

# A CONVERSATION OF UNDERSTANDING



The panel will discuss best practices for dealing with systemic racism as it is seen in US systems and organizations, especially higher education institutions. Also, panelists will share thoughts on dismantling strategies currently in place at the SIU System, as well as those planned or needed.

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members from across the SIU System are invited to join a live virtual discussion focusing on critical issues regarding equity and justice in our country and what we can and must do to address those issues within the SIU System and beyond. The event will feature an SIU community panel sharing their experiences and stories. A question and answer session will follow where audience participants can use the YouTube comment section or submit questions before the event by emailing [pkeith@siu.edu](mailto:pkeith@siu.edu).

**OCTOBER 14, 2020**  
**5-7 P.M. (CDT)**

<https://bit.ly/SIUConversation>

Conversations of Understanding are becoming a fixture across the SIU System and on our individual campuses. The Conversations are a series of exchanges where students, alumni, faculty, staff and the broader SIU communities can share their experiences and thoughts on a variety of themes related to diversity, inclusion and equity. We want to be a model for others in higher education and be recognized as a leader in our region and beyond for our work in fostering understanding of relevant contemporary issues.

October's Conversation of Understanding will also kickoff Diversity Day at SIUE on October 15. "The Fierce Urgency of Now: SIUE Shaping a Changing World" will be a virtual conference including discussions, presentations and even cuisine representing the ethnic roots of students. Access to all presentations will be available to everyone across the SIU System by registering at the SIUE Diversity Day link.



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