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## President Nealon's Statement on Rittenhouse Verdict

Dear TCSPP Community,

Today, Kyle Rittenhouse was found not guilty of all charges related to the killing of Anthony Huber and Joseph Rosenbaum and injuring Gaige Grosskreutz in Kenosha, Wisconsin in August 2020. I want to acknowledge that this is distressing news for many of us in our community.

I also want to make clear, both personally and on behalf of The Chicago School, that we will continue to do all we can as a university to address systemic racism. We will address it directly in our educational programs, in our professional work environments, and in our research, engagement, and related activities. It is our collective charge to push for a world that is equitable and kind; where people do not have to fear for their lives because of the color of their skin; and where everyone has the same opportunities to thrive.

As practitioners, our professional training carries a moral and ethical obligation to acknowledge, respect, and demonstrate compassion for the pain of others, including pain that manifests from racism and social and political unrest. As a community, we must work through the repercussions of these contentious issues, as they impact our constituents. We pledge to be unwavering in our efforts to create an equitable and inclusive world.

As always, if you are in need of support please reach out to Human Resources or Student Solutions.

Warm Regards,

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