

**BCIT Student Association**

# Letter Addressing Recent Events

June 4, 2020

Dear BCIT Community,

On behalf of the BCIT Student Association, we stand in unity with black communities here at BCIT, and around the globe. Recent events have been the latest, but certainly not the only, acts of violence and racism towards black communities. During this time when we are physically distant, it is more important than ever that together we fight against these sets of injustice.

We recognize that silence is not an option if we are to pursue a more equitable BCIT community and society at large. As an organization, our vision is of *an inclusive community of students empowered to succeed*. For our organization to achieve this vision, the eradication of racism and oppression must also be achieved.

In a time when we as a society feel more divided than ever, it is crucial that we focus on the celebration of diversity and inclusion of members of the BIPOC community at BCIT and around the world. As an organization, we challenge all members of our community to listen, learn, and take action against acts of racism.

The BCIT Student Association will continue its endeavors to foster and create a culture that encourages diversity, inclusion, equity, and social justice within our programs, services, and operations.

Sincerely,



**Hunter Sones**

President

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