



## **ODUMUN supports the fight against all aspects of racism**

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Over the past few months, there has been a rise of reported [hate crimes that have targeted Asian Americans across the nation](#). The use of hateful fear mongering, false information, and racist remarks through online and written media have influenced these attacks we see being reported. These attacks once again remind us all of the injustices that remain in our society as a whole.

The officer board of the Model United Nations Society at ODU finds these attacks disturbing and unjust. We recognize that Asian Americans are not the only group that faces racist and violent attacks, but we believe in spreading awareness and assisting the fight against all aspects of racism.

The path to abolish the structure and discriminatory characterizations towards Asian Americans must work alongside the movement of Black Lives Matter and other movements whose goals are to end the unequal standards of living. The Model United Nations Society supports those who actively engage, learn, and participate in this struggle.

ODU Model United Nations Society fully supports the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) organizations at ODU. It is crucial that we continue to learn from others and

the injustices they face. We encourage all ODU students and faculty to engage with and support individuals, local organizations, and nationwide groups that aim to protect the safety of Asian Americans and bring justice to the victims of hate crimes.

The Model United Nations Society at ODU will be donating to the [National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum \(NAPAWF\)](#). This non-profit organization focuses on bringing power to AAPI women and girls in economic, social, and legal sectors. NAPAWF advocates for bringing AAPI women into the public eye regarding racial and sexual injustices that can turn violent. This non-profit has participated in a legislature under President Biden's response during and after the [domestic terrorist attack in Atlanta, Georgia on March 16, 2021](#).

The Model United Nations Society is aware that donating is not the only way to aid in the fight against racism. The society will participate in future events led by the AAPI organizations at ODU as well as local events that address the racial injustices in our communities. We strongly encourage our members to be active advocates and participate in events that dismantle the societal structure that perpetuate all forms for racial hate and bias.