

*Office of the President*



2 June 2020

Dear Helene Fuld College Community,

We are healers, and as nurses, are dedicated to caring, social justice and health equity. After witnessing a man die a terrible death at the hands of police as well as many other instances of racial violence, we are all experiencing deep pain. We are in the middle of an epidemic that is targeting communities of color at a disproportionate rate. We may be without our usual support systems due to social distancing and learning online. It is not unexpected for us to feel hopeless at this tragic time in history.

Personally, my response to these events is to rely on my faith. Whatever your religious or non-religious beliefs, let us pray, or meditate, for our country and for the family of George Floyd. I am praying that our Creator will help us in an outpouring of love for all people. I am praying that we all work together in the College and our communities to create an environment of safety, kindness, respect, and love. Helene Fuld College has always stood for equal and accessible education for all and I know I can count on each of you to work together to address injustice.

I extend my love and concern to all members of our college community who are impacted by these events. Our community is here to support you during this time so please reach out to your faculty, supervisor, or college counselor. Nursing is our life's work, and we have committed ourselves to treat every person with dignity and respect. Let us move forward with charity, kindness, and love.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joyce P. Griffin - Sobel'.

Joyce P. Griffin-Sobel, Ph.D., RN, ANEF, FAAN

President & CEO

