



## Staying Connected with Winners' Academy

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Good morning,

As we come to you this Thursday . . . I hope today's Newsletter finds you well! It seems as though we were traveling along a relatively consistent path since late March . . . yes, it has been rocky at times, but it's fair to say that a majority of us have managed to pull through this period in good standing. Just as the light seemed to be beaming ever so brightly on the other side, the events of this past week from around the country have darkened that spirit. Martin Luther King said, "*In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends*". In considering this sentiment, it was difficult to continue to write another Newsletter without pausing to reflect on the gravity of this moment. We have all witnessed and/or embody a wide range of emotions from this experience that has fueled anger, frustration, fear and anxiety (among a host of other feelings). As these feelings are justified, the issues that plague our society today are deep rooted and complex. Although they will not be solved quickly, I would like to share that we hear the messages that are being conveyed and are here to support individuals that need an outlet to express their thoughts. As an institution of learning, we have always inspired higher level thinking, the spirit of conversation and debate, as well as an individual's right to express themselves freely. However, we have and will never condone senseless violent acts. We deeply empathize with those who are experiencing pain at this time, but would guide individuals to participate in actions to affect meaningful change. Therefore, my administrative team and I will be looking to host a series of conversations to provide a platform for dialogue and discussion with our students.

High School East enjoys a rich diverse school community in which we continually look to support, embrace and celebrate. We believe this setting has provided the ultimate landscape to promote healthy social interactions amongst peers and adults. Collectively, we are committed to making that relationship stronger every day.

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Until tomorrow, remain safe, stay healthy . . . and BE STRONG!