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Dear Undergraduate Students,

We are pleased to send you the Strategic Planning Report for Brown University's Third World Center. In 2013, a Strategic Planning Committee was charged by the Dean of the College and the Vice President for Campus Life to develop a five-year plan for the Third World Center that would build on the historic strength of the Center since its founding in 1976, and respond to needs of current students of color with a clarified vision and mission for the future.

The work of the Strategic Planning Committee this past year was enabled by a community engagement process that began in 2012 and solicited input broadly from alumni, students, faculty, staff, and external consultants over the last two years. Specifically, the Strategic Planning Committee was charged with:

- Devising a five-year plan focused on leadership development and social justice education for students of color and their allies;
- Developing a vision and mission statement that places the support and empowerment of students of color as the primary emphasis of the work;
- Recommending a new name for the Center that reflects the spirit and legacy of student activism among current communities of color.

We hope you will read the full [report](#) that addresses these important goals. In particular, we are pleased with the Committee's recommendation that the TWC's new name be the **Brown Center for Students of Color (BCSC)**. The new mission statement reads:

**Visualize. Vocalize. Mobilize.**

**The Brown Center for Students of Color serves as a gathering place for communities of color. Students are encouraged to build meaningful relationships across difference, to develop racial and ethnic consciousness, and to enact change at Brown and beyond. The BCSC advances the University's mission of *educating and preparing students to discharge the offices of life with usefulness and reputation* by empowering students of color, cultivating leadership, facilitating critical reflection, fostering informed action, and promoting social justice.**

In a [letter](#) to the planning committee, President Paxson accepts the report and its recommendations and offers funding to make some improvements to the usability and accessibility of Partridge Hall. In addition, the Campus Life Committee of the Brown University Corporation discussed the report this summer and lends its support for the recommendations.

We look forward to working with the Brown community on the implementation of this strategic plan, which carries forward the work of the BCSC by advancing its historically significant legacy. We are grateful to alumni and community members who shared their insights and to members of the Strategic Planning Committee for their time, dedication, and thoughtfulness throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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