

A yellow background with a repeating pattern of white medical icons including a stethoscope, microscope, pill bottle, syringe, heart, and first aid kit.

# *A special message*

## FROM THE DEAN

Dear Rowan Faculty, Staff, Residents and Students;

In recent months, the increase in anti-Asian racism, xenophobia, and violence is disgraceful. As a SOM family, we lend our support and care to students, faculty, and staff who share Asian American and Pacific Islander identities. In this moment, I am reminded by the words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to honor our shared humanity by showing compassion and advocacy for everyone from marginalized identities. His words challenge us, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Discrimination, harassment and violence will not be tolerated at SOM. Acts of violence must be reported to Campus Safety. Incidents of discrimination or harassment can be brought to Yvonne Ortiz, Dean Lambert, or Dean Micicche to discuss, however, all incidents must be reported on Rowan's Division of DEI website at this [link](#).

My thanks to STUCO President Anjani Patel and student leaders for sending out a solidarity statement and Safe Space program information yesterday for students. I am aware our Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion also shared information to students on resources, but here is a summary to foster our awareness, allyship, and self-care.

- [History of Anti-Asian Racism and Asian Anti-Racism](#)
- [The Long History of Racism Against Asians in the U.S.](#)
- [Stop Asian American and Pacific Islander Hate](#)
- [White House Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States](#)
- [Hate Crimes Against Asian Americans Are Nothing New article](#)
- [Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)
- **Employees:** Counseling Assistance Program 609-292-8543
- **Students:** Student Mental Health Services are offered through the Department of Psychiatry 856-482-9000 or The Student Wellness Program 856-770-5750

For those celebrating, I wish you a safe, healthy, happy, and prosperous Lunar New Year.

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