



## WCASS Commitment Statement June 2020

As an organization devoted to students and student services leaders, we want to take the time to share our commitment to equity and anti-racism. The recent killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor among so many others, are not acceptable. Our hearts are heavy with both the grief that has accompanied these tragedies and the recognition that schools have played a role in perpetuating historical and systemic injustices.

We also recognize the inequitable impact COVID-19 has had on communities of color as a result of further systemic inequities. WCASS commits to combating these wrongs. We commit to standing up against racial and social injustices that have and continue to plague our society. We commit to our own self work around recognizing implicit biases and having conversations about race that are often uncomfortable, but so needed to elicit meaningful change. We commit to our students, and to you, to do better. As such the WCASS leadership is increasing our focus, resources and efforts to rectify racism and inequities.

If you want to take action or learn more, here are few resources to start with:

- [75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)
- [What if... White People Took Responsibility for our Role in this Moment](#)
- [An Antiracist Reading List](#), and
- [Let's Talk: Discussing Race, Racism, and Other Difficult Topics with Students](#)