



**Statement from the North Carolina Botanical Garden:**

We stand with the greater University community in condemning the recent incidences of violence and hate crimes against Asian Americans.

As a garden focused on conserving the biodiversity of southeastern native plants, we recognize that just as biodiversity is critical to a healthy ecosystem, diversity in people and perspectives makes our organization and community stronger. We're committed to creating an environment in our gardens and natural areas where everyone's voice is heard and everyone feels safe and welcome.