

Student Quotes:

(July 2021)

- "Safety is the bare minimum," Clark said, "I shouldn't have to be strong. I shouldn't have to be an advocate. I should be able to be a student."
- "Seeing white supremacists come to our campus and spew such hatred was disturbing and sickening," "I felt extremely nauseous and overall, just physically ill watching that." Said Jarrah Faye
- "We want to be safe," Faye says. "We want to go to this university and know that somewhere, in some department, we have a safe space."
- "I don't feel valued, I don't feel loved, I don't feel like people on this campus want me to be here," she says. "Oftentimes, it (racism) is a reality our university enables." For Vann, even something as simple as walking to class can feel like crossing enemy territory.
- "Naively, I was like, 'They're gonna love me, they're gonna accept me,' because every pamphlet, they are always putting Black and brown faces on them," Faye says. "To get here and find out that I'm only one part of eight percent of Black students that attend this school was very disheartening."

(2021) Members of the UNC Black community are now presenting a concentrated list of priorities:

- text message alerts to warn when white supremacist activists are on campus
- hiring more Black counselors and increasing Black staff for the Title IX office and the Carolina Women's Center
- a metric-driven recruitment strategy for Black faculty
- restoration and signage for the Unsung Founders Memorial honoring Black people who helped build the campus

(June 2020) *Why UNC Law is Not a Place for Black Students*: portion of a letter written by Black UNC Law Students:

Although we do as much as we can to uplift one another, there are few outlets to alleviate this stress when there are so few students and professors of color to provide support. Instead, Black students are forced to cross our fingers and hope we get a White professor that "gets it."

White students attending UNC Law must recognize the racist injustices happening around them on a daily basis. They must bring the same outrage they feel towards the televised murder of Black and Brown people at the hands of police to the classrooms and hallways of UNC Law. They must use their privilege to advocate where people of color can't advocate for themselves. They must speak out when a student of color is silenced. They must work hard to ensure that a student of color gets that position, that award, that promotion, that apology, that meeting, that recognition and right to speak up.

(2020) BLSA letter to UNC Law:

There is a crisis of representation facing our Black law-student population. Just seven out of the 186 law students in the Class of 2022 are Black, making up only 3.8% of the overall class -- well below the median 6% representation found in many other law schools across the country.[1] Indeed, Carolina Law looks very different today than it did ten years ago: in the Classes of 2010 and 2011, Black law students comprised between 8-10% of the total class size.

(2018 and 2019) Protests by students and anti-protests by pro-Confederate activists turned the campus into a battleground. At one point, the Unsung Founders Memorial was vandalized with racist graffiti. Earlier this year, the Campus Y, a building that has long been the center of social justice work at the university, was also vandalized with racist messages.