June 4, 2020

To the Cyclone Community,

As we prepare for the fall semester, we reflect on the unorthodox beginning to 2020 and remain forever changed by the impact of COVID-19. The losses, challenges, and the spontaneous requirement to adjust have stretched and pulled us in many uncomfortable and sometimes stressful directions.

The recent traumatic killing of George Floyd, the ongoing national protests and the sometimes violent aftermath impact our lives, our communities, and our country. The Division of Student Affairs recognizes and shares the sadness, anger, frustration, and exhaustion our country is experiencing. We grieve alongside the members of our community as we reflect on the loss of George Floyd, the most recent of numerous lives that have been lost due to social injustices across our nation. Tragedies such as these reinforce the need for all to use their voices, resources, and influences to enact change at the federal, state, and local level.

We know that at Iowa State we are not immune to racism, sexism, heterosexism, ageism, ableism, classism, xenophobia, religious prejudice, and other forms of oppression in our world. That is why we continue to do the work on campus that provides students with a campus experience that is both high-quality and inclusive. We applaud and support all who are a part of the movement to eliminate oppression on individual, interpersonal, and systemic levels. For those who choose to address the cycle of oppression through peaceful protest, please also continue to make healthy choices and focus on safety while demonstrating. We want to thank Chief Newton and the Iowa State University Police Department for their efforts to keep our community safe before and during these challenging times. They continue to work with Ames Police to support our community of peaceful protesters in their efforts to invoke transformative change.

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to student-centered learning through personal, community, and academic development. Our staff is committed to helping students thrive each day. We continuously evaluate the well-being of Iowa State students to provide support and resources to assist our students, both academically and personally.

During these difficult times, if any student needs additional support, please take advantage of the resources listed below.

Dean of Students Office | 515-294-1020 | dso@iastate.edu
International Students & Scholars Office | 515-294-1120 | isso@iastate.edu
Center for LGBTQIA+ Student Success | 515-294-5433 | center@iastate.edu
Multicultural Student Affairs | 515-294-6338 | omsa@iastate.edu
Margaret Sloss Center for Women and Gender Equity | 515-294-4154 | slosscenter@iastate.edu
Student Assistance | 515-294-1020 | studentassistance@iastate.edu
Student Counseling Services | 515-294-5056
Student Legal Services | 515-294-0978
Student Wellness | 515-294-1099 | studentwellness@iastate.edu
Thielen Student Health Center | 515-294-5801
Crisis Text Line | text “ISU” to 741741

All Student Affairs services can be found here: http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/resources/student-services/

In solidarity for peace and justice,

Erin Baldwin, Interim Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
Sharron Evans, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students
Peter Englin, Assistant Vice President for Campus Life & Director for the Department of Residence