



November 9, 2020

The Association of Part Time Undergraduate Students (APUS) would like to send our sincere condolences to members of the Afghan community at the University of Toronto, the families and friends of those lost as well as the broader Afghan community.

On November 2nd, 18 students alongside an administrative employee were killed in a [senseless attack](#) that injured 30 other students and professors. This was the second attack on an educational institution, as 24 students were previously killed and 100 more injured, in an Dasht-e-Barchi education centre in October. This was a horrifying act of violence, and is only one of the many attacks that has occurred in recent months in Afghanistan.

Historically, students across the world have been targets for political and social violence in their countries. Education is a human right and while every student should be able to attend a safe and accessible school, we know that there have been complex and difficult geopolitical circumstances that have led to these violent situations. We are deeply sympathetic to those who have been impacted.

Given the increased mental health challenges that many are experiencing in these difficult times, we would like to urge our members to stay connected and engaged with each other. We want to reiterate that we are here to help if students need additional support or resources.

In solidarity,

APUS

RESOURCES:

If you are an APUS member, the [APUS Health & Dental Plan](#) covers up to \$125 per visit for up to 20 visits under our Psychology & Counselling benefit.

HELPLINES:

- My SSP for International Students: 1-844-451-9700
- Good 2 Talk Student Helpline: 1-866-925-5454
- LGBTQ Youthline (Peer Support; Open Sun-Fri 4:00PM-9:00PM): 1-800-268-9688

HEALTH AND COUNSELLING CENTRE

- U of T St. George - Koffler Building 2nd floor: 416-978-8030
- U of T Scarborough - Environmental Building: 416-287-7065
- UofT Mississauga - Davis Building basement: 905-828-5255