

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you so much for signing and supporting the social scientists' amicus briefs in the *SFFA v. Harvard* and *SFFA v. UNC* cases, which are scheduled for oral arguments at the US Supreme Court on Monday, October 31st. We hope the Justices will consider the body of evidence supporting diversity and race-conscious admissions in their deliberations.

As co-authors of the social scientists' amicus briefs, we are inviting you to engage in 3 different kinds of efforts leading up through October 31st. You can support by preparing to engage media, sharing information and supporting students interested in getting involved, and by joining us in DC on October 30th and/or the 31st!

1. Media and Op-Ed Trainings

Op-Ed training – Thurs., September 29, 4 – 4:45pm EST - Sign up: bit.ly/oped-affaxn

Media Training – Mon. October 10, 5 – 6:15pm EST - Sign up: bit.ly/mediatraining-affaxn

2. October 6, 5-7 p.m. EST - Convening to support advocacy for race-conscious admissions and diversity - PLEASE SHARE WITH STUDENTS AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING EFFORTS!



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Join us for a national gathering of university student and alumni advocates gearing up to lift their voices in support of affirmative action! This virtual experience will connect you with a network of advocates and equip you with the tools to participate in a national week of action urging the Supreme Court to #DefendDiversity and #AffirmOpportunity in higher education.

Affirmative Action Student and Alumni Action Network Convening: Defend Diversity, Affirm Opportunity.

Thursday, October 6th

5pmEST – 7pmEST

[Register now to reserve your spot](#)

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with details to join the webinar.



The Supreme Court is poised to eliminate or radically narrow race-conscious admissions in higher education, thereby gutting a critical means for increasing racial diversity and counteracting present-day inequities and discrimination facing communities of color. The stakes for students and our democratic society run high—it's time to lift your voice in the fight to #DefendDiversity and #AffirmOpportunity in higher education.

This conversation will explore how and why equitable access to higher education is a civil rights issue, discuss the basic tenets of the Harvard and University of North Carolina Supreme Court Cases, and more. Speakers will include prominent movement leaders on college campuses, university alumni leaders pushing their institutions to become more equitable, *SFFA v. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC)*, *SFFA v. Harvard*, and *SFFA v. University of Texas at Austin (UT-Austin)* student interveners, and feature litigators representing students and alumni in each case. Finally, the convening will serve as a reminder of the powerful role college and university advocacy can play in changing history, and challenge attendees to participate in a National Week of Action leading up to oral argument on October 31, 2022.



3. Rallies in Washington, DC

- **Sunday afternoon, October 30th - Rally in D.C.**, MLK memorial or other location TBD
- **Monday morning, October 31st - Rally at the Supreme Court**
While we'll be outside, inside the Court the UNC case will be argued first, then the Harvard one (Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson has recused herself from the Harvard case). In addition to hearing from lawyers representing SFFA and the universities, the Court will hear from the U.S. solicitor general, who will argue in support of affirmative action in each case. In the UNC case, our ally Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights will argue on behalf of student respondents. (The Court denied LDF's motion to argue on behalf of the 25 Harvard student and alum amici organizations.)

We, the co-authors of the 2 social scientists' briefs plan to be there! We hope to see many of you in DC as well! If you're thinking about being in DC on Oct. 30 and/or Oct. 31, please fill out this [short google form](#).