

## A Message to My DC Family

From Rising Senior Class President Jordan Mitchell

Hi everyone,

I wanted to talk [with you] about what is going on in the world around us right now. The past couple of weeks Mr Steinfield held zoom meetings with our DC Family to talk, lament, and pray about the aftermath of the George Floyd killing a few weeks ago. As all of you should know, the issue of racial prejudices and injustice in America is not a new issue. It hasn't come back because of George Floyd, it is just that more people are now paying attention.

As an African American student at DC, I wanted to give my insight on the matter and give some encouragement as well. First of all, I want to say my identity is in Christ alone and He is who I want to be like. But also I am a proud black male, a student, an athlete, and friend to some of you.

Right now in this time there is so much debating, confusion, and built up anger going around. I want to encourage all of us to remember that we are a family. We have the duty as believers to be there for our fellow person regardless of their race. If your friend is hurting because he/she is seeing people killed unjustly because of human pride and prejudices or are distraught because they know there are people out there who **hate** them just because the color or their skin, then as a friend/brother you need to be there to grieve with and support them.

Most of you do not have to care about this issue, because it's not really affecting you too much. You have the choice turn a blind eye at any moment and go about your day acting like these things are not happening. But I am here right now asking you not to do that. There are things you can do to make a difference.

One thing everyone can easily do is simply be there; grieve and pray with your fellow black human beings, because that is most important. From the people at DC who I follow on social media and have had conversations with, I have seen so much support and love. It is encouraging to see the people I surround myself with not being silent or selfish. They are being proactive and supporting me and my people. They have not been close minded or ignorant about a lot of things. And I am so encouraged to see so much love and awareness going around. If any one of you have a question, or just want to talk, please reach out to me.

Thank you,

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