



The Ohio State University Panhellenic Association Statement - George Floyd

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Today in America, we are in a trying time. The Panhellenic Association At The Ohio State University wants to ensure that we refuse to be silent about the racism and resulting deaths occurring in this country. We do not tolerate racial discrimination and intend to use our ability to reach out as a microphone to advocate for what is right.

As a community bounded by our like values, it is now more than ever, time to hold ourselves and our sisters accountable to the high standards we have set for one another. The core values of the National Panhellenic Conference are those of friendship, leadership, service, knowledge, integrity, and community. Now we will use these to guide us in our fight for justice and equality for all.

We demand justice for George Floyd. We demand the four officers are charged and sentenced for the death of George Floyd. We demand there be an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of George Floyd and we are working to ensure that his death is not in vain. We are seeking justice for all of the black men, women and individuals who have lost their lives due to the systemic oppression in America.

To our black sisters, I understand the demographics of our community reflect that it is predominately white identified. Those who do not share your lived experience will never truly understand what you are going through, however, we are here to love and support you. Black lives matter, YOUR lives matter.

To our sisters protesting, we commend you. Use your platform for change, use your voice to stand up for what you believe in. Stay safe.

To those still working to find your voice, we encourage you to boldly care and become invested. Work to listen, empower and actively work to make change.

Attached are my notes from a cross-council meeting where all four councils (PHA, IFC, NPHC, and MCGC) were present to speak about the impact we can have. Also attached are resources we can all use to both educate ourselves and participate. Being an ally is more than solely not consciously being racist. Anti-racism is calling out racist actions, words, beliefs, and structures every single time. Anti-racism is allyship. It will be uncomfortable, but it is how we make the change. It takes everyone.

Now is not the time to remain silent. Now is when we all need to use our voice and platforms to be an agent of change. Now is the time to educate yourself and end the cycle.

[Black Lives Matter All Council Meeting Notes](#)

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Stay safe,

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