

RBG: Moving forward together

Today's been a pretty tough day; we've all been grieving these last hours.

We want to take a brief moment to welcome the many new members — especially the frosh — joining our community this week. We know this wasn't the Stanford experience any of us hoped for, but we're happy you're joining us, and we hope that your time with the Dems will be fruitful and fulfilling. We'll be sending out information regarding logistics and meetings soon, but we wanted to write today on the passing of Justice Ginsburg, a feminist groundbreaker, a role model for countless women and girls, and a great hero to all of us.

Justice Ginsburg was a staunch champion for equality under the law, a defender of human rights and democracy. As long as there was more to fight for, she was there. Her unwavering moral leadership has inspired a generation dedicated to fighting for a more fair, inclusive, and equal society. We miss her already.

In the coming days, there will be those who try to exploit the moment for partisan political gain. There may be moments when you, like us, feel frustrated with our system or hopeless about the future of our institutions. Justice Ginsburg bore the weight of our democracy on her shoulders graciously and unyieldingly, but the burden should never have been hers—it should never be any one person's.

Today we will grieve and mourn and reflect, together and separately. Tomorrow, we'll pick up the mantle and continue the fight of Justice Ginsburg's life: a fight for justice, for equality and for an America we can be proud of.

Stay strong. We'll get through this.

– Stanford Democrats Executive Board '20-21