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I want to offer a sincere thanks to all who have reached out to me over the last month to share their concerns, thoughts, and suggestions for how we can build a more inclusive Mercy community. This is important work that takes care and thought and involvement across our constituencies. Many of our Black alumnae who participated in the listening sessions saw partnership as key to fostering a truly inclusive and equitable community. Those accomplished Mercy alumnae expressed a firm desire to be engaged in mentoring students, participating in Career Day, and working with our revitalized Black Awareness Club. For their time and generosity, our leadership team is deeply grateful. You'll be hearing from us about additional steps that Mercy is planning, but I could not finish my first full month in this new role without being in touch. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me [here](#) if you want to be involved in these meaningful efforts to build the Circle of Mercy.