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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Minority Peer Counselor Program on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Since my arrival to Brown University in 2012, I have had the pleasure of welcoming students in the Third World Transition Program to campus in August. It was there that I was introduced to the Minority Peer Counselors and learned of the very important role that they play in continuing to address the needs and concerns of the individual members of the Third World community over the course of their experience at Brown.



The Minority Peer Counselors have thoughtfully supported thousands of students of color at Brown and the broader Brown community through workshops and outreaches designed to explore, affirm, and shed light on critical aspects of identity. This program reflects our deeply held belief that universities must be sanctuaries where our differences enrich us rather than drive us apart.

Diversity is essential to Brown's excellence. As we move forward with strategic plans to ensure Brown's future, we will continue to invest in the vast potential inherent in collaboration among individuals of varying backgrounds, perspectives and expertise. Thank you for the role you have played in the Minority Peer Counselor Program over the past 40 years.

Sincerely,

Christina H. Paxson