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# THE BEAR ESSENTIALS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM DMACC STUDENT LIFE

## WE STAND WITH OUR BLACK COMMUNITY

DMACC STUDENT LIFE IS GRIEVING FOR GEORGE FLOYD, BREONNA TAYLOR, AHMAUD ARBERY, AND ALL THE VIOLENT DEATHS OUR COUNTRY HAS WITNESSED BECAUSE OF RACISM AND INJUSTICE. WE RECOGNIZE THE PAIN AND FEAR AMONG OUR BLACK COMMUNITY. WE ARE LISTENING.

TO OUR DMACC BLACK COMMUNITY: WE HEAR YOU, WE SEE YOU, AND WE STAND WITH YOU.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD, DMACC STUDENT LIFE WILL CONTINUE TO LISTEN, TO EDUCATE, AND TO PROMOTE EVENTS THAT FIGHT RACISM AND PROMOTE JUSTICE. EACH WEEK, WE'LL SHARE RESOURCES—PODCASTS, WEBINARS, SIMULATIONS, COMMUNITY EVENTS, ETC.—WITH THE DMACC COMMUNITY AS A WAY TO PROVIDE EDUCATION, AWARENESS, SUPPORT, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED.

## WE ARE LISTENING.

*In response to the recent murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN and the ongoing police brutality and systemic racism that continue to be pervasive across our country and in Iowa, DMACC is working to provide support for, to listen to, and to fight for justice for our Black students, faculty, staff, and community members.*

*As part of those ongoing and shared efforts, **DMACC Diversity Commission** will host a, **Voices of Diversity, Virtual Listening Session from noon-1:30pm on Thur., June 11th via zoom.***

*This session will create a space where our black students, staff, and faculty, and all members of the DMACC community, can share their frustrations, anxieties, anger, and experiences surrounding this issue with the larger DMACC community and have those experiences heard and acknowledged. Please come to speak, listen, learn and help move forward the discussion on addressing these issues.*

*There is no cost to attend. Simply register **here** with your DMACC email address.*