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Campus Community —

The events of the past week have exposed long-standing racial inequalities in ways that are shocking and undeniable.

People across our nation, in the state of Colorado, and right here in Pueblo have continued to unite in peaceful, but forceful protest against the killing of George Floyd at the hands of a public servant. As public servants ourselves, we take the responsibility entrusted to us seriously, and as a campus community, we condemn the hate and the violence that continues to be perpetuated against people of color, at the hands of violent individuals, groups, and organizations.

I want to make our position clear. At CSU Pueblo, hate and violence will never be welcome or tolerated. Our campus has a long history of inclusion and acceptance, and it is this past that we are proud of and offer as a model for other institutions to follow. Nevertheless, over the past four months alone, the coronavirus has ravaged Hispanic and Black communities in frightening ways. Racial disparity in this country is real, which means that we must call injustices out when we see them, and that we must always advocate for one another and for the differences that unite us.

As President of Colorado State University Pueblo, I stand with our Black communities — with all people of color and difference — and recommit myself to justice, equality, and inclusion.

As a country we can do better, and as a university we promise to listen, to learn, and to hold ourselves accountable for our actions and our words.

We are CSU Pueblo. You belong here.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy P. Mottet".

Dr. Timothy P. Mottet
President, CSU Pueblo