

**We are a collective of concerned students working to promote a safe and healthier campus for all students.**

This will be a living document of resources and information.

We recognize the safety concern the police academy poses to especially Black and Brown students and if it is true what Niagara has said that they are fully committed to addressing racism on campus they need to recognize the trauma that these students have seeing often armed police walking around on campus.

Testimonies on why the academy should be removed from students!

-

*Although I am not a person of color, growing up I had very negative experiences with the police and seeing the police academy on campus makes me a bit uncomfortable. If the university is not involved at all with the academy, it does seem pointless for the academy to be on campus when the space could be used for something that is beneficial to campus. Seeing the police academy participants walking in a very militaristic style on campus is very off putting and very uncomfortable. The police academy should be placed in a more appropriate space off*

*campus, since it is not a Niagara University benefactor besides the location. Our campus should not be discussing matters of police brutality and racial injustice while at the same time allowing the police academy to remain on campus.*

*Freshman, Isabella Begier*

*I feel as if having the police academy on campus can be very triggering for students of color. I know from experience that it can be scary seeing cops just walking around on campus or somewhere you are supposed to feel safe. Many minority students are raised in environments where cops are thought of as targeting individuals so it can be very difficult knowing those same people who we fear are sitting right in our front yard. Not only is the police academy scary but it is also useless. If we have no ties, no connection, no authority or say in the academy's teachings we have no way of changing their curriculum to better suit the safety of minorities. So, why keep a building that houses individuals who put fear in the hearts of students? Honestly, all I see is a useful space that can be used for something to better our campus instead of something that is completely detached from the school. Also, it is best to determine what's best for everyone in a sense of safety and mental stability. If having that on campus is causing mental instability due to trauma then it should be removed. How can students feel safe when we grow up in a society with continuous examples of cop's brutality being shown? Either way, no matter who is unbothered by it being on campus we need to focus on the students who are bothered and think of their safety.*

*Freshman, La'tyshia Jordan*