



Unleashing the leadership potential of Illinois youth.

Statement Addressing Recent AAPI Tragedies

Illinois Leadership Seminars' mission is to unleash the leadership potential of Illinois Youth. We believe an important aspect of leadership is to encourage a diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. We believe we are made stronger by supporting not just diversity, but equity and inclusion. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric, harassment, and violence against Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) people and communities has increased. These hateful acts run counter to the values of our organization. Leaders fight for the safety and respect of all individuals. Leaders believe every human being is valuable.

Illinois Leadership Seminars stands in solidarity with leaders striving for a more just, safe, and equitable society. We encourage all alumni, volunteers, and donors to check-in with your AAPI colleagues and friends. As a leader, do something today to further educate yourself, support one another, and build a safer, more equitable world for all.

Below are some resources to support a leader's journey in education and action.

- [COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act](#)
- [Anti-Racism Resources to Support Asian American, Pacific Islander Community](#)
- [Asian Americans Face a Wave of Discrimination During the Pandemic](#)
- [Rise in Anti-Asian Attacks. Here's How to be an Ally to the Community](#)
- [How to Help Fight Against Anti-Asian Violence](#)
- [On Capitol Hill, Asian American Leaders Say Community Has Reached 'Crisis Point'](#)
- [The Violence Rattling Asian Americans](#)
- [More Anti-Asian Violence Resources and Ways to Support](#)