



**Holocaust, Genocide,
and Human Rights Project**
at Monroe Community College

Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project Student Leaders Respond to Hate Speech

Students promote diversity at MCC

BRIGHTON, NY – Oct. 10, 2017 – In response to recent hate speech that was shared by a fellow student, the leaders of the [Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project](#) (HGHRP) at Monroe Community College issues the following statement:

The Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project unequivocally condemns the hate speech recently shared on social media by an MCC student. While we are deeply troubled by this public expression of hate, it only strengthens our resolve to educate and advocate for those being threatened. Diversity is the norm of nature, not the exception. As Project leaders, we believe it is our job to promote our school's diversity and strongly denounce any threats against it. We believe that marginalized students should feel safe in our halls, and we regret that they have been let down. We are all too well aware that hate speech often transitions into action; all genocides reveal this core lesson. Historical lessons demand contemporary obligations and we therefore affirm our commitment to the Project's mission: to spotlight injustice, attempt to learn firsthand from the stories of the oppressed, and educate others so that our communities become fully inclusive and focused on genuine equality.

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