

Message from President Cook

August 23, 2022

Good morning students, faculty, and staff.

I wanted to visit with you this morning because it has come to my attention that some members of our community made comments on a private social media site that were homophobic and hateful. The posts have been reported on publicly and I won't go into the details here.

While the comments are protected free speech, I want to reaffirm that NDSU values a community that is inclusive and collegial, and those comments are not reflective of our NDSU values.

I encourage everyone to continue to work toward a community of respect as we start our semester. This is critically important.

I urge you to support one another, listen, learn from one another, and make the NDSU community a better place for everyone.