

Michelle Obama Fights GOP On School Lunch Rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — First ladies typically avoid getting into public scraps, but Michelle Obama has jumped into perhaps her biggest battle yet.

She's fighting a House Republican effort to soften a central part of her prized anti-childhood obesity campaign and she says she's ready "to fight until the bitter end."

Mrs. Obama even mocked the GOP effort in an opinion column



and argued her case before her Twitter followers.

"Remember a few years ago when Congress declared that the sauce on a slice of pizza should count as a vegetable in school lunches?" she wrote in The New York Times. "You don't have to be a nutritionist to know that this doesn't make much sense. Yet we're seeing the same thing happening again, with these new efforts to lower nutrition standards in our schools."

Mrs. Obama lobbied largely behind the scenes four years ago for the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which requires more fruit, vegetables and whole grains in school meals, along with less sodium, sugar and fat. It was a major achievement, the first update to school lunch rules in decades designed to make school meals more nutritious.

The School Nutrition Association, an industry-backed group that represents school cafeteria workers and originally supported the standards, has now turned against them. The association says it fully supports getting kids to eat healthier but says many districts are losing money because students aren't buying the healthier lunches.

More than 1 million fewer students eat lunch at school each day since the first round of stan-

dards went into effect in 2012, following decades of steadily increasing participation, said Diane Pratt-Heavner, a spokeswoman for the association. A second round of rules, including standards for school breakfasts, took effect July 1.

"How can we call these standards a success when they are driving students away from the program?" she said.

Her group wants more flexibility for districts that are losing money. A House bill to fund the Agriculture Department next year would give districts a chance to apply to skip the requirements for one year.

Rep. Robert Aderholt of Alabama, the Republican author of that measure, said the lunch rules go too far and came too fast for school districts to handle.

"As well-intended as the people in Washington believe themselves to be, the reality is that from a practical standpoint these regulations are just plain not working out in some individual school districts," he said after a House panel approved the bill. A vote by the full House is expected after its July Fourth break.

The first lady and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, whose department runs the school meals program, oppose changing the law.

Critics of the association say the about-face is motivated not only by overburdened school officials but also by the food industry. Food companies are some of the association's highest-paying members and supply schools with most of their food. The industry largely has kept silent through the debate but will spend millions of dollars to reformulate many products to meet the new standards.

"The last thing that we can afford to do right now is play politics with our kids' health, especially when we're finally starting to see some progress on this issue," Mrs. Obama said at the White House, where she met with a group of school nutrition experts, all of whom were friendly toward the standards.

The association requested a meeting with Mrs. Obama and Vilsack. Instead it was invited to sit down next week with Vilsack and Sam Kass, a White House chef who is executive director of the first lady's anti-obesity initiative, along with representatives from a dozen other organizations that favor the standards.

The first lady's publicly aggressive approach against Congress and the school nutrition association stands in stark contrast to the quiet lobbying she did early on, and to her handling of earlier controversies. Her approach has been to bite her tongue and not comment in the heat of the moment.

"She very, very strongly believes in the anti-obesity initiative, and I think she sees the attempt by Congress to roll back the 2010 legislation as just being anathema after trying very hard to change the culture of what we see going into these institutional lunches," said Myra Gutin, who studies first ladies at Rider University.

Mrs. Obama says the requirements are based on sound science and that 90 percent of schools are meeting them. The association says districts are unprepared to meet the newest standards.

"I'm going to fight until the bitter end to make sure that every kid in this country continues to have the best nutrition that they can have in our schools," the first lady said at a White House event where she showcased elementary school students preparing and then eating a salad lunch using vegetables they had planted in her garden on the South Lawn.

The White House has threatened to veto the House bill. The Senate version does not include the one-year waiver.

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8th Grade Heavy Metal Band Lands Sony Record Deal



Brooklyn heavy metal band **Unlocking the Truth** has signed a 1.7 million dollar record contract with Sony.

The band, comprised of three 8th graders, first made waves in Times Square and their performances quickly went viral.

The band, made up of guitarist Malcolm Brickhouse, 13, bassist Alec Atkins, 13, and drummer Jarad Dawkins, 12, was founded in 2007 and has been riding the lightning to metal fame thanks to a steady run of heavy-beyond-their-years busking in Times Square and Washington Square Park. Now the Daily News reports that the boys have finalized a deal with Sony that could net them as much as \$1.7 million over a possible 6 albums.

"What started out as play dates went to Times Square and now

this. It's been one great thing after another," Dawkins' mother, Tabatha, told the News. The boys competed in the Apollo Theater's amateur night (under the name Tears of Blood, no less) and have unleashed their middle-school riffage at venues like Webster Hall and the Coachella music festival. **Unlocking the Truth** is currently touring the country as a part of the Vans Warped Tour and recently took time off from pre-algebra class to open for Gun N Roses in Las Vegas.

