

The Associated Students of Citrus College's Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
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As the Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC), we know that it is our duty to represent and protect the interest of students to create a safe, welcoming, and educational environment. In light of the recent events that have taken place over the last 6 months, we feel that it is important for us to let the students that we represent know we stand with them.

ASCC stands with the people who have been affected by systemic racism and by the call to justice caused by the tragic deaths of individuals such as George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Vanessa Guillen. We as a governing body stand with the students of color, those who are undocumented, the students who are underrepresented, and those students who are afraid to speak up. ASCC disavows any views, beliefs, or groups that promote racism and white supremacy. ASCC will take steps to ensure that us as an organization, as well as Citrus College as a whole, will begin to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus. On top of having two student representatives on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, ASCC is committed to hosting and promoting events and practices that ensure these ideals. More outreach to marginalized groups to alert them of student government positions, cultural awareness, and the moral responsibility to call out those partaking in racism are more steps we as an organization will take.

ASCC encourages ALL students to have an open mind when it comes to diversity. In a time that is filled with misinformation, confusion, and fear mongering, we encourage all students to think critically and rationally about the issues in front of them. Without these values, we as a society cannot move forward, but only backward. Civil and meaningful conversion is something that is necessary to liberty and justice for all.

ASCC is committed to long-term, impactful change. We acknowledge that there may be times when we find ourselves falling short of the goals we have set, and we promise to actively look for these situations and change them. These are not changes that happen overnight, and we are committed to the long fight ahead of us as a generation.

ASCC stands with you, the students of Citrus College. Continue to fight for the rights of those who are not given them, and we will be fighting with you.

-The Associated Students of Citrus College's Executive Board

Please visit the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force website for links and resources:  
<https://www.citruscollege.edu/dei/Pages/default.aspx>