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## March 13 Speaker on Campus

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On March 13, there was a speaker on campus that has left some in the Worcester State community angry and upset, and we want to address these concerns.

Worcester State University affirms its commitment to the academic freedom of faculty and to fostering an environment where diverse perspectives are shared in a safe and respectful manner. While a majority of the audience listened respectfully, a handful of individuals were asked to leave the event after repeated requests to limit disruptions. No arrests were made.

The University upholds the First Amendment right to express differing viewpoints and acknowledges that some members of the community may find these viewpoints controversial or offensive. Outside of the event, the University took measures to ensure students had a safe environment to protest the speaker and express their dissent.

The University remains committed to academic freedom and open discourse.

This may have been a disturbing event for some members of the campus community. As such, students in need of support may contact the WSU Counseling Center by email to schedule an appointment ( [REDACTED] ) or utilize a walk-in time between 10am -12pm and 2pm - 4pm Monday through Friday. For after-hours crisis contact University Police [REDACTED] and ask to speak to a counselor-on-call.

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