



Dear German International School Washington D.C.,

Congratulations on your round birthday!

You have always been a place of cultural and educational encounter. Even if only now in your sixth decade it has officially become part of your name, you have always had internationalism in your genes. Be it in the teachers, employees, parents or the students, you have never lacked internationalism.

You were and are a reference point and an anchor for people from and in all corners of the world.

Whether in Argentina, Bosnia, Chile, Germany, Dubai, England, France, Italy, Japan, Austria, Romania, Scotland, Switzerland or Spain; all over the world, people who have met, worked, taught and above all learned at yours always look back at you with fond memories. Even decades later – be it for a visit or for professional reasons – many of us return. Even our current head of school as well as the former head of the ZfA or as a matter of fact a number of your former employees, teachers and students belong to this group. As an excellent German School Abroad you are firmly rooted in Germany and yet you stand on American soil. As one of 140 German Schools Abroad, you are embedded in the large foreign cultural and educational network of the Federal Republic of Germany and yet you are unique. As part of that uniqueness, over the past six decades, you have produced doctors, lawyers, architects, accountants, diplomats, engineers, nurses, teachers, vocational and yoga instructors, physical therapists, pilots and more than one marriage among former students and also among teachers.

Your student network is – figuratively and literally - ‘world-encompassing’ in many ways. Therefore, I am especially pleased that the proceeds from your birthday celebration will be used to further intensify and deepen existing connections with your former, but also your current generation of students.

Affectionately yours,

Matthias Molitor, Chairman of the Parents' Council and Alumni, Class of 1995