



Ethnocultural Support Services, the African Students Association, the Black Students' Association, the Caribbean Students' Organization, the University Students' Council, and the Society of Graduate Students are incredibly disturbed by the messages directed at a Western student yesterday who was targeted for standing up against racism on Western's campus. Together, we stand in solidarity with Chizoba Oriwa and unequivocally condemn those who cowardly and anonymously attack her courageous decision to speak out about the racism, discrimination, and prejudice she has experienced on Western's campus. The online response to the publication of these messages on the UWO Must Knows Facebook Group symbolizes the strong community of people standing with Chizoba.

There is absolutely no place for hate and racism on our campus. The negative backlash that followed media stories and dialogue calling out the English Professor's use of the n-word demonstrates that there is still much work to be done to raise awareness and catalyze critical conversations about systemic and institutional racism at Western. Western should be a welcoming campus for students for all communities, and yesterday's situation demonstrates the unsafe and inequitable environment that many of our students regularly face.

Our organizations plan to meet to discuss culture and system problems at Western that contribute to incidents like these occurring. This meeting will only be our first step in a long journey of reflection and action that will include educational programming, university advocacy, and the formation of appropriate working groups and institutional reviews.

We recognize that many of our students will be impacted by the events of the past week. Students seeking any form of support are encouraged to contact the Student Support and Case Management Office at sscm@uwo.ca or access any of the resources listed below.

USC Ethnocultural Support Services
African Students Association
Black Students' Association
Caribbean Students' Organization
University Students' Council at Western University
Society of Graduate Students at Western University

Resources

Student Support and Case Management

Comprehensive care and coordination of university-wide resources for support

sscm@uwo.ca

Mo-Fr 8:30am-4:30pm

Health and Wellness (formally Psychological Services)

Walk-in crisis counselling and bookable mental health counselling appointments

(519) 661-3030

UCC 11

Mo-Th 9:00am-7:00pm, Fr 9:00am-4:30pm

USC Peer Support Centre

Drop-in non-judgemental, confidential peer-to-peer support

UCC 256

Mo-Fr 10:00am-4:00pm

Graduate Peer Support

Drop-in non-judgement, confidential peer-to-peer support

WIRB 1110

Tu & Th 5:00pm-7:00pm

Equity and Human Rights Services

Information and advice on Western's discrimination and harassment policies

(519) 661-3334

equity@uwo.ca

Mo-Fr 8:30am-4:30pm

Western Foot Patrol

Free walk-home service for students on campus

(519) 661-3650

Su-Th 6:00pm-1:00am, Fr-Sa 6:00pm-midnight; note: Foot Patrol will be closed for Reading Week from November 1 to November 10

Western Campus Police

All campus emergencies and liaison with London Police Services

911 / (519) 661-3300

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Good2Talk

Free confidential mental health helpline

(866) 925-5454

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www.good2talk.ca