



# Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

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Dear CMSRU students, faculty and staff:

As the weekend draws near, let us all take the time to recognize the significance of June 19th (Juneteenth). June 19th marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth marks the effective end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

As part of CMSRU's commitment to anti-racism, please take time tomorrow to reflect on our country's history and consider how you will engage in our upcoming work to address racism and social justice in our school, health system, and community. Juneteenth is a time for us all to celebrate a new beginning.

Tomorrow at 11 a.m., the Black Student Union at Rowan University is hosting a peaceful protest on the Glassboro campus of Rowan University, from Glassboro Town Square to the University Green. I encourage our CMSRU students, faculty and staff to support this event, if you are able. If you have questions about this event, please contact Rowan University's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Sincerely,

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