## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JULY 7TH, 2020

Dear MAUVSA Community,

The Mid-Atlantic Union of Vietnamese Student Associations' Executive Board has been made aware of multiple sexual harassment, misconduct, and assault allegations within the community involving our members. We take these allegations seriously and will be conducting a thorough investigation regarding each of these matters.

The Executive Board reaffirms our commitment to maintaining a safe space for our constituents. As leaders in our community, we want to create an environment where all members feel comfortable making connections with each other and actively participating in our community without concerns. We will be following the procedures outlined in our constitution and will handle the investigation swiftly and fairly.

We give our support to all survivors of sexual assault and to those who have been impacted. We hear you. We stand with you.

Eliminating sexual harassment and assault, while cultivating a respectful environment requires continued commitment from everyone in our community. We have compiled resources for survivors as well as relevant links to sexual assault awareness in our <u>LinkTree</u>. We encourage further research and education outside of these resources provided.

If you or anyone you know has experienced sexual assault or harassment at one of our events or by any of our members, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:eboard@mauvsa.org">eboard@mauvsa.org</a> if you feel comfortable doing so. All reports will remain confidential and anonymous and will help us take the steps necessary in order to protect our community.

In Solidarity, MAUVSA Executive Board

## Resources:

<a href="https://www.rainn.org/">https://www.rainn.org/</a>: Largest American nonprofit anti-sexual assault organization <a href="https://www.nsvrc.org/">https://www.nsvrc.org/</a>: Non profit organization providing information and tools to respond to sexual violence

https://www.api-gbv.org/: National resource center on domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking, and other forms of gender-based violence in Asian and Pacific Islander communities

https://www.knowyourix.org/: Provides information for students about their Title IX rights in regards to ending sexual violence on campus

https://endrapeoncampus.org/: An advocacy organization dedicated to assisting students file Title IX complaints

https://www.yesmeansyes.com/: Project Respect aims to create discussions and share a positive alternative model of relationships for youth