As we reflect on the verdict in the trial of Derek Chauvin and the murder of George Floyd, we recognize the importance of this moment for accountability as we still continue to witness the inexplicable deaths of others at the hands of law enforcement. We recognize how much farther we must go as a country and a people to build an equitable society and world. As a college, we reaffirm our commitment to education, truth, and serving the public good and know our mission is to empower storytelling that seeks social justice, equity and speaks truth to power.

To our Black faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners, we pledge our support and know there is not justice or equity for any of us if it doesn’t include us all. This has been a hard, traumatic year—for so many reasons, and our work on issues of racial justice is not yet done. As we look outward, we are certainly aware we must look inward. We have work to do and we expect to be held accountable. We strive to be a part of building a world where everyone feels they belong. We understand how far we have to go and are committed to the work.

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