



Associated Student Government MiraCosta College
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To: Students of MiraCosta College and MiraCosta College Campus Community

From: The Associated Student Government of MiraCosta College 2020-2021

Subject: In Support of our Black and African American Students and Community

As the new team members of the Associated Student Government of MiraCosta College 2020-2021, we are committed to serving and empowering the African American and Black Community, not just during these unprecedented times, but during every moment in time. Our thoughts go out to not just George Floyd's family, but to countless others who had their lives taken due to acts of violence and racism including Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor. As the great Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "There comes a time when silence is betrayal" and we want you to know that your voices are heard and we will continue as we fight for racial equality. For far too long, this world has witnessed injustice and prejudice against the African American and Black community and others based only on the color of their skin. We understand that a life can be taken at any moment. The Associated Student Government values equity greatly and will take part in the fight for justice.

The Associated Student Government of MiraCosta College dedicates ourselves to ensuring that our policies and actions value the lives, safety, and dignity of each and every Spartan. It is highly important that we educate ourselves, speak up, and have uncomfortable discussions as that is how we affect and create change. We are deeply saddened and impacted by yet another loss of a Black life. George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and many other innocent lives have been taken away by inhumane police brutality and racism. The fight against injustice is also our fight. As student government leaders, we want you to know that we support all of you and we believe in diversity, equity, and inclusion. In fact, the Associated Student Government is looking for a powerful student leader to serve as our new Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. You can visit www.miracosta.edu/engage to apply to join our team.

You have the power to use your voice. Whether it is by getting involved within ASG, in your local community, or by voting in your local, state and federal elections, you can make a change. We encourage our MiraCosta College community to educate ourselves and work towards equality and justice. We must keep the conversation going. We must keep listening and learning. We must commit to supporting our friends and loved ones. We must take action.

Resources

The Campus Assessment, Resources, and Education (CARE) program at MiraCosta College supports students who may be experiencing personal and academic challenges that hinder their educational goals. The CARE program provides various community resources in order to address and meet the basic needs of students. For more information regarding this program, please contact care@miracosta.edu.

The United Black Student Conference (UBSC) will hold a virtual takeover for their 10th Annual Conference starting June 15th through the 19th. UBSC provides excellence, empowers, transforms and connects the black culture. For more information regarding registration and workshop description as well as education purposes, please visit www.miracosta.edu/ubsc.

The Associated Student Government of MiraCosta College is the voice of students and serves the collective needs of the MiraCosta student body by advocating for diversity, student life, and education outside of the classroom. If you would like to join us, take a stance against racism, and raise awareness of black culture, please apply for positions at www.miracosta.edu/engage.

We must raise our voices and we must come together to help one another. We conclude by stating unequivocally that Black lives DO matter. Black lives matter at MiraCosta College. Black lives matter in Minnesota. Black lives matter everywhere.

We stand with you. We will fight for you.

In solidarity,

MiraCosta College Associated Student Government 2020-2021

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