

## SLHS AAPI Statement

The dramatic increase in Anti-Asian violence during the COVID-19 pandemic highlights a longstanding issue in our country. We are deeply saddened and angered by recent events in Atlanta and all around our country. Our hearts go out to the loved ones, families, and communities of the victims. The Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences stands in solidarity with our Asian Pacific Islander Desi American students, alumnae, faculty, staff, and clients. We recognize the direct link between rhetoric and racial and misogynistic violence. We also recognize the potential for rhetoric to act as an impetus that creates dangerous circumstances. We acknowledge and support Indiana University's Asian American Studies program, which has consistently led the charge in fighting white supremacy in its many forms, and we strive to provide an inclusive, equitable, and diverse space in our research programs, in the services we provide, and in the material that we teach.

For those of you seeking to further educate yourselves on recent events, we have compiled the following non-exhaustive list:

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#)

[STOP AAPI Hate National Report](#)

["What This Wave of Anti-Asian Violence Reveals About America"](#)

[Asian Americans PBS Docuseries](#)

["Asian American Stories in the Time of Coronavirus" You Tube Docuseries](#)