

The Syracuse University College of Law Black Law Students Association (SU BLSA) offers our sincere condolences to Tyre Nichol's family, friends, Memphis community, and the nation as a whole. We express our frustration, anger, and sadness over this senseless tragedy in which Tyre Nicols is the latest victim of the evils and excesses of police brutality.

Witnessing the shocking camera footage released by the Memphis Police Department has caused members of our organization and larger community to struggle to comprehend and cope with this inhumane and needless loss of life. Tyre Nichols's murder serves as a solemn reminder that we must shift the conversation surrounding policing, generally, and with particular regard to communities of color who bear the brunt of police violence. We recognize that this conversation began again in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder at the hands of Minneapolis police; however, progress has not yet met the demand for accountability, transparency, and fairness in light of systemic discriminatory practices. The immediate firing and indictment of the five Black police officers who committed this heinous crime is a good start, but is hardly enough.

As the next generation of Black attorneys, community leaders, and members of our community, we remain committed to active advocacy and collaboration with communities and public officials who are equally dedicated to creating a society and justice system that is free of bias and brutality. We reflect on the life and death of Tyre Nichols, and call upon our communities and society to come together in sorrow, reflection, healing, and resolve to end such violence once and for all.

#JusticeForTyre.



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We are stronger together.

We know how difficult this time is, so we are holding space for our community to come together, talk, and love on one another. This dialogue has no formal structure but will be a time for whatever is needed most during this time.

Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Diversity Room



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