

September 7th, 2021

Fellow Falcons,

Today, in front of the Education Building, demonstrators who self-identified as a non denominational religious organization were preaching and distributing material that contained non-inclusive messaging. Some students have expressed concern regarding these demonstrations occurring on our campus. The Undergraduate Student Government wants to assure students that we are hearing their concerns and empathize with the students expressing these concerns. The Undergraduate Student Government is a representative body for the student population, and we will continue to stand with the students.

As a public university, Bowling Green protects freedom of expression which is guaranteed by the first amendment which means these individuals are legally allowed to present outside. If you have further questions about what would constitute removal of these individuals from campus please see “The Bowling Green State University Freedom of Expression Policy”. The Undergraduate Student Government does not in any way support or approve of their rhetoric or treatment of our student population. All students, no matter their background, or identity are welcome at BGSU and have a right to feel accepted and included.

The Undergraduate Student Government is proud of our student body for their response to the demonstrators and going forward we encourage students to organize, educate on the matter, support each other and continue to be leaders against discriminatory and bigoted statements in a continued non-violent manner.

Included below is the contact information for various resources we encourage students to utilize should you or someone you know need support on account of today’s events.

Office of Multicultural Affairs and LGBTQ+ Resources	Counseling Center	Psychological Services Center	Office of the Dean of Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone: 419-372-2642 ● Email: oma@bgsu.edu ● Location: Room 427 Bowen Thompson Student Union (BTSU) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone: 419-372-2081 ● Location: College Park Building Room 104 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone: 419-372-2540 ● Email: PSC@bgsu.edu ● Location: Room 300 Psychology Building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone: 419-372-2843 ● Email: odos@bgsu.edu ● Location: Room 301 BTSU

