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Happy 40th Birthday!!!!!

It is with great honor and respect I write to wish all MPC's past and present a very Happy Birthday. In my role in Campus Life for the last decade I have had the privilege and honor to work with so many fine young folks serving as MPC's and the larger Third World Center Community.

The MPC program has grown exponentially in the last decade with a dedicated focus on residential students and the greater student community at large. I watch with great enthusiasm the passion you all bring in area of student programming. The workshops on racism, sexism, the human condition, and cross cultural understanding are second to none. The passion and drive for excellence through hard work and commitment are a model for us all, a place where understanding and compassion meet and empower students to reach new places of strength and dignity.

I have witnessed this empowerment first hand in the residential communities. Students learn to find their voice, are reassured in that learning, and emerge as potent and strong leaders. The community as a whole finds safe places to share and learn where ideas are cultivated and nurtured. Places where everyone finds solace, strength and compassion for themselves and the shared sense of community.

Be proud. Be strong. Be as you have always been - a treasured Brown partner. I wish you peace and good journeys, today and every day.

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