



The CAOTFC joins AOTA and the Asian/Pacific Heritage Occupational Therapy Association (APHOTA) in acknowledging and condemning the discrimination, bias, racism, and violence against Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders. We stand with those in our professional communities who have experienced acts of hate for generations and experienced a significant increase since early 2020.

As leaders in fieldwork, with a diverse team of occupational therapy professionals, we are dedicated to being advocates for fieldwork educators, fieldwork coordinators, faculty, colleagues in the field, clients, and the students we are all supporting to be their best in the field. We reconfirm our commitment to our purpose of advocating for positive and equitable fieldwork experiences for students and fostering the development of OT's who will be aware of and advocate for the diverse needs of their clients. The CAOTFC aims to lead by example by supporting increased awareness, understanding, and inclusivity within our own practices as we move towards a better way of being.

Occupational Therapy as a profession believes in the concept that learning occurs best in stress-free and safe environments thus it is a high priority of our council to model and advocate for a positive and supportive collaborative atmosphere for all of our educators and future OT's. We call on all occupational therapy professionals to be consistent advocates for change as we join together in support of our APIDA colleagues.

Resources to help start the conversation can be found at AOTA.org and COTAD.org.

- AOTA & APHOTA statements condemning racism
 - <https://www.aota.org/AboutAOTA/Get-Involved/BOD/News/2021/Asian-Americans-Pacific-Islanders.aspx>
- Asian/Pacific Heritage Occupational Therapy Association
 - <https://www.asianot.org/>
- COTAD Resources & Events
 - <https://www.cotad.org/anti-racism-resources>
 - <https://www.cotad.org/events>