

Statement from the MUWAA Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Distinguished Mississippi University for Women Alumni and Current Students,

Our hearts are deeply saddened by the events both current and past that have led to the emotional state of many citizens of our great country. It can be difficult at times to find the right words to say, identify the emotions you may be experiencing, or to know what actions to take that will make a difference to you, those directly affected, and to communities nationwide. But know that within the Long Blue Line, you will find alumni with open hearts and minds willing to join you in this time of uncertainty. Together, we can be a light.

As members of the MUWAA Diversity and Inclusion committee, we are committed to providing safe spaces to encourage healthy and enriching conversations and events. We aim to cultivate an atmosphere of open dialogue and provide resources and information to effectively educate and inspire others.

In the powerful words of civil rights activist Cesar Chavez, “We need to help students and parents [and alumni] cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community— and this nation.”

We believe that during this time, we should be the voices of compassion, love, reason, and most importantly, of challenge to those around us.

Supporting diversity and inclusion is our priority. We urge everyone to respect and embrace the differences we all proudly display each and every day in our cultures and communities. Be an advocate for challenging and enriching conversations and know that knowledge is always power. Keeping diversity and inclusion at the forefront of our work will allow for us to be stronger together and to forever flourish as the Long Blue Line.

Sincerely,

The MUWAA Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Symone Bounds, Chair

