



Office of the President

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To our students, faculty and staff:

In the last two days, there have been several incidents on campus that do not reflect the good character of Purdue's citizens and our shared values of inclusion and respect.

A person or persons painted graffiti that was deeply offensive on a landmark tree on campus and chalked it on sidewalks and at least one campus building. Such conduct is reprehensible and wholly out of character with Purdue's long tradition of fellowship and mutual respect.

The police are investigating the incidents, and they will pursue finding the perpetrators. The graffiti has been removed.

We are striving to create at Purdue an environment that is welcoming to all people. Inclusiveness, generosity, and appreciation of diverse cultures are values that we wish to be synonymous with Purdue. The incidents call on us to renew our commitment to these values and to our common bond.

Sincerely,

France A. Córdova  
President