Dear Members of the Alfred State Community:

As all of us witness civil unrest, prompted by the tragic and unnecessary deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and others, we wanted to reinforce Alfred State’s commitment to respect, integrity and inclusivity. During these incredibly uncertain times, made more difficult by the isolation of COVID-19, we need to come together to support, listen, and embrace one another. It is on all of us to work toward systems that are more equitable for all, and to embrace roles as members of and/or allies to our communities of color. The unrest in the country surrounding the unacceptable death of George Floyd must be acknowledged, and openly discussed, if we are to forge authentic positive change in our society.

In solidarity, we will use our voices, actions, and available resources to elevate positive change that will enhance the inclusivity of our community. We want to let our Black, African American, and all of our students of color know that we will support you and ask that you bring it to our attention when you observe, or experience personally, an inequity that should be corrected. We commit to truly listening, and providing spaces, programs, and support for you to share and be heard.

As an institution of higher education, we offer many opportunities, both in and out of the classroom, to engage in dialogue around difference. There are many opportunities to hear and share diverse perspectives and continue to grow in our own worldview, and we invite you to add your voice to these programs and discussions. In the fall semester, The Center for Intercultural Unity and The Cultural Life Committee will offer robust programming; please consider this an open invitation to all members of the campus to attend and participate. Below you will find a list of campus resources, as well as opportunities to become involved and to learn more about race and justice, please reach out to us during this tumultuous time. We are here for you.

Health and Wellness Services (for Alfred State students)
TA Parish Hall, 607-587-4200

Employee Assistance Program EAP (for Alfred State Employees)
EAP@alfredstate.edu

The Center for Intercultural Unity
SLC 409a, hermannr@alfredstate.edu

The Unity Center (features a library of books on race, gender, justice and privilege)
SLC 401, davisdd@alfredstate.edu

In Solidarity,

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