

Important message to the Trinity College Community

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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Campus Safety and the Office of Student Life and Community Standards are investigating an incident reported late last night, in which a student of color found that a banana peel had been taped to the door of their residence hall room. While the specific intent and motivations of the individual(s) involved are still to be determined, the act is disturbing and wholly unacceptable in its apparent targeting of a student of color with a racist trope. Trinity College denounces such behavior, which violates our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We stand committed to creating a respectful and caring community for all members of our campus. We reaffirm our commitment to and stand in solidarity with our students, faculty, and staff of color.

If/when identified, the individual(s) involved in this incident will face serious consequences through the college's disciplinary process. We urge anyone with knowledge of this incident to contact Campus Safety at 860-297-2222.

Trinity is an institution that values pluralism and diversity and rejects acts of intolerance and bigotry. Over the coming days and weeks, we will respond to this issue as a community to ensure that we are creating a safe and caring environment for all to live and learn together.

Any members of the campus community who would like to speak with someone about their concerns regarding this incident are encouraged to seek support through the offices and resources listed below. In addition, should you wish to report an incident of intolerance, we encourage you to do so via the [Campus Climate Incident Response Team](#) and its [incident reporting form](#).

Counseling Center: 860-297-2415

College Chaplains: 860-993-3566

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: 860-297-4161

Dean of Student and Community Life Office: 860-297-2156

Dean of the Faculty Office: 860-297-2144

Human Resources: 860-297-2272

Office of Multicultural Affairs: 860-297-4251

Women & Gender Resource Action Center: 860 297-2408

Sincerely,

Joanne Berger-Sweeney, President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience

Anita Davis, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Joe DiChristina, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management

