OFFICE OF THE GUSA EXECUTIVE

Statement on Recent Anti-Semitic Acts

We are extraordinarily frustrated and horrified by the repeated acts of anti-Semitism that have occurred at Georgetown over the past few weeks, including two separate instances of swastikas drawn in residence halls. Hate is not welcome at Georgetown. Our student body fully embraces and stands in solidarity with members of our Jewish community, as well as all other communities on our campus affected by these incidents.

In their wake, GUSA remains committed to policy initiatives aimed at improving inclusivity, safety, and diversity on the Hilltop—foundational elements of the student experience. We are working with the Division of Student Affairs to host a speech and expression forum on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 PM in the HFSC Social Room. At this forum, we will reiterate our condemnation of swastikas and other anti-Semitic symbols as hate speech as well as discuss how our community can reduce the frequency of these incidents on the Hilltop. We will also support the CMEA's rich programming that engages the student body on issues of diversity this academic year. For example, A Different Dialogue offers a forum to engage further in conversations around race and ethnicity. And most importantly, we invite Jewish students and all other students to let us know how else we can best support and serve you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at gusa@georgetown.edu.

As always, we stand with Jewish students and will work to amplify their voices on this critical issue. Our primary job as student advocates is to ensure that all students have a seat at the table in conversations surrounding campus culture—only then can we meaningfully work toward our shared goal of a better Georgetown experience for all.

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