
Recent Shootings in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay

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Dear Fredonia campus community,

I believe that you have heard about the recent mass shootings in California: Monterey Park on January 21, 2023 with 11 people killed and; in Half Moon Bay on January 23, 2023 with 7 killed. In these two incidents, 18 people lost their lives horribly and senselessly. According to reports, the Monterey Park victims were mostly people of Asian descent and the Moon Bay victims were farm workers of both Asian descent and Hispanic descent. My heart goes out to the victims and their families. My prayers are with them and I urge our community to remember them in ways that are supportive and uplifting.

Although these deaths and the physical injuries occurred hundreds of miles away from us here in Fredonia, I know that our community is one that empathizes with the human condition regardless of how far away it may occur. As such, I believe we are impacted by the pain, sufferings, fears, and anxieties people in the two California communities are feeling as a result of these tragedies. So, I am thinking of you and want to encourage you to take some time to care for yourself and offer support to others if you are able.

If you feel that you need to reach out to seek support, I encourage you to do so. Students, please contact the [Counseling Center](#). Employees can find free and confidential resources that can provide support for the entire family through the [Employee Assistance Program](#). Support is available for all 24/7/365 through the Chautauqua County Crisis Hotline (1-800-724-0461) or by texting Got5U to 741-741. To report incidents of discrimination or harassment or incidents of hate or bias please visit [this site](#).

As Fredonians, we condemn any and all violence.

Take care.

Very truly yours,
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