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Dear Capilano University community,

Joint Statement on Black History Month: We Commit to Black Inclusion and Flourishing

Capilano University, the Capilano Students' Union (CSU), the Capilano Faculty Association (CFA), and the Movement of United Professionals (MoveUP) have issued the following joint statement on the occasion of Black History Month:

The theme for Black History Month in the USA is designated each year by the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History \(ASAALH\)](#). "Black Health and Wellness", the theme of 2022, focuses on contributions of Black medical scholars, health care providers, and health outcomes to society.

In Canada, the theme is "[February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day.](#)" Our focus is on expanding our thoughts and action to celebrate year-round the excellence and achievement of members of the African diaspora across Canada, including those in the medical and healthcare professions.

With both themes in mind, we recognize and celebrate the many contributions that Black community members make at Capilano University every day. These contributions are an integral part of what makes the University community a more vibrant place.

As Black History Month concludes this year, we renew our collective and ongoing commitment to making Capilano University a learning and working environment for members of the Black community to see themselves represented in our interactions, culture, spaces, leadership and curriculum.

More information and resources:

- [Black History Month activities](#) (organized by the CSU's Black Students' Union)
- [Online presentations to honour Black History Month](#) (curated by MoveUP)
- [Scarborough Charter](#) on anti-Black racism and Black Inclusion in Higher Education: Principles, Actions, and Accountabilities is a commitment by institutions across Canada to combat anti-Black racism and foster Black inclusion in higher education. (The Capilano Faculty Association was honoured to be included as a founding participant in the [National Dialogues and Action for Inclusive Higher Education and Communities](#) to create the Scarborough Charter.)
- [The Story Behind Black History Month](#)

Sincerely,

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