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Greetings everyone,

Please find the official statement below from the Muslim Student Association (MSA) of The Claremont Colleges regarding the recent incident at Scripps College.

“To the greater 5C Community:

The recent incident at Scripps College on October 10 involving a group interrupting speaker Hussam Ayloush has come to our attention. This group made anti-Muslim, Islamophobic, and anti-immigrant comments and abandoned civil, academic discourse. The Muslim Students Association, with students from all backgrounds, is deeply affected by this incident. We are students who have worked tirelessly to pave our way at the Colleges. Considering the recent political climate and the rise in Islamophobia, we have already been forced to bear the burden of not belonging in addition to continuing on with our daily lives as students. When incidents like these take place, they dig deep into wounds that have not yet healed. We expect these spaces to be safe places of higher learning, where we can explore ideas and share our thoughts. More than that, we expect that our identities, so central to our lives, will not be targeted.

We hope that communities that aren't affected by this incident stand in solidarity with the Muslim community at the Claremont colleges. Below we have listed steps you can take as an ally to Muslim students on campus.

1. Make sure your affected friends have adequate support. Note that this group includes Muslims and those assumed to be Muslim due to racial, ethnic, or religious origin. Point them to resources such as Monsour or Chaplain Adeel Zeb ([Azeb@cuc.claremont.edu](mailto:Azeb@cuc.claremont.edu)) if they need additional help.
2. Take steps to intervene when Islamophobic comments are made.
3. There is a box in the McAlister Center (in the library) to write and submit Thank-You notes for Hussam due by Sunday 10.15.17 @ 11pm.
4. You can donate to CAIR-LA by following the link below:
  - a. <https://ca.cair.com/losangeles/donate/>
5. CAIR-LA is hosting a No Muslim Ban Ever Rally this Sunday, October 15 from 12 PM- 4 PM at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. More details are below: <https://www.facebook.com/events/117936108871889/>

One kind of oppression does not overshadow another, and we must stand together to fight every oppression, especially when it is directed towards marginalized communities.

Thank you to all community members and student groups that have come out in solidarity and support

during this time. We appreciate your efforts in making the colleges a more inclusive space.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Muslim Students Association”

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