

October 29, 2018

Dear College Community,

On Saturday, our nation was struck by an unimaginable act of violence rooted in hate. A gunman, in a deliberate act of anti-Semitism, entered the hallowed halls of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and ended the lives of 11 people who came to worship and fellowship with their families and friends. Today, we mourn the lives lost because of anti-Semitism and condemn the bigotry, hatred and ignorance that has taken root in our country.

On behalf of Kingsborough Community College, I offer our heartfelt condolences to our community. Our corner of Brooklyn is the largest settlement for survivors and family members of the Holocaust. Not too long ago, the Infinity Statue was erected on our campus, to commemorate the lives lost during that unforgettable period in history. The statue represents endurance in spite of adversity. Let us hold this sentiment in our thoughts and actions as we go about our daily lives and work here at the College.

Please know that support is available for all who need it. Student counseling services are available D102 and employees can seek assistance from Human Resources through the Employee Assistance Program.

In the coming days, we will host a formal observance to honor the memories of those who lost their lives because of this senseless act. In the interim and beyond, we should endeavor to draw strength in the knowledge that for however brief hate has the stage, tolerance, humanity and fellowship among humankind is possible and will endure.

In solidarity,

Claudia V. Schrader  
President