

For Immediate Release:

## **Phi U's Statement on our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Dear Phi U Community,

The recent events surrounding the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor bring into sharp focus the relevance of Phi Upsilon Omicron's mission and purposes and affirm the importance of equality and inclusion for our membership and all people. Phi Upsilon Omicron, an honor society in the integrated field of family and consumer sciences, strives to empower lifelong learning, leadership building, and ethical and scholastic excellence. The purposes of Phi Upsilon Omicron are to:

1. Recognize and promote academic excellence;
2. Enhance qualities of leadership by providing opportunities for service; and
3. Encourage lifelong learning and commitment to advance family and consumer sciences and related areas.

As leaders in our field, we have a responsibility to acknowledge injustice and advocate for those affected by racism. Phi Upsilon Omicron affirms that we are committed to upholding our values and support Black members and their families. Phi U proudly embraces the diversity of our membership, and we are committed to serving our members and our communities in a fair and equitable manner. The Phi U national leadership stands with the Black Community and all those speaking up for justice and standing against persistent, systemic racial inequity, intolerance, and violence in our society.

As an organization, we are committed to ensuring that our members, our actions, our community involvement, and our organization raise our united voices against racism and injustice to effect change in our world for a brighter future. **#BrighterTogether**

