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## **Message regarding Pitt student and threatening/racist messages**

(PITTSBURGH, PA – July 3, 2019) Last week, the University of Pittsburgh was made aware of disturbing text and social media messages—attributed to a Pitt student—threatening violence and expressing racism.

Many people have asked the University to share details on the specific steps and disciplinary action taken related to this issue. We simply cannot disclose this information, per federal law.

What we can share is that we acted quickly to investigate and address this issue, and that this work—which is ongoing—includes partnering with local police authorities. At every turn, the safety of our University community has been a top priority.

In addition, Pitt's Student Code of Conduct prohibits threats of violence, and it sets clear expectations that all students are to conduct themselves as responsible members of the University community, both on and off campus.

Threatening behavior—as well as racist comments—runs in stark contrast to our University's values and mission, and we remain dedicated to supporting an inclusive, safe, and welcoming environment for every member of the Pitt community.

Any challenge to our community values or potential threat to our community's safety is an opportunity to reaffirm these values and emphatically reject violence. We are all accountable for creating the kind of environment we want to live in—where diversity is not just tolerated, but celebrated.

If you have any concerns regarding this or any other matter, please share them with the Pitt Police at [police.pitt.edu](http://police.pitt.edu), 412-624-2121, or the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at [diversity.pitt.edu](http://diversity.pitt.edu), 412-648-7860.