



Email to students, staff, and faculty
Sent June 2, 2020

Good Afternoon,

I have sent this message to the entire MMA Community – all students, staff and faculty.

In our small corner of the world, made even smaller now that we are confined due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not immune to the horrific images we have seen on the nightly news from Minnesota and the ongoing unrest in cities and towns across our country. I'm also troubled by the polemics that have permeated our airwaves and social media. What is going on in this country compels me to urge every member of our community to re-commit to the MMA values of integrity, honesty, accountability and the equality of all human beings.

We look out for each other and care for one another. We may seem small, but together, our reach is great. As mariners, we travel the world, and our actions travel with us. We have the ability to make broader change by living our values, and by listening to others to gain a better understanding of the hardships they face.

If you are feeling grief, sadness, or anger, I hope you will talk about it with friends or family and use this as an opportunity for productive conversation. Remember that we are a community that supports you and is here for you. Please stay safe and keep in touch.

Sincerely,
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