

Dear Students:

Like much of the country, your attention over the past couple of weeks has undoubtedly been devoted to the ongoing trial of Derek Chauvin, the former police officer charged in the death of George Floyd. This case, and the issues it highlights, is a reminder, if one were needed, that race relations remain a flashpoint in our society. Faculty, staff, and school leadership have also been affected by this trial and understand that wrestling with the feelings it has occasioned has probably exerted an emotional toll on you.

We hope that you can find support in the resources the university is offering (see links below) and in the knowledge that you are part of a community that cares deeply about these issues. We are hopeful that the legal process will have a resolution that is widely seen as just and fair. Regardless of the outcome of the trial, we remain dedicated to the larger project of doing all we can to help eradicate racial bigotry and mistreatment in society, including the racially-charged episodes of police misconduct that remain a lamentable reality in the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

Sincerely,

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