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Good Evening:

This afternoon's *Real Talk: A Faculty Panel Discussion On The Murder of George Floyd* was powerful. Thank you to the panelists:

- Mr. Rodney Barber, Math Faculty
- Dr. Dalton Connolly, Social Work Technician Program Coordinator
- Mr. Brian Harding, History Faculty
- Dr. Brian Littleton, Psychology Faculty
- Dr. Derine McCorry, Marketing Faculty
- Dr. Denise Polk, Dental Assisting Coordinator
- Ms. Haley Slade, Criminal Justice and Corrections Program Coordinator
- Chief Michael Odette, MCC Public Safety

It was great to hear each one of these individuals speak from the heart and their professional journeys as they answered today's questions. I am appreciative that each of the participants provided answers with candor and transparency that made it easy to serve as the moderator. Thanks to all of the viewers who submitted questions that were both thoughtful and challenging. I was really impressed with the discussion and urge those who were not able to view today's session to watch the recording. I will share the link as soon as it is ready.

Ironically, I had the opportunity immediately after *Real Talk* to serve on a scholarship panel that interviewed local high school seniors vying for a college scholarship. Each of the seniors spoke poignantly about making change in the United States so that these types of incidents would cease. It was refreshing to hear the voices of our youth share their hope for working together to make a better USA.

On Friday the MCC Reopening Task Group ended their work and now it is your time to review and discuss the draft they have developed for a responsible MCC reopening. Please plan to attend this week's *Bear Pause* which will take place on Thursday, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. We will have interpreters present and the session will be recorded. Look for an email tomorrow that will share the Zoom information.

Looking Forward!

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