

[FacultyStaff] Series of Appalling Racist Text Messages Sent to Students Nationwide

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To: Faculty/Staff group <facultystaff@fredonia.edu>, All Registered students <students@fredonia.edu>



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

It has come to our attention that students across the country have received horrendous racist text messages today. These messages have been determined to be associated with online spoofing sites. This hatred has no place at Fredonia and within our community.

This matter has already been referred to New York State law enforcement agencies. Anyone who has received these disturbing text messages and/or similar messaging or has any information about them is asked to call University Police at **716-673-333**.

Support is available for SUNY Fredonia students, faculty and staff members who are impacted by these messages. Students may visit or contact the <u>Counseling Center</u> in LoGrasso Hall by email at <u>counseling.center@fredonia.edu</u> or by calling at 716-673-3424. <u>Multicultural Support Services</u> can be reached at 716-673-3398 or by visiting the Intercultural Center, G106 Williams Center. Faculty and staff members may seek assistance from the <u>Employee Assistance Program</u> by emailing <u>eap@buffalostate.edu</u> or by calling 800-822-0244. Additional support is available for anyone by texting HOME to 741741 for free 24/7 crisis support or by visiting https://www.crisistextline.org/

If you have any questions or concerns regarding harassment, please contact the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at 716-673-3358. You may also report incidents of bias or discrimination on the <u>DEI Office webpage</u>.

I want to assure all faculty, staff, and students that this is your institution and you belong here at SUNY Fredonia. As a SUNY Fredonia community, we reject hate in all forms.

Very truly yours,

Dr. K Stephen H. Kolison, Jr., Ph.D. President and Professor

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