



ACSLV Joint Statement on the Conviction of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd

Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin has been convicted of the murder of George Floyd by a jury in Minnesota.

Among the members of the Associated Colleges, we have witnessed our friends, colleagues and students experience, once again, throughout this trial not only the trauma of George Floyd's murder, but also the murder and mistreatment of so many other Black Americans — adding to their own personal, daily trauma. The testimony of the trial witnesses as they helplessly watched George Floyd beg Officer Chauvin for his life is a testament to the trauma of systemic racism and the way that Black lives are devalued.

For some, the high profile of this particular case has been a sign of change. But, less than a year later, we are still witnessing shocking killings that demand we do more. In the last month, the killing of 20-year-old Daunte Wright in Minneapolis and 13-year-old Adam Toledo in Chicago underscore that we must continue to demand and support change in our law enforcement and justice systems. We must work towards a society that embraces diversity, equity and inclusion.

The verdict for conviction of Chauvin on the charges of murder and manslaughter is a small step toward justice and dismantling systemic racism.

We clearly have a long, long way to go.

The Associated Colleges of St. Lawrence Valley invites all members of the North Country to take part in reflection and action in order to support anti-racism and truly equal justice for all. Please make time to join us for ongoing critical discussions about the impacts — subtle and obvious — of racism on the wellbeing of our communities. We must do better.

The Presidents and Chief Diversity Officers of the
Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley

For more help and resources to meet this challenging moment please visit:

At St. Lawrence University:

- University Chaplain Shaun Whitehead, at Gunnison Chapel 200, (315) 229-5256, chapel@stlawu.edu, <https://www.stlawu.edu/chaplain>
- University Counseling Center: (315) 229-5392, healthcenter@stlawu.edu, 76 Park Street, <https://www.stlawu.edu/health-and-counseling-services>
- 24-hour Counseling Service: (315) 229-1914
- Campus Safety: (315) 229-5555
- Black Mental Health Alliance: <https://blackmentalhealth.com/>
- Kimberly Flint-Hamilton, Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, (315) 229-1881, kflint@stlawu.edu, <https://www.stlawu.edu/diversity-and-inclusion>

At Clarkson University:

- Student Health and Counseling Center: (315) 268-6633, 1300 Educational Resource Ctr
- 24-hour Counseling Service [Accessible through Campus Safety]: (315) 268-6666
- Chief Inclusion Office: (315) 268-3785, diversity@clarkson.edu, 110 Student Union
- Dean of Students Office: (315) 268-6620, 1003G Price Hall
- All available by Zoom as well

At SUNY Canton:

- Campus Ministries: (315) 386-7018 or https://www.canton.edu/campus_ministry/.
- University Counseling Center: (315) 386-7314 or <https://www.canton.edu/counseling/>
- 24-hour Counseling Service:
 - Reachout of St. Lawrence County, (315) 265-2422 or <http://www.reachouthotline.org/>.
- Center for Diversities and Inclusion: (315) 386-7128 or <https://www.canton.edu/diversity/>.

At SUNY Potsdam:

- University Counseling Center: (315) 267-2330, offices located at 131 Van Housen Hall, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m., <https://www.potsdam.edu/studentlife/wellness/counseling-center>
- 24-hour phone and text hotlines and off-campus resources available on the counseling center website.
- Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: (315) 267-2184, Sisson Hall S221, <https://www.potsdam.edu/about/administrative-offices/division-diversity-equity-and-inclusion>
<https://www.potsdam.edu/studentlife/diversity/center-diversity>