

There are never enough words. There will never be. As an office we choose not to be silent but to be loud, to affirm and to demand change. As people, we care, and we know that saying “Black Lives Matter” is not enough.

We continue to hold Jacob Blake and his family in our hearts, especially his children, who witnessed their father shot seven times. An indescribable horror in their young lives.

We have not forgotten other victims of police violence from earlier this year. We say their names; Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Jacob Blake, and we acknowledge the hundreds of others that are not named in the press.

We honor the leadership of BIPOC organizers who have been fighting for justice for so long and continue to do so behind the scenes and on the front lines. We also express our solidarity for protestors marching for justice in Kenosha as well as across the country and in our Baltimore community.

Statistics, not rhetoric nor political pundits, have informed us that [more people have been killed by police in the first half of 2020](#) than in this same time period in the last 5 years. [Black people are 28% of those killed by police in 2020 despite being only 13% of the population](#). Black Lives Matter. Our BIPOC colleagues’ matter. Our BIPOC students’ matter.

There needs to be accountability. [99% of killings by police between 2013 and 2019 have not resulted in officers being charged with a crime](#). These are the facts, and we challenge you to learn more.

Each of us deserves to live with dignity and safety in our communities. We call on our policy makers and the judicial system to swiftly issue justice and reform that will protect black and brown life. All lives can’t matter until BIPOC lives matter. Let that be clear.

In May, we made commitments to our students and the Loyola community. Those commitments have not been lost and we plan to provide updates throughout the Fall semester. Our education, action, and support for BIPOC lives does not pause and will not stop.

To not be clear, is to be complicit. BIPOC lives are being targeted and here in Student Life, we will not accept that nor make space for it. We have much work to do as a department, as an institution, and as a community.

We will do more than stand with you, we will fight beside you.

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