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Dear Nutrition Students, Faculty and Staff,

Less than 24 hours since the verdict of the Derek Chauvin trial was announced, convicting him of all three counts for the murder of George Floyd, there have been many statements with an emerging theme which with the Nutrition leadership team wholeheartedly supports. This is the theme of redoubling our efforts to dismantle structural racism with intention and consistency over time, moving towards a far more diverse, equitable and inclusive world, beginning with our own department. This is a shared responsibility for us all, and one in which we need to be ever mindful to support each other with respect as we continue to make progress.

The message sent earlier today by Dean Barbara Rimer (<https://mondaymorning.web.unc.edu>) speaks to the long road ahead and looks to the verdict as a “step on the path toward justice, accountability and, we hope, a better future.” Dr. Rimer’s message also provides several links for support as the impact of the trial in recent days has been significant. Please reach out as you may need, either via the provided links, or directly to any one of us, as we continue to support each other, sharing our hope for a better future.

Sincerely,

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