



Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

June 1, 2020

Dear Students, Staff, and Faculty,

Last week another unarmed Black man, George Floyd, was killed - this time in front of a sea of witnesses. The following days have been filled with anger, grief, fear, and protests from people all across our nation. I write to you today to acknowledge the pain and helplessness felt by so many at this time, including members of our CMSRU community. I too feel this pain and my heart is heavy as I grapple with the senselessness of his death and the many injustices that continue to exist in our country. It's so hard to figure out where to go from here. I don't think anyone quite knows, but sitting still and being silent is not the answer. How can we as an organization contribute to finding the path to take, to work proactively to identify solutions, and to help our country move forward? I think it begins with hearing from each other, being aware of others emotions, and acknowledging that your experiences may be very different than your peers. We must come together to stand up against bias, hatred, discrimination and racism.

Please join me **tomorrow evening (Tuesday, June 2) at 7 p.m.** for a virtual gathering via Webex to hear from our colleagues and begin to process our feelings. Together we can begin to heal. Together we can grow.

Webex Event Details

Event Title - CMSRU Diversity Town Hall - George Floyd

Date - 6/2/2020

Time - 7 p.m.

Event Link - <https://rowan.webex.com/rowan/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8acbd9ac2aa2d5bab0fd5854075f9545>

Event Number - 161 501 7482

Event Password - cmsru2020

Sincerely,

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