



October 28, 2019

To SUNY Poly Campus Community,

SUNY Polytechnic Institute has always sought to support a welcoming, inclusive community that values diversity. We know we are strongest when we acknowledge that people of all backgrounds and experiences make significant contributions to our campus. After an incident on Friday in Oriskany Hall in which a couple of students made an inappropriate and insensitive Halloween display, I wanted to write to you to reiterate SUNY Poly's steadfast commitment to provide everyone who attends SUNY Poly with the most diverse, safe, inclusive, and positive experience. And we hold such ideals highly.

We will be holding a conversation with students that were impacted by the recent incident so that they can share their thoughts and concerns and be heard in a safe, understanding, group setting. This will be a chance for our students to share their perspectives and discuss ideas to foster the most uplifting campus environment possible, which every member of our community is entitled to.

I plan to attend to listen and better understand how we as an institution can continue to learn and grow. Please encourage any student you are aware of who may have been impacted to attend. The conversation will be on Monday, October 28 at 4 p.m. in the Student Center MPR (small side). We will also continue the dialogue about diversity and inclusion with our broader SUNY Poly community through the academic year.

Thank you again for your efforts and support in continuing to foster a safe, diverse, and inclusive campus community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grace Wang
Interim President