

Dear PLU Kinesiology Students:

As your faculty in the Department of Kinesiology and, as engaged, intentional members at Pacific Lutheran University, we affirm President Belton's strong statement regarding Black Lives Matter and Anti-racism at PLU.

<https://www.plu.edu/marcom/news/2020/06/01/message-from-president/>

We recognize the range of emotions that you may be experiencing in response to the recent events that highlight the reprehensible and undeniable reality of systemic racial injustice. We also recognize that the current rise in social unrest is adding to an already stressful time of uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Your roles in your own families, your work responsibilities, and your educational pursuits may also be affected.

We want to make it clear that we stand against racism. In particular – to our black, indigenous and students of color – we stand with you. We continue to be driven to create a more inclusive educational experience for all of our students. As members of the PLU Kinesiology community, we encourage you to look for ways to intentionally reach out to one another to offer support, and compassion and to deepen our individual and collective understanding of racial injustice.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. proclaimed, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.

Sincerely,

Your Kinesiology Faculty