

September 20, 2015

A Community Founded on Religious Tolerance, Not Hate

To the Campus Community:

On September 15, 2015, Public Safety received a complaint from an employee regarding images drawn on their vehicle. The vehicle was parked near the Lewis Quad area until late Friday night when an unknown party drew a swastika and foul language in the dust that was on the back window of the vehicle. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact Public Safety at x4911.

We are a community founded on religious tolerance not hate. Using hateful symbols and words to harass and intimidate members of our community are contrary to the St. Mary's Way and does not represent the beliefs and values of an overwhelming majority of the St. Mary's College community.

Each member of this community must take responsibility for interrupting this type of hateful behavior when they see it and making it clear that hateful behavior will not be tolerated in our community. I am hopeful that those who know the person or people responsible for this incident will step forward and provide us with the information so we can hold those responsible accountable.

As a community, our work towards inclusion will continue in a positive direction. This week, the campus community is invited to engage in a variety of events that address inclusion such as the TFMA Film Series: Baltimore Reel: "12 O'Clock Boys," by Lofty Nathan on 9/21/15 at 8:15 pm in Cole Cinema, Ivan Coyote on 9/23/15 at 8:00 pm in Cole Cinema, and Tim Wise on 9/24/15 at 7:30 pm in St. Mary's Hall. These types of events show the true foundation upon which our community is built.

Sincerely,

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President