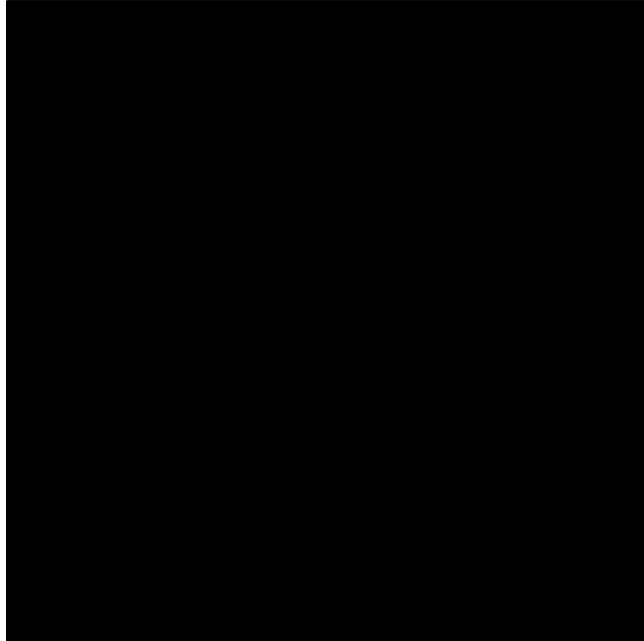


President's Message: We stand together

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Acadia observed #BlackoutTuesday on June 2, 2020 across its social media platforms.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are the bedrock of Acadia's core values. Compelled by the importance of our commitment to these values, my colleagues and I unequivocally condemn the racist acts that have triggered outrage and social action across the continent and around the world in recent days. We are sickened by the brutality reported in the media and heartbroken for those who struggle with the inhumanity of racism.

We must speak up against racism, but we know our actions speak louder than words. Over the past year, Acadia signalled its intention to deepen its understanding of the devastating impacts of racism by formalizing partnerships with the Valley African Nova Scotia Development Association and the Glooscap First Nation. Working together with our partners to bring dedicated staff onto our campus, we seek to broaden cultural sensitivity and smother racism. We know we must work harder to make our community a safe and healthy place to live, work, and study without fear of racism, or of being racialized.

We denounce discrimination of any kind and stand in solidarity with all those who are suffering prejudice. Please know that you have our support and commitment against racism and violence, and we remain committed to defending our students and employees from intolerance.

Sincerely,

Peter Ricketts, President and Vice-Chancellor

PS: If you are troubled by these recent events, please reach out to our [Counselling Centre](#) for support.

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