



STUDENT AFFAIRS STATEMENT

To the members of the University of Oklahoma community,

We, along with the rest of the world, have struggled to make sense of the racist violence on display in the past month; we mourn the loss of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and Tony McDade. These senseless losses should cause each of us to reflect on the ways systemic racism impacts all our lives.

As a Division of Student Affairs, we remain steadfast in support of marginalized communities. In these uncertain times, it is important we reaffirm and name our commitment to the Black community at the University of Oklahoma. Our institution has been home to legendary Black activists, scholars, athletes, and artists. We are also an institution that has failed to keep those same activists, scholars, athletes, and artists safe from harmful acts of racism both past and present. We must do better.

Students, staff, and faculty at the University of Oklahoma deserve campuses, communities, a state, and society that value justice and care for each other. The Division of Student Affairs must be a part of the solution. First, we support the statements of solidarity made by student leaders across the institution. Second, we will engage in an internal review of policies and practices in each area of Student Affairs to uncover and excise any implicit bias in our departments. Third, we reaffirm our commitment to stay in dialogue and listen to the most important constituents at the University of Oklahoma, our students.

Please know that our university resources for support remain available, including the University Counseling Center, OU Health Sciences Center Student Affairs, OU-Tulsa Student Affairs, Student Life's Multicultural Programs and Services, Student Legal Services, and the Gender + Equality Center. We urge you to seek their support if needed.

In Solidarity,

The University of Oklahoma Division of Student Affairs
