Support Services for Student Athletes at the University of Oregon stands firmly in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. We acknowledge and support our communities of color and we denounce all acts of violence targeting Black and Brown lives.

Our society continues to suffer from structural inequality and racism, such that people of color and indigenous people are more likely to suffer from a lack of opportunity, health disparities, and direct violence by agents of the state and others.

Affirming that Black lives matter is but one small step toward recognizing the problem, and many more steps must be taken to dismantle systems of oppression. We reaffirm our departmental mission of upholding the value of diversity and recommit to creating inclusive and equitable spaces for learning. As such, we recognize the intersectional nature of inequality, and we stand in support of all protected classes and efforts to create a safe and equitable campus community and society.

Racism has no place at Services for Student Athletes or the University of Oregon. We must support each other and stand together in solidarity, because we belong here. We deserve to be here. To the lives lost, the communities hurting, and the names of so many other Black people who have died at the hands of injustice and haven’t made national news headlines, we see you, we hear you, and we stand in support with you. Black and Brown lives matter.

Diversity moves us forward. Here at the Services for Student-Athletes, we value the differences that make us unique, as they contribute to our mission of supporting student-athletes. We strive to maintain an inclusive culture that encourages, celebrates, and supports the equal voices of our employees. We want our staff to bring their authentic whole selves to work each day and to feel safe to participate in our diverse community.