Hello all, I hope this message finds you doing well. I have three important messages to share with you.

The first has to do with the historic decision of the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The SCOTUS decision means that DACA and the more than 650,000 DREAMers remain protected, for now. The program was established in 2012 and protects undocumented immigrants brought to this country as kids and allows them to work legally in the US. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion welcomes this decision and urges Congress to reach a long-term solution for DREAMers in the United States—including determining a pathway to citizenship.

The second message concerns Denver’s PrideFest, which CU is sponsoring for a fifth year in a row. The 2020 PrideFest will happen virtually. For more information, including how to livestream the event, please visit this website.

The third message surrounds Juneteenth: Freedom Day. On Friday, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion will be co-sponsoring an Intercampus Juneteenth virtual event headlined by donnie I. betts from 1 pm to 3 pm. Supporters of the event also include Chancellor Don Elliman, Jr., and the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus School of Medicine. You can RSVP for that event, here:
http://tiny.cc/CUSOMJuneteenth.

Yesterday, Chancellor Horrell wrote to the campus community announcing the extension of CU Denver’s CU in the Community program. This extension allows for all of us to use our community service hours helping a local or national organization.

Juneteenth is a time to recommit ourselves to work that remains largely undone. Often, in our darkest hour is when we realize there is hope for a better tomorrow. Hate, intolerance, xenophobia, and racism are all too prevalent in our world. For as long as people still hate each other for nothing more than the color of their skin or for their immigration status — we cannot honestly say that our country is living up to its highest ideals. On Juneteenth, no matter our race, religion, disability, gender, ethnicity, immigration status, or sexual orientation, we recommit ourselves to working towards a better tomorrow.

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