

**A YEAR TO REMEMBER. A YEAR WE WON'T FORGET.**

Today is the [Day of Enlightenment](#), marking one year since George Floyd was killed by a police officer in Minneapolis. The reflection on this tragedy, which led to protests across the country and around the world, represented the first time most people in America began to look critically at racial and social justice issues.

One year later, people will gather today not only to honor George Floyd's life but to commit to the work of healing the divisions and inequities in our society caused by hate and racism. While George Floyd's loved ones visit with President Biden at the White House today and legislation for police reform begins to take shape in Congress, our work of recognizing injustice and striving for accountability continues.

CMU's Vice Provost for [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#), Wanda Heading-Grant, invites the CMU community to [connect virtually at 4 p.m. EDT today for nine minutes and 29 seconds of collective silent reflection](#) and remembrance as we further resolve to address racism and promote justice, equity, diversity and inclusion at CMU and beyond. [President Farnam Jahanian shared a statement](#) earlier today.

At CMU and in SCS, we know that we have much work to do – and to keep doing. SCS Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Jodi Forlizzi and I encourage everyone in SCS to take time to reflect and participate in events or programs today and during this week.

Here are a few suggestions worth sharing:

— Check your local listings for [three nights of special programming](#) from cable channel BET's Content for Change initiative, which starts tonight at 8 p.m. EDT with "Bars and Ballads for George Floyd."

— Twin Cities PBS presents through May 31 the [Racism Unveiled storytelling project](#), featuring programs that explore the history and impact of systemic racism on Black, Indigenous and communities of color, reflect on what has and has not changed in the fight for equity and justice and share stories of strength and hope in our collective future.

— From NPR, read more about [Where Views on Race and Police Stand a Year After George Floyd's Murder](#).

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**SCS NEWS + AWARDS**

Highlights of recently reported [SCS news](#) will resume next week.

Sincerely,  
Jodi and Martial