



Dear WSGC Community,

As we reach out to you today, we are devastated by the reality we face. It is heartbreaking that we, as a country, find ourselves again facing the harsh truth that social injustice and systematic racism continue to exist to such an extent that another black person is murdered at the hands of the police. We say his name: George Floyd.

We share in the sorrow, anger, and grief that is felt across our country. As an educational institution, we stand for something more noble. We stand in solidarity with the Black community. We believe a diverse community is essential to an excellent education. We are committed to challenging ourselves to uncover biases that hinder our growth as individuals and as an educational institution. We are committed to deepening the education of our students in such a way that social renewal in the world is not only discussed in the classroom, but is a crucial goal we actively strive to achieve.

Recent events have required us to reaffirm our mission to strengthen our sense of moral responsibility, to empower our students to act with courage and conviction as we condemn all acts of hate, racism, and associated violence. However, a statement like this does not eradicate the pain, fear, and discomfort many are feeling.

At this time, it is particularly important to listen, to actually hear the stories of those in our community who have been worried, hurt, or threatened by recent events--or for whom these events acutely recall a long history of inequality, fear, and bias. This is a time for self-reflection and meeting the world with purpose, gratitude, and respect--so that our students continue to grow into people who contribute meaningfully toward creating a better world by helping all people feel respected and valued.

Thank you all for working toward a brighter future and for your thoughtfulness during this sad, challenging time.

Sincerely,

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