October 6, 2022

Columbia College Chicago Community:

Crime Advisory

The Chicago Police Department is investigating an incident that occurred on October 3, in Grant Park at approximately 1:45 p.m.

A class was underway in the park when an unknown person approached and began making statements of a political nature. The person made hateful comments pertaining to gender identity. The individual gestured his empty hands simulating a weapon. The class departed the park and returned to a college building.

Anyone with additional information should contact Campus Security at 312-369-3220 and the Chicago Police Department Area Three Detective Division at 312-744-8263 referencing police report JF-424558.

General Safety Precautions

- Remain alert.
- Buddy-up: travel in groups through well-lit and high-traffic areas after dark.
- Seek immediate shelter in a public establishment if you feel unsafe.
- Call 911 immediately if you are a victim or witness to a crime and provide a detailed description of the offender(s) including any physical/clothing identifiers in addition to any vehicle description and license plate information.
- If approached by a witness to an incident, request they remain on scene when possible or obtain contact information.
- Never pursue a fleeing assailant, provide information to the police.
- Inform Campus Security of any crime or safety concern.

Safety Workshops

Campus Safety and Security and Student Services are hosting the following Navigating the City with Confidence student workshops. These workshops include information on both personal safety and active shooter response.

Student Center – 754 S. Wabash Avenue
Friday, October 7, 2022, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. (2nd Floor Board Room)

The Haus: 623 S. Wabash Avenue
Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

SafeRide Program

Columbia provides an after-hours SafeRide Program that is available seven days a week from 6 p.m.–1 a.m. Learn more about how to use the SafeRide Program.

If You See Something, Say Something.

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