

**STATEMENT
IN SOLIDARITY - BLACK LIVES MATTER**

The Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry Family stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and the Black community. With a humanistic environment as our defining characteristic, we are committed to reflect, learn, educate, and implement changes that will support our Black students, staff, faculty, alumni, patients, friends and family as well as the broader Black community.

As healthcare professionals, educators, students, and residents, we stand united against racial bias and violence that exists and will never stand for racial intolerance and prejudices. We also vow to work on dismantling any discriminatory practices within our institution, profession, and communities. We strive to tear down our inherent biases, to educate ourselves and others and to take action.

As we look towards change, here are resources to guide us in solidarity:

- [UOP-CAPS Race-Related Resources for Support](#)
- [Black Lives Matter](#): Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. BLM is committed to the struggle of creating a world free of anti-Blackness and where every Black person has the social, economic, and political power to thrive.
- [Equal Justice Initiative](#): EJI is committed to challenging racial and economic injustice while protecting the basic human rights that lack within America's most vulnerable population.
- [Bay Area Council](#): Supporting Organizations Working for Racial Justice
- [Official Black Wall Street](#): Support Black-Owned Businesses

We recognize our solidarity is only the beginning. However, we commit to our goal of working toward an even better and more productive understanding of how our values of courage, empowerment, excellence, integrity, innovation, and leadership and our purpose of helping people lead healthy lives can be put into action to end anti-Black racism and prejudice.

"Ignorance allied with power is the most ferocious enemy justice can have."
—James Baldwin

In solidarity,

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