Our Commitment to Anti-Racism and Justice

The Arts Management Program at the College of Charleston joins the world in mourning George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the painfully long list of Black men, women, and children whose lives have been lost to police brutality and racial violence. We unreservedly condemn racial injustice in all its forms and stand in solidarity with all who are demanding a different future for ourselves, our children, and our communities.

As educators and arts managers, we recognize our unique position of leadership and commit ourselves to embracing this responsibility. Racism and systemic oppression of any kind has no place at the College of Charleston, and we will proactively prevent it from taking place in our spaces. As a program, we recognize the power of the arts in socio-cultural change and will ensure that our future arts managers are equipped to facilitate that change in service to communities of color.

We support President Hsu and the College of Charleston community in our collective efforts to eliminate racism of any form. We also adopt the following commitments made by the Association of Arts Administration Educators (AAAE):

- Examine our standards of education through an anti-racist lens, to eliminate racist and exclusionary language and practices
- Face the injustices we have been part of perpetuating in the past, and conduct our work in a way that makes us accountable to a higher standard
- Listen to and learn from criticisms of our history and practices
- Share our knowledge base and expertise to support anti-racist work

Join us as we actively work toward a more just and equitable tomorrow. #BlackLivesMatter

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