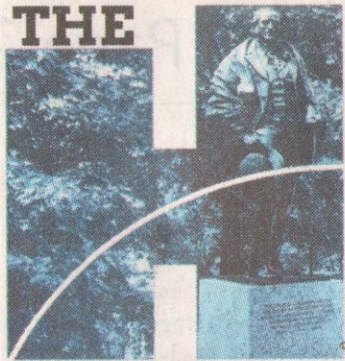


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## Global Center Hosts #OneSamFam

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Racial tensions in America are growing and have recently leaked into college campuses across America. Because of the events at the University of Missouri and other universities around the nation, the Global Center for Journalism and Democracy is hosting their Hands Across Sam event to promote campus unity.

"We just thought that as our

campus is growing more and more diverse [...] we wanted to get out ahead of things and make a really strong statement that Bearkats are all about racial unity, tolerance and understanding," Director of GCJD Kelli Arena said.

Students, staff and faculty members are invited to the Lowman Student Center mall area at 12:25 tomorrow to join hands in an effort of solidarity while the School of Music

provides entertainment.

This is the last community engagement project for the class that partners with GCJD- Global Media Communications.

"We want the world to know that we are a campus where we accept people who are different and we want to encourage discussion and debate about important issues," Arena said. "We don't want to shove them under the rug. If you have discussion, then problems can be

solved."

GCJD encourages everyone to join the discussion on social media by using the hashtag "OneSamFam" before and after the event.

"We just hope to get as many people out there to join hands and look around and acknowledge that we are diverse in the spirit of understanding and love," Arena said. "It's what the season is about and it's what Sam should be about."