

Email from CWRU VP for Student Affairs Re: Anti-Semitic Images on Campus

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To the Case Western Reserve Community:

I write with great regret to share that my office recently received reports involving anti-Semitic images and racist graffiti on two campus restroom stalls. It is unclear whether either had been newly added or simply freshly found; regardless, in both cases they were quickly removed and campus police have been alerted.

We grapple with these hateful expressions as our nation continues to mourn the deaths of 11 people killed Saturday morning in a Pittsburgh synagogue. Sadly, this week also saw Appalachian State, Duke, and the University of Rochester experience reports of anti-Semitic images appearing on their campuses.

As much as I was inspired by the way our community came together Monday evening in remembrance of those victims, I am appalled by the cowardly malice the actions on our campus represent. Those who engage in such conduct should remember that it not only is contrary to our values, but also university policies. Violators will face discipline.

For now, however, I ask all of those who participated in Monday's vigil—in person or in spirit—to remember the profound good that exists in each of us. Please take time this weekend to provide comfort and compassion to one another this weekend; such kindness is among the most effective antidotes to hate that we can share.

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