11th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament Set In Humble, Texas

Humble, Texas -- The 11th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Scholarship Golf Classic Tour 18 will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, beginning at 1:00 p. m. with the Shotgun Start.

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One may register online at www.tournament.com/tour18. For more information, contact Russ Cuss at (214) 533-1927.

This annual golf tournament is sponsored by Texas Association of Black City Council Members, TABCCM).

Patterson was the first Black elected as President of the Texas Municipal League, and first President of the TABCCM.

He served as city councilman of Lubbock for 20 years.

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By: Elisa Infante, Extension Intern

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The camp will focus on having fun in the kitchen while learning about basic nutrition and kitchen safety. The kids will learn the importance of nutrition and how easy healthy food and snacks can be prepared. Each day will be a new experience for the kids and will also allow them to participate in leadership activities similar to those held by the 4-H Program.

The camp is for kids ages 9-13, with a cost of \$20 per child to cover materials for both days. Reserve your spot by Monday, July 14. Checks can be made payable to Lubbock County 4-H and mailed to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock County, P.O. Box 10536, Lubbock, TX 79408.

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Statement by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Tuesday, July 2, 2014, we marked the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we can reflect upon and celebrate the strides our nation has made in many areas—at the ballot box, and in employment, public places, and our nation's schools.

Now is also a time to honor the many leaders and citizens who refused to be complacent and accept the status quo, who risked their lives in pursuit of justice and equality, and who did not back down until our country lived up to its better self. To them—and to President Lyndon B. Johnson, who persevered to see the legislation through to fruition despite great opposition—we owe a tremendous debt.

We have, indeed, made progress toward fulfilling the goal of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Black and Latino young people are graduating high school and enrolling in college at much higher rates. In 1950, fewer than 25 percent of young black adults completed high school; in 2012, almost 70 percent graduated on time. During the same time span, the percentage of young black adults who earned a bachelor's degree or higher increased seven-fold, from about 3 percent to 21 percent. There are other indicators, too, that point to significant improvements over the last half-century.

Yet crucial work remains to ensure equal opportunity for all students. We still have unacceptable opportunity gaps in America, as our latest release of the Civil Rights Data Collection revealed. Great disparities con-

tinue to exist for students of color. Young men and students of color face harsher discipline and far greater suspensions beginning as early as preschool. And there are too many racially isolated schools with unequal access to preschool programs, advanced courses, and college counselors.

Education is the civil rights issue of our time. Our Office for Civil Rights will continue to vigorously enforce the landmark legislation that banned discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin. We must recommit, as a nation, to programs and policies that close opportunity gaps and help all students reach their potential. Only then will we be able to accelerate our nation's economic progress, increase upward mobility, and reduce social inequality for all Americans.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This information revealed by the U. S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan is good to see. Hopefully, our young people will read these words and realize where we as Blacks and Latino students have come. If you are a parent, please advise your young people where we have come from over the past 50 years.

There's no doubt about it as Secretary Duncan says, "crucial work remains to ensure equal opportunity for all our students".

But let's thank God from whence we have come and ask for strength to continue to do what's right. **YE EDITOR).**

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NNPA President's Statement on the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act

July 3, 2014

Washington, DC: Yesterday, July 2, 2014 marked the solemn 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Baines Johnson signing into law the 1964 Civil Rights Act. I use the term "solemn" to describe that incredibly historic and awesome "victory" moment in the United States for the Civil Rights Movement. After so much sacrifice and bloodshed across the nation in the decades-long struggle for racial justice and equality, the 1964 Civil Rights Act finally became the law of the land.

Speaking on behalf of the Black Press of America, we paused to celebrate that 50-year milestone. Yet we also take the responsibility today to re dedicate our newspapers to be the clarion voice of Black America. We renew our commitment to continue to be the consistent and time-trusted source of news and information vital and critical to the empowerment of more than 45 million Black Americans.

It is important to note that Black Americans now spend annually in excess of \$1.2 trillion primarily as consumers in the domestic economy of the United States as well documented by the research of Nielsen Holdings N.V. The issues concerning the economic wellbeing of our families, businesses and communities are a high priority for the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). We must, therefore, remain vigilant and active to ensure the improvement in the quality of life for Black Americans and for all people in the United States as well as in the global community.

