst the uncertainty, we want to be remembered for how we continue to connect and uplift our community in powerful ways that shine a light towards our collective prosperity. [Join us on social media](#) to continue the dialogue as we envision a vibrant America inclusive of the APIA community.

Sincerely,
APIA Scholars staff