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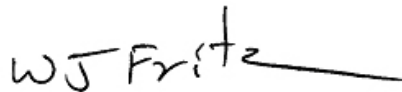
Statement from College of Staten Island President William J. Fritz, PhD regarding the tragedy in Orlando, Florida

This weekend, on June 12, 2016, an act of terror occurred targeting members of the LGBTQ community in Orlando, Florida. Although the attacker's Islamic religion may allegedly have been a motivating factor, Muslim American organizations across the nation have quickly condemned this horrific event.

We at CSI offer our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of all those who were killed and injured in this terrorist attack. We join in repudiating any individual or group who would justify or excuse such an appalling act of violence.

CSI is committed to maintaining a safe environment for the variety of groups making up our diverse community. We aspire to live as a peaceful community, with each group accepting the other, and seek to continue campus conversations and discourse about the elimination of hatred directed at any specific group.

We embrace our LGBTQ community, as integral to our campus. On Monday June 13, the CSI LGBTQ Resource Center, the offices of Student Life, Counseling, HR, and Dolphin Cove will meet to outline next steps to provide assistance to our students, faculty and staff. If you or a loved one needs support, students should reach out to the Counseling Center at 718.982.2391 and faculty and staff should reach out to EAP Deer Oaks at 1-855-492-3633.

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William J. Fritz, PhD
President