As the NNPA prepares to celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 2015, we reaffirm the need to protect the gains that have been made in the area of civil rights while making further steps forward to increase the sustainable

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL 2014 ALL CLASS REUNION XI WAS VERY, VERY SUCCESSFUL JULY 10-13, 2014!! THIS N THAT as well as many other Lubbockites are very impressed with the outcome of the **DUNBAR ALL CLASS REUNION XI** which was held in Lubbock for four days..... Graduates and former students of **DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL** which was the second high school in Lubbock closed its doors in 1993..... Over the years Dunbar High School contributed much to the City of Lubbock

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Why Are 40 Percent of Black Females Dropping Out?

By Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu

Why has America and the Black community been silent about this epidemic? We hear so much about the 47 percent dropout rate among Black males, but I believe a 40 percent dropout rate among Black females is outrageous and unacceptable. Black males may be on life support, but Black females are in critical condition.

What are the factors causing so many Black girls to leave school? Could one factor be that only 18 percent of Black girls by eighth grade are proficient in reading? Could another factor be that only 13 percent are proficient in math by eighth grade? What about the fact that 21 percent of Black girls are retained

economic development of Black Americans and others.

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at least once? How does retention affect the psyche of Black girls? What effect does Black girls' suspension rate of 12 percent have on their dropout rate? Black girls' pregnancy rate had been considered a factor in their dropout rate. But then in-school and alternative school programs emerged.

Are these programs succeeding at helping young Black mothers join the ranks of college students?

Are some schools hostile environments for Black girls? Do schools like Black girls? Do they respect Black females? Do they understand and appreciate Black female culture? Do they appreciate Black females' hairstyles? Do they encourage Black female expression? Are Black females dropping out or being pushed out? Why are so many suspended Black females being moved to the juvenile justice system? Black girls should be treated like students, not criminals.

When Black girls encounter hostile, unrewarding school environments, what awaits them if

they drop out? What is their likely short- and long-term future? Can they access highly paid jobs? How will they acquire skills for jobs? How will they access housing in safe, multi-functional communities? What means will they have for establishing their own businesses, accumulating a financial portfolio and building toward their retirement years?

Black females are crying out for help. So much attention is being given to our males while our girls are being overlooked. Black girls need more Black female teachers. They need all teachers to give them higher expectations. They need schools to treat them fairly. Their suspension and dropout rates are four times greater than those of White girls. Black girls need Black female mentors. They need to be taught the beauty of their history. They need an education that embraces all determined efforts to keep Black girls in school, including: mediation, schools that feature alternative learning styles and STEM ca-

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Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison For Corruption Both Before and After Katrina



New Orleans, LA — Ray Nagin, the former mayor of New Orleans, has been sentenced to serve 10 years in prison. The 58-year-old entrepreneur-turned-politician was found guilty back in February of fraud, bribery and other related charges. His crimes took place both before and after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city back in August 2005. When Hurricane Katrina struck the city, Nagin instantly became famous around the world as the face of New Orleans. Media outlets around the world extensively covered the disaster, the relief efforts, and the criticism about the delayed response from the Bush administration. Nagin was initially viewed as a hero for not abandoning his residents, and for restoring the city of New Orleans to what it was before. But the tables soon turned, when it was discovered that Nagin was just another corrupt politician. He was convicted of accepting more than \$500,000 in bribes (including cash, free vacations, and truckloads of free granite for his family business). All in all, he was found guilty of

20 of 21 counts in the indictment. He was reportedly facing a 20-year sentence, but his attorney petitioned the court for a lighter sentence, arguing that his client is a first time offender with no criminal record. His attorney also pointed out that former Louisiana governor Edwin Edwards received just a 10-year sentence in a similar public corruption scheme. His lawyer's pleas seemed to have worked because the judge only sentenced him to 10 years, half of what prosecutors wanted. Meanwhile, residents in New Orleans are divided. Some agree with the sentencing, while others still say Nagin was a good mayor.

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“Is That a Misquote on the Memorial Tomb of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?” — That Is Not What He Said

New York, NY — “The inscription on the memorial tomb of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is not what he said in his world-famous speech, ‘I Have A Dream,’” said James D. Sewell publisher of a new website.

