

To the Penn State Community,

In the wake of the most recent events of police brutality against George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and many other unacknowledged victims of racially motivated violence, Homecoming would like to share its deepest condolences to family and friends of these victims. In addition, Penn State Homecoming would like to acknowledge the struggle that the Black Community and Penn State Community are facing and share support for all affected by the violence and those grieving.

Penn State Homecoming does not stand for racism in any capacity. We strongly oppose racial injustices, intolerance, and violence toward any individual. We will not stand for this behavior. The mission of Penn State Homecoming is to celebrate tradition and instill pride in **all** members of the Penn State family. At the core of Homecoming, we strive to create an inclusive environment for the entire Penn State community and every Penn Stater.

Over the past few years, Penn State Homecoming has placed an even greater focus on educating all members on how to actively engage in inclusive behaviors to promote equity within our organization. We aim to celebrate each and every member of the Penn State community, and strongly believe that **Black Lives Matter**. We must continue the conversation, take action, and make change. While words can be powerful, it is our actions that determine our true character as individuals and as an organization. Homecoming invites all Penn Staters, no matter their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or ethnicity to continue to celebrate the traditions of Penn State together as one community.

We recognize that as an organization there is more work to be done, more lessons to be learned, and more voices to be heard. We invite all students to continue engaging in discussion in order to foster a community of respect. Penn State Homecoming will take action to support Black students and to create a welcoming space in our organization. There will always be a place in Homecoming for Black students to voice their opinions, celebrate traditions, and instill pride in one another.

We see you. We are listening to you. We will stand with you.

Sincerely,
Penn State Homecoming