

## **Media Statement, April 7, 2019**

Johns Hopkins University embraces and fosters a culture of free expression and debate. We worked with our students several years ago to develop guidelines to support student protests, which have allowed us to ensure a safe environment as students and others in our university community express their views on a broad range of issues.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 3, students began protesting inside the University's main administration building, Garland Hall. Protestors also were protesting during events on the Homewood campus this past weekend. The Johns Hopkins student affairs team has been liaising with the protest's student leaders, and we are working to assure the safety and continuity of campus business and events. Protestors have been free to come and go during regular business hours and can bring or receive deliveries of food or other necessities. Protestors also have been permitted to remain inside the building in limited areas after the doors officially close for the night (at 6 pm). For safety purposes, any protestors who leave the building during the overnight hours (between 6 pm and 7 am) are permitted to return only when the building reopens the following morning.

No matter the location of protests on campus, protestors are expected to abide by protest guidelines and also must adhere to the principles of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).