On Monday, Baruch's Interim Provost Jim McCarthy sent out a message to students, faculty, and staff reminding them of Baruch's longstanding mission to "turn the ideals of justice, access, and opportunity into a reality for generations of New Yorkers." He also shared a powerful essay, "Why We Can't Breathe," authored by Regina A. Bernard, PhD, associate professor of Black and Latino Studies at Baruch, in which she chronicles not only the death of George Floyd but the equally senseless severe injuries and deaths of other young Black men.

We in the Office of Alumni Relations and Volunteer Engagement wanted to reiterate our own mission to support every member of our alumni community. We denounce the hatred, disrespect, and explicit racism we have all witnessed, not just in relation to the death of George Floyd, but for centuries. Everyone has a right to feel safe and benefit from a just, respectful, and fair society.

We have recently launched networks to support and connect our Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ alumni, and are launching an Asian Heritage Network at the end of the month. We invite you to join us for upcoming events with these networks. We also welcome suggestions for additional ways we can drive conversation, community, and connection among all our alumni.

June 6 - CUNY Virtual Pride Celebration
June 11 - Housing Policy During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic
June 17 - View from Abroad: Israel
June 23 - Asian Heritage Alumni Network Launch and Panel Discussion
June 25 - SOMOS Latinx Heritage Network Venezuelan Cocktails and Conversation

Coming Summer 2020 - "A Conversation about Race" sponsored by the Robert C. Weaver Society: A Black Alumni Network

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you online.
Most sincerely,

The Office of Alumni Relations and Volunteer Engagement