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Dear Students,

President Swenson’s message this week acknowledged the challenge of making sense of the events our nation has witnessed in recent days. Knowing that impacts to you continue to grow in variety and measure, we write today to affirm that we hear you and we are with you. To quote Dr. Swenson, “Education and love are the way out.” Your well-being is of utmost concern.

Recognizing the potential for academic impact during this time, instructors have been notified to remain flexible and supportive regarding assignment due dates for those of you requesting support. If you are impacted academically, please connect with your instructor as soon as possible to explore options. Please keep in mind, our entire community may also be experiencing impact and therefore, response may be a bit delayed.

In you need support beyond the classroom, please connect with your academic advisor who can point you to a variety of support services we have in place. If concerns are related to your well-being or assistance accessing support services in your area, please reach out to the Student Advocate Helpline at [Help@ashford.edu](mailto:Help@ashford.edu) to connect with a Student Advocate.

Please know that we are committed to helping you continue with your academic journey and to supporting you during this time.

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