



May 24, 2017:

A Message in Solidarity with the Students of The University of Maryland and Bowie State University from the Black Student Association and the Undergraduate Student Government

The Ohio State Community was devastated to learn of the horrific, hatefully motivated crime that occurred on the campus of the University of Maryland on Saturday, May 20.

Richard Collins III, a student at Bowie State University and 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army, was tragically murdered just days before his own college graduation. He was a valued member of the Bowie State community and will be missed by all who knew him.

The Black Student Association and the Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio State University extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and Bowie State University. We also stand in solidarity with students at the University of Maryland, who have felt the impact of several incidents of racial bias on their campus recently, and now must pay witness to this horrific crime. We extend our support to those who will continue working to make the University of Maryland a safe and inclusive campus for all students.

Tragedies of this nature should never happen anywhere. Regardless of race, religion, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, nationality and culture we are all members of the higher education, Big Ten, and Buckeye communities, and we must support and protect one another in times of violence. As leaders and representatives of the Ohio State undergraduate student body, we promise to never allow such acts of hatred to prevent us from moving our campus and community forward.

The Ohio State University Counseling and Consultation Services is always available for students who need help in crisis. If support is needed, please contact CCS at (614) 292--5766.

Sincerely,

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