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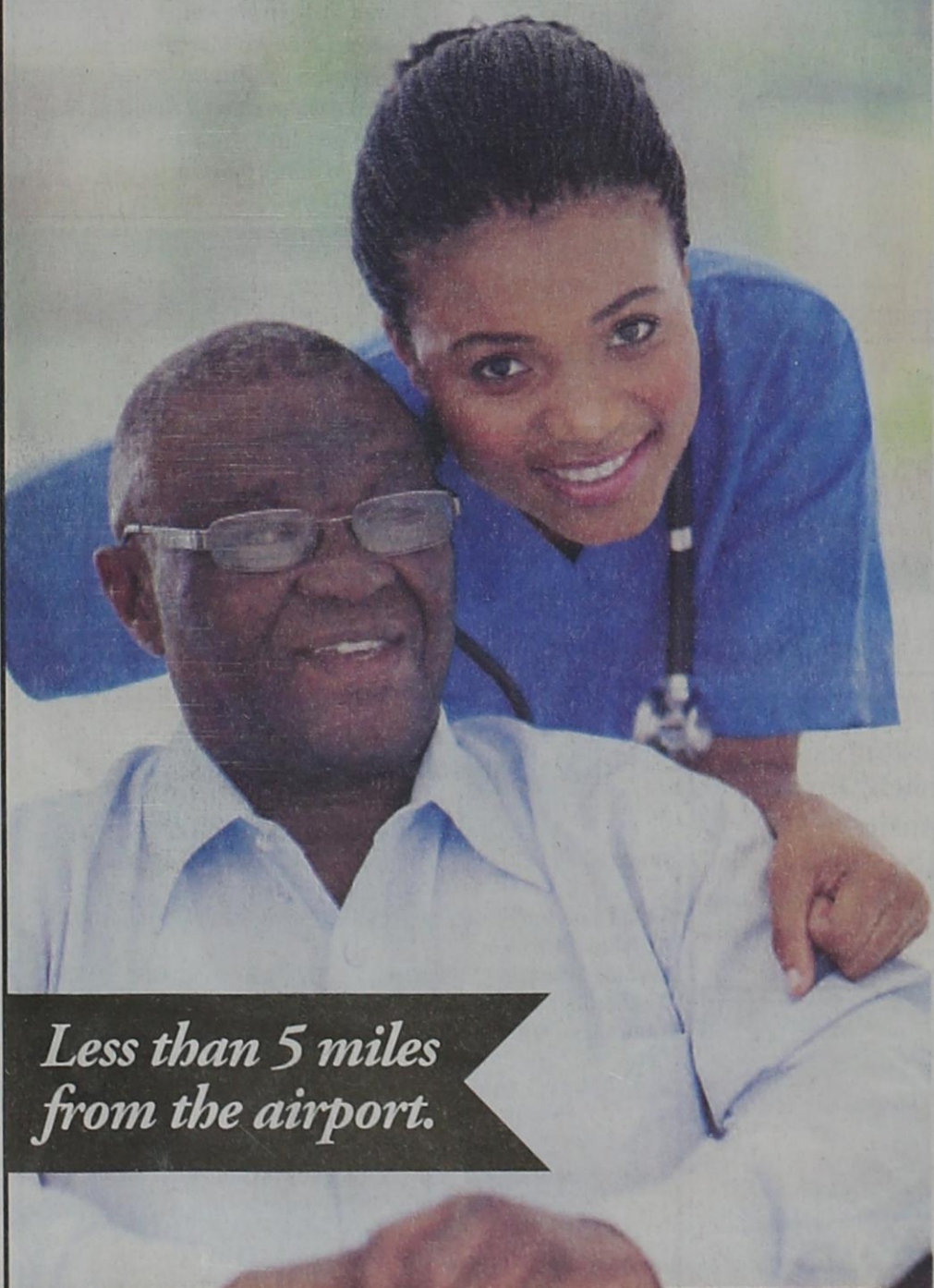


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After Millions of Arrests and Incarcerations for Marijuana Possession, Do African Americans Now “Deserve” To Cash in on the Legal Medical Marijuana Industry



New York, NY — Black Enterprise Magazine recently ran an interesting article by Richard Spiropoulos on their web site about African Americans and the legal medical marijuana industry. According to the article, African Americans make up just 13% of the U.S. population, but more than 30-40% of people arrested and/or incarcerated for drug offenses are Black. Research also shows that a black person is four times more likely than a white person to be arrested for illegal marijuana possession in the U.S.

Michelle Alexander, who is the author of *The New Jim Crow*, made an interesting point when she commented, “After 40 years of impoverished black men getting prison time for selling weed, white men are now planning to get rich doing the same things.”

Can't Black men also get rich doing the same thing? Well, according to the article, many Blacks will have trouble tapping into the legal medical marijuana industry because people with criminal records are not allowed to sell weed. That essentially

leaves out hundreds of thousands of African Americans across the country with drug convictions — those who sold the drug when it was illegal in the country.

Many people argue that because Blacks have paid such a high price via incarcerations and arrests due to marijuana possession, that they “deserve” to be able to cash in on this newly legalized industry. But unfortunately, the law just won't allow it.

According to Art Way, senior policy manager of the Drug Policy Alliance in Colorado, comments, “In Colorado, if you had a felony within the previous five years of applying to be an owner, that felony will bar you. If you had a drug felony within the previous 10 years that felony will bar you. Simple possession of marijuana within the last 10 years won't bar you. Previously any drug charge would prevent people from taking part...”

Way, however, via his organization is working to educate and recruit Black small business owners who want to tap into the

emerging market. He is specifically looking for aspiring or existing entrepreneurs over the age of 50.

He comments, “We need to educate members of our communities. Let them know that the opportunity is available for those of us who are able to engage on a higher level or to be at the level of ownership. We need to talk about the potential harms of marijuana and actually base that conversation on science as opposed to the propaganda we've had under prohibition.”

For more details, read the full article at: www.blackenterprise.com/small-business/african-americans-cash-in-on-emerging-marijuana-boom/

I pray to you, O Lord, in the time of Your favor; in Your great love, O God, answer me with Your sure salvation.

Psalm 69:13



Google Launches New \$50 Million Initiative To Help Inspire Girls To Be Computer Programmers

Mountain View, CA — Chelsea Clinton, actress Mindy Kaling, Girl Scouts of the USA, *Seventeen Magazine*, and several other organizations and foundations have partnered with Google to launch “Made with Code” — a global initiative to inspire girls to become programmers.

According to USA Today, the initiative includes a commitment of \$50 million to support programs that can help get more females into computer science, like rewarding teachers who support girls who take CS courses on Codecademy or Khan Academy.

It also provides great resources such as introductory Blockly-based coding projects, a web-based, graphical programming language, and fun projects such as enabling coders to play with x and y coordinates to accessorize selfies with cartoon berets or blouses or build basic animated GIFs.

To officially launch the program, Google held a huge event in Manhattan, New York, and the host of the event was none other than actress Mindy Kaling (of *The Mindy Project*). But Chelsea Clinton, daughter of

Bill and Hillary Clinton, was also a featured speaker. Thousands of tech-savvy women and
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Mrs. Eloise Bibbs Celebrates Her 87th Birthday



A VERY HAPPY MOMENT — Mrs. Eloise Bibbs, center, is shown with her daughter, Jean Collins, right, and staff and a friend of Windmill Village. This was a very blessed day, as it was Mrs. Bibbs' 87th birthday. Her birthday was Tuesday, July 8th. This moment was done on Friday, July 11, 2014. May God continue to bless Mrs. Eloise Bibbs.

Guess Who's Playing Whitney Houston?

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"Waiting to Exhale". This will be Bassett's first directorial debut. Bassett comments, "I have such regard for both Whitney's and Bobby's amazing talents and accomplishments; and I feel a responsibility in the telling of their story. Their humanity and bond fascinates us all. I'm beyond excited to have this opportunity to go behind the camera and into their world."

The movie will depict Whitney Houston and husband Bobby Brown's personal life, "from the time they first met at the very height of their celebrity, to their courtship and tumultuous marriage."

Critics says that this will be

DaCosta's biggest and most challenging role, but many seem to agree that she is capable of pulling it off.

Dacosta, who is of Brazilian and Nigerian descent, reportedly speaks multiple languages including French and Spanish. She is a graduate from Brown University in Providence, R.I. (an Ivy League school).

What do you think? Can she pull it off?

N. C. Suppression Law Hearing

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In the continuing round of testimonies, 93-year-old Rosanell Eaton, a woman who faced literacy tests in the 1940s just to have the right to vote under the state's Jim Crow laws, joined the roster of plaintiffs to testify in the case this week.

University Shows Support For Black Female Professor

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dent has received). In fact, the case is being covered heavily on CNN, MSNBC, and other major networks.

Here is the statement that the University sent to the faculty:

Dear Faculty,

I am sure that many, or most, of you are aware of the events that took place the evening of May 20, 2014 between one of our faculty, Professor Ersula Ore, and the University Police. I am also sure that those of you who observed the video and audio recordings of the incident were equally shocked and disappointed that this took place in our community. We ended up with an outcome no one wanted and should never have happened.

Professor Ore is a valued faculty member at ASU. She is an outstanding teacher and mentor. The university remains supportive of her. The entire matter is being reviewed and a further statement from ASU is forthcoming. In the meantime, I want to assure everyone that the behavior displayed in this incident does not reflect in any way the values and principles by which ASU operates. We are privileged to be part of an academic community where diversity, inclusion, tolerance, and respect are central to all we are and do. This is special. We all contribute to this set of values. I very much appreciate all that you do and, like you, hope for a positive resolution to this matter.

Rob Page
University Provost

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