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Dear Students and 2020 Graduates,

Wherever you are today and whatever you are doing, I hope you are safe. I have been thinking of you, your welfare, and the welfare of our community.

The tragic events of recent days and months are shocking and horrifying. But many in our community are more deeply and intensely impacted by these events because of the color of their skin. One thing I know is that I cannot know what that is like. As horrifying and offensive as the images are of George Floyd's unimaginable death, they are more horrifying to people of color because they are all too imaginable.

I often say that we will persevere through these difficult days together, that the strength of our community will sustain us and carry us forward. I have faith in the powerful force of our common will. We won't always agree about our path forward, but as members of a legal education community, if we are not about supporting the causes of justice, what are we about? Help me understand what you think our law school community can do.

First and foremost, your welfare and that of our community are the highest priority. Let me know what you need.

Thanks for indulging me in these musings as we find paths forward together, as we always do, and always will.

As always, my best.

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