



Statement of Solidarity

June 15, 2020

We, the leaders of Duke Black Alumni (DBA), Duke Asian Alumni Alliance (DAAA), Duke University Hispanic and Latino Alumni Association (DUHLAA) and Duke LGBTQ+ Network stand together in unity and solidarity in this unprecedented time of social protest and righteous outrage over the extra-judicial killings of Black Americans.

Since African Americans first came to these American shores 401 years ago, they have been targets of racism, discrimination and neglect. Unfortunately, George Floyd's name joins the long list of Black Americans killed at the hands of law enforcement or vigilantes, including Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, Michael Brown, Philando Castile, Alton Sterling, Sandra Bland, Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, Trayvon Martin and many, many more. We decry these killings and say unequivocally that Black Lives Matter!

As a Duke community, we are grateful for the leadership of President Price, Dr. Eugene Washington and all Duke Faculty, Administrators and Staff who have reached out in recent days with words of sorrow and solidarity. Today's *United We Stand* town hall is the first step, but not the last, towards advocating for justice and equality. We will stand united together as a Duke community to advance the cause of social justice and position Duke to be a leader in that cause.

In Solidarity,

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