





catch any outbreaks early. We are not over the hump. A successful fall will require continued vigilance by all in our extended community. Please support each other, as everyone is under considerable physical, emotional and mental stress.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Commemorative Tributes Committee and the Council on Virginia Tech History for the efforts that culminated in the Executive Committee of the BOV, and now the full BOV, in approving the renaming of the residence halls that are now known as Hoge and Whitehurst Halls, and doing so *before* fall move-in. The urgency for taking action, even those that are largely symbolic, increases every day. Just this past week, there has been another shooting of an unarmed Black man, Jacob Blake, in Wisconsin, and I just read today about a Black professor who was asked to verify her identity in her home in faculty housing.

Several years ago, Athletics introduced the slogan "This is Home." This slogan resonates with Hokie Nation and with many of our current students, but given the words and images attributed to the former namesakes of these residence halls, it would have been hard to justify asking any student, and especially a student of color, to make one of these halls their home for another academic year.

Thank you for taking Virginia Tech one step closer to home!

Go Hokies!