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Dear Laney Community,

As you may know, the Supreme Court ruled today that colleges and universities can no longer consider race in their admissions decisions. I want to echo the sentiment that President Gregory Fenves shared earlier this afternoon that we will continue championing our commitment to diversity while fighting to improve access to an Emory education.

At Laney, we believe that innovation and excellence come from embracing the broadest definitions of diversity and inclusion. We know that diverse ideas, experiences, and identities are required for innovation and excellence, and these facets are essential to the eminence of graduate education at Emory University.

This decision does not change our beliefs or commitment, and although deeply disheartened by today's ruling, we will comply with the law while continuing to foster a diverse intellectual community that aligns with our core values. At the same time, we will continue efforts to ensure that graduate students who choose to come to Emory experience a welcoming and inclusive environment.

I remain a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusivity in academia and believe that if we wish for future scholars and practitioners to solve the most complex problems of our time, we must first equip them. By supporting a diverse graduate student community, we create a dynamic and inclusive environment that fosters groundbreaking research, prepares students for the challenges of a diverse world, and paves the way for a more equitable society.

Regards,

Please know that this sentiment is shared by my entire team, and we are here to support you. If you have questions or need additional information or support, please contact Dr. Amanda Marie James for admissions, funding, and recruitment planning and contact Dr. Jennifer Cason for student engagement and wellbeing.

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