

June 8, 2020

Dear USF World Stakeholders and Supporters,

The University of South Florida has celebrated its commitment to student diversity and access to education since its founding in 1956. As we digest recent images of racially motivated violence

message from May 30<sup>th</sup>  
Community is available [here](#).

A powerful Op Ed appearing in the the *Tampa Bay Times* from Dr. Haywood L. Brown, MD, Vice President of Institutional Equity at USF, is available [here](#).

An important joint statement from President Currall and Dr. Brown can be found [here](#).

Dean of Students, Danielle McDonald, has addressed our student community [here](#).

At USF, we are committed to leading change for a better society in Florida, across the United States, and around the world. Our collective challenge is to reject racist behavior, or any other activity that is intolerant and purposefully disregards or marginalizes others, and to embrace our differences with open minds and a healthy dose of empathy.

If there is a way that I may be of support to you, please do not hesitate to let me know. USF World is fortunate to have a staff of compassionate and talented professionals and we stand ready to help each other and the members of our community on campus and around the globe.

Sincerely,



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