

Students hold protest on Texas State University campus

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SAN MARCOS, TEXAS – Hundreds of students gathered in an area of the Texas State University campus Thursday to protest the election and possible ramifications that certain populations might face due to election results.



Lura Funk painting a heart of hope on Mauricio Mendoza
Photo by Morgan Mitchell

Students gathered in the quad at Texas State University while holding various signs that displayed messages of both love and refusal to accept president-elect Donald Trump will be the next president.

Senior Lecturer Gayle Bouzard of the department of sociology was also present at the protest in support of her students.

“I’m here standing in solidarity with people who feel they could become victims of hate because of the election,” Bouzard said.

While on campus, messages of hate have already been shown as reports of students being harassed have been given. One such student was spat on and told that she didn’t belong to the university anymore.

After learning about the student who was spat on, Joshua Davis, a freshman at Texas State University, was angered.

“Shook, I would’ve had his [butt] dragged,” Davis said.

Davis attended the protest and made it clear that he was there with the other students to get people to understand that oppression is real.

“Unless they stop racism, and oppression, things are going to get worse,” Davis said. “We want to be heard.”

Many students walked out of class to join in at the protest. Some, like Mauricio Mendoza, an education senior, were encouraged to do so by their teachers.

“I told my instructor what I was doing,” Mendoza said. “She gave me a high five.”

Other students did not receive the same encouragement.

“My teacher absently waved me off, like she was mad and dismissing me,” said Lura Funk, an education junior.

Bouzard, who actively teaches sociology, did not agree that students should be treated with a dismal attitude about their beliefs.

“Students should be allowed to express their opinions,” Bouzard said. “This is sociology in action!”

The quad was filled with signs varying from movements from the LGBT community, the Black Lives Matter movement, as well as other races and religions worried about their safety.

One student, Victoria Tsatenawa, a senior double major in Spanish and psychology, was also present at the protest. Tsatenawa is a wheelchair user who wanted to make sure she was present and supporting her friends at the protest.

“I’m protesting the lack of inclusion, and I’m here in support for my friends in the LGBT community,” Tsatenawa said. “I’m here as someone who is disabled, but I’m also here to support all movements.”