



Friends,

On behalf of the Human Rights Campaign and the HRC Foundation, it is my great pleasure to congratulate the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center at East Carolina University on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We applaud the Peel LGBTQ Center's vision and work to create a safer and more inclusive community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The HRC Foundation seeks to improve the lives of LGBTQ people by making the institutions that surround our daily lives truly welcoming, with a focus on the needs of LGBTQ people who are multiply marginalized. Promoting the well-being of LGBTQ youth is a pillar of the HRC Foundation's work. Our programs—including our Youth Ambassador Program, amplifying the voices of diverse youth; our annual Time to THRIVE conference for youth-serving professionals; our Welcoming Schools programming building bias-free schools; and our longtime work with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to build inclusive policies and practices designed to end discrimination and bias—help create collaborative, strategic and inclusive spaces for all young people to thrive.

The Peel LGBTQ Center's leadership in national campaigns such as National Coming Out Day, Transgender Day of Remembrance, World AIDS Day, "Gay? Fine by Me," Bisexual Awareness Week, Asexual Awareness Week, and Transgender Day of Visibility and affirming programs including Safe Zone, Pirate Ally, and LGBTQ Student Panels demonstrate its commitment to combatting invisibility, marginalization, homophobia, transphobia and harassment on your campus and beyond.

Together we are building a world where every single young person is free to be who they are and excited about who they can become. We celebrate with you during this milestone year and look forward to even more inspiration and progress ahead!



Jay Brown

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