
Racism in Sylva, NC

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To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Kelley Stancil and I am a rising senior at Western Carolina University as well as a resident of the Cullowhee/Sylva area. I am contacting you today to urge you to take action on behalf of the town of Sylva in regards to the Black Lives Matter movement. Recently, as I am sure you are aware, there was defacing that happened downtown as a blatantly racist and threatening response in regard to those who are protesting in Sylva peacefully. As Sylva is home to the WCU Community, these acts of racism pose a threat and unsafe environment to the Black community both living in this town and attending WCU for their degrees. Silence is complacency and as a community it is imperative that the officials of this area stand behind the minority and do everything in their power to protect them. I urge the town to seek justice on the individuals who vandalized Sylva with this sort of racist hate speech. In addition, I would like to state my disdain and urgency for the immediate removal of the confederate monument located in front of the library. For the Black community, this monument sits as a reminder of their oppressive history and the sort of racist acts that this town is emulating right now. This is unacceptable and as someone who truly enjoys the atmosphere at Western Carolina, I am disgusted that it is in relation to this town. I am begging you to please be a part of the solution and not the problem. I will attach the link to images of the racist vandalism below. Thank you for listening, I have sent this email along to every elected official with accessible information, but if there is someone that needs to see this as well, please let me know.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/aehef/posts/10222985685729065>

Respectfully,
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