

MEMORANDUM

August 13, 2017


Dear members of the university community,

The violence generated in Charlottesville this weekend is a grim reminder of the fragility of our democratic society.

The liberties that we enjoy provide the freedom of speech that allows “Unite the Right” and other similar groups to express themselves. However, we must, just as vigorously – and peacefully – make it clear that hatred and bigotry have no place in civil society and that we will continuously strive to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy will not be submerged in violence and divisiveness.

Our FIU must always remain a beacon of hope and opportunity and a community committed to learning, dialogue and collaboration as a means to secure a better, more promising future for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark B. Rosenberg', with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Mark B. Rosenberg  
President