

July 15, 2020 To: La Voz, Student Reporter
Annalise Freimarck

“It has come to my attention that a former De Anza College men’s basketball volunteer, Phillip White, posted insensitive comments on social media surrounding the Black Lives Matter movement several years ago. At the time of these social media posts, Mr. White was employed by the San Jose Police Department and was part of the men’s basketball coaching staff at Menlo College.

As a first-year employee and Dean of Physical Education & Athletics at De Anza College, I was unaware of Mr. White’s past history when our division office approved volunteer paperwork in December of 2019. In recent discussions with our men’s basketball coach, athletics director and senior administration, it was decided to not bring back Mr. White as part of our program in any role.

Perspectives such as those Mr. White expressed have no place at De Anza College and are diametrically opposed to the college’s values. It is important that De Anza College Athletics continues to lead with our unwavering commitment to stand in solidarity with our African American community.”

From Eric Mendoza, Dean of Physical Education & Athletics