

Hofstra University
Student Government Association
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SGA Gun Violence Statement

Whereas,

From January 1 to March 29, 2023, there have been at least thirty-nine (39) instances of gunfire on school campuses within this year, resulting in more than seventeen (17) deaths and thirty (30) injuries.¹ This follows fifty-one (51) school shootings in the past year alone. Gun violence has continued to plague our society, claiming lives, and impacting the communities of countless more loved ones.

Whereas,

No student should walk on a campus or enter a classroom with the fear of being targeted by firearms. While we mourn the tragic deaths of our peers across the nation it is essential that we speak out and call on our elected officials to take meaningful actions to reduce the number of lives lost or changed by empty ammunition barrels.

Let it be resolved,

The Student Government Association (SGA) will continue to work for social and racial justice and ensure that all members of our community feel safe on campus. Attacks like these often bring us together as a community and compel us to be there for those who need our support.

Uplifting our community, children who can and will build our world with their education, through the protection of their safety, security, and wellbeing is of utmost imminent importance as the representative voice of Hofstra University's undergraduate student population.

We take this opportunity to offer the following resources available for contact at Hofstra University:

- Dean of Students Office: 516-463-6913
- Student Counseling Services: 516-463-CARE (2273). Student Counseling Services offers one-on-one and group counseling for all members of the Hofstra community.
- Public Safety: Emergency: 516-463-6789
- Intercultural Engagement and Inclusion: 516-463-6957
- Interfaith Center: Room 213 Mack Student Center, North Campus (Jewish, Muslim, Protestant, and Roman Catholic chaplains and their ministries are available). The chaplains in the Interfaith Center are available to all Hofstra students, faculty, and staff.

¹ ("The Long, Shameful List of Gunfire on School Grounds in America" 2021)

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In the words of Amanda Gorman, “It takes a monster to kill children. But to watch monsters kill children again and again and do nothing isn’t just insanity — it’s inhumanity.”

If bullets can end lives, let our words try to save them.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Hofstra Student Government Association.