

Dear Students,

We at The Schwab Learning Center write to share our solidarity with the Black students, faculty and staff of Stanford University. We stand in solidarity with all Black individuals everywhere who have experienced hundreds of years of racial injustice, prejudice, violence and systemic oppression as well as police brutality.

Like our brothers and sisters in all of Student Affairs at Stanford University, we are outraged at the murder of Mr. George Floyd and all Black individuals who have been murdered through police brutality. We are committed to immediate change in and outside of Stanford University, specifically White supremacy and structural racism, continuing our own education and supporting all of our students in their own education and learning.

One way we address systemic racism in our work is through our ongoing collaboration with faculty across campus through the inclusive framework of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) which embodies the research on stereotype threat and helps to improve faculty-student engagement in the classroom. The framework of UDL emerges out of the struggle for disability and is therefore at a nexus point of solidarity between students with disabilities and BIPOC students. Both the Black Lives Matters protests and the ongoing COVID crisis show that it has never been more urgent to help professors preemptively shape their courses in terms of access and inclusion to help ameliorate the inequities Black individuals face in society. Research into the lives of Black individuals who are living with undiagnosed ADHD and dyslexia as a result of social, financial and health inequities drives much of our mission at the SLC and is at the forefront of all we will continue to do.

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Many resources shared from other departments are now located here:
<https://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/blacklivesmatter>

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