



The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at California State University, San Marcos stands strong with our Black brothers and sisters and families in solidarity in response to the disregard for human life and dignity, and violence perpetrated in our black communities. We are committed to learning, listening and serving as an active change agent to the overt racism in our society in which unarmed African-American men and women are killed while engaged in ordinary daily activities, even near and in the privacy of their homes. Their lives and their names matter, as do the many others who, over generations, have been killed.

Within our EOP history and origins of the Civil Rights movement, we are indebted to brave Black students and Latino Students who stood firmly in exercising their first amendment rights to protest, to seek justice and to seek change even when confronted with violence and opposition.

EOP supports the right to bring attention to these injustices within our communities and to work together for the right to live a life without fear, without violence, and without bias. It is heartbreaking that over 50 years later, our communities still face the same injustices: that overt and institutional racism is alive and well in our country, and how it impacts and touches our families, friends, our students, our peers, and our communities.

EOP will not stand down and will condemn systemic racism that both enables and protects these hateful acts of violence and disregard for human life.

Together we are stronger, and we are committed to do better and be better.

In solidarity,

Your CSU San Marcos EOP